

Caro-Kann Tal Variation



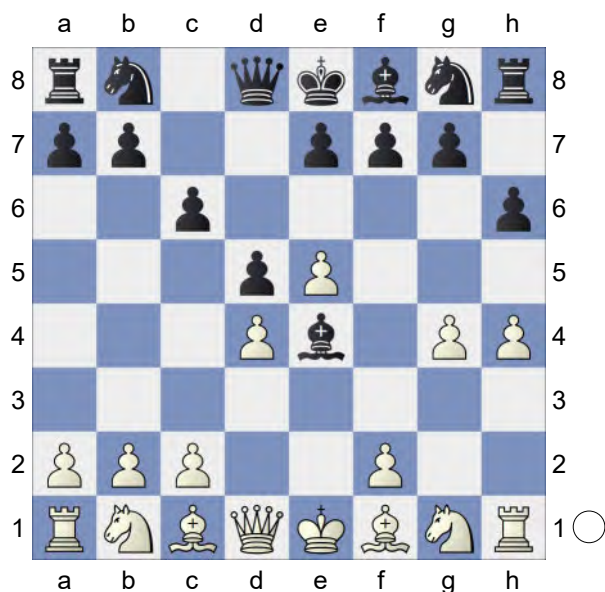
Chess Notes 2025

1 **B12**
 □ **BullettenKarl1** **3033**
 ■ **IntegralBot** **2964**
 Blitz 28.10.2024
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
 5.g4 Be4



6.f3 Bh7 7.Bd3

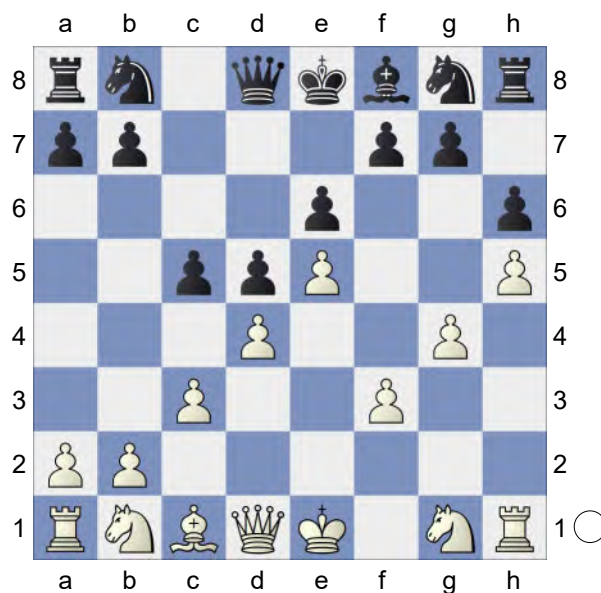
[7.e6 Qd6 8.exf7+ Kxf7 9.Bd3 Bxd3
 10.Qxd3 Nd7 11.h5 e5 12.f4 exd4
 13.Qf5+ Ngf6 14.g5 hxg5 15.fxg5
 Qg3+ 16.Kf1 Re8 17.Nf3 Re2
 18.Kxe2 Qg2+ 19.Kd3 Qf2 20.Nxd4
 Nc5+ 21.Kc3 Nce4+ Fedoseev,V
 (2674)-Manukyan,S (2253) Chess.
 com INT 2023 1-0 (40)]

7...e6N

[7...Bxd3 8.Qxd3 e6 B 12/20 9.h5
 c5 10.c3 Nc6 11.a3 Qa5 12.Nd2
 cxd4 13.cxd4 Qa6 14.Qxa6 bxa6
 15.Ne2 Rb8 16.f4 Nge7 17.Nf3 f5
 18.g5 Kd7 19.Kf2 a5 20.Ne1 Rb3
 21.Ra2 Nc8 22.Be3 Be7 23.Nc1
 Rxe3 Polgar,J (2686)-Edouard,R
 (2600) Aix les Bains 2011 CBM 142

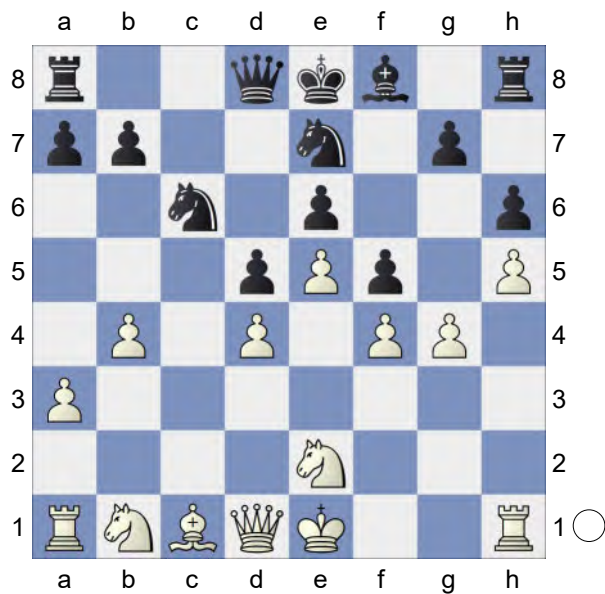
Extra [Marchand,A/Primer,D] 1-0 (60)
 24.Kxe3 hxg5 25.Ned3 Nb6 26.b3
 a4 27.Rg2 g4 28.Rgh2 Rb8 29.h6
 gxh6 30.Nc5+ Bxc5 31.dxc5 d4+
 32.Kf2 Nd5 33.b4 Nxf4 34.Rxh6
 Nxe5 35.Kg3 Nd5 36.Ne2 Nf3
 37.Rd1 Ne3 38.Rh7+ Kc6
 Rapport,R (2540)-Laznicka,V (2688)
 Aix les Bains 2011 CBM 142 Extra
 [ChessBase II] ½-½ (60)]

**8.Bxh7 Rxh7 White has an edge. 9.h5
 c5 10.c3 Rh8**

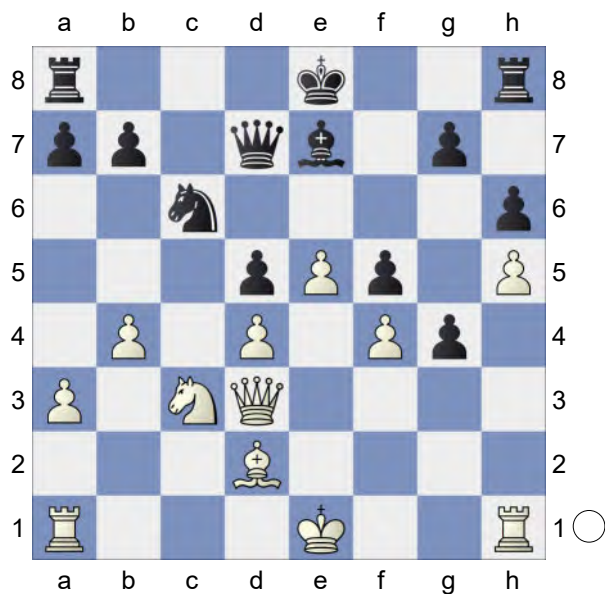


**11.Ne2 Nc6 12.a3 Nge7 13.b4 f6
 14.f4 cxd4 15.cxd4 f5**

(Diagram)



16.Ng3 fxe4 17.Qd3 Qd7 18.Nc3 Nf5
19.Nxf5 exf5 20.Bd2 Be7



21.0-0 0.01/19

[21.Nd1± 0.33/21]

21...Nd8 0.52/21

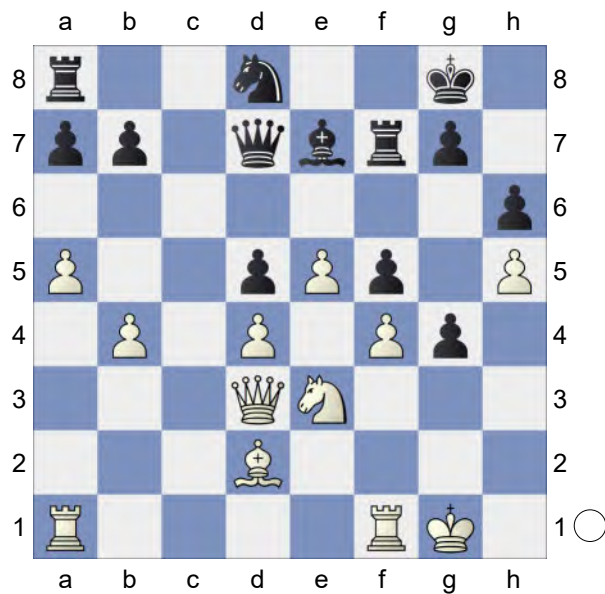
[21...Rf8= 0.01/19]

22.Nd1± White has compensation.

22...Rf8 23.Ne3 Rf7 24.a4 Prevents

b5. 24...Kf8 25.a5 Kg8

(Diagram)



26.b5

[26.Kg2 keeps more tension. Kh8
27.b5 Rb8 28.Kg3]

26...Ne6 27.a6

[27.Nxf5 Raf8 28.Ng3 (28.Nxe7+
Qxe7 29.Qg6 Nxd4±) 28...Nxf4
29.Bxf4 Rxf4 30.Rxf4 Rxf4±]

27...Raf8 28.axb7 Qxb7 29.Ra6 Qd7
0.83/25

[29...Nc7= 0.27/22 remains equal.]

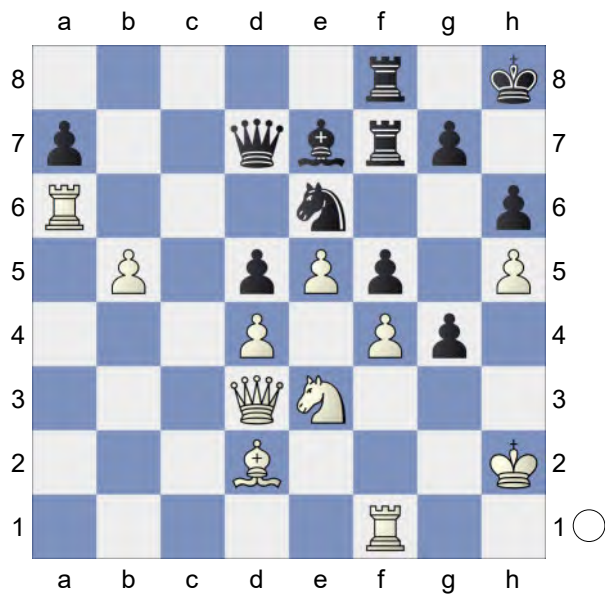
30.Kh2 0.37/22

[30.Rc6± 0.83/25]

30...Kh8 0.84/22

[30...Bd8!± 0.37/22]

(Diagram)



31.Kg2 Bh4 32.Rd6 Qc8 33.Rc6

The board is on fire.

[33.Nxd5?! Qb7 34.Kg1 Rd7=]

33...Qd7 34.Rd6 -0.01/20

Active counter play!

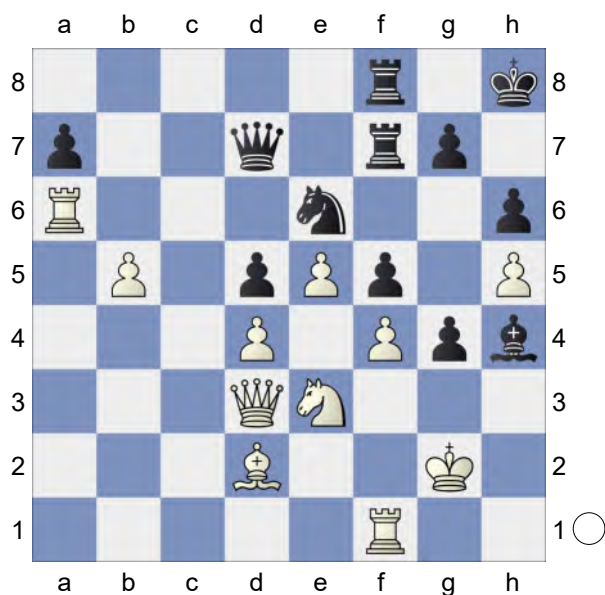
[34.Bb4± 0.91/24 Be7 35.Bd2
(35.Bxe7 Rxe7 36.Rf2 Ref7=)]

34...Qc8= 35.Ra6 -0.01/19

[35.Nxd5 Qb7 36.Kg1 Rd7=]

[35.Bb4± 0.67/23 Be7 36.Rc6]

35...Qd7



36.Kg1 Bd8 37.Rd6 Qe8 38.Bb4!

[38.Rxd5 Nc7 39.Rc5 Rd7±]

[38.Nxd5 Rd7=]

38...Rg8 39.Kg2

[39.Nxd5 Rd7=]

[39.Nxf5 Rxf5 40.Qxf5 Nxd4
41.Qxg4 Be7=]

39...g3 1.10/22

[39...Bc7!± 0.54/21]

40.Bd2 0.57/22

[40.Nxf5 Rxf5! 41.Qxf5 Qxb5!±]

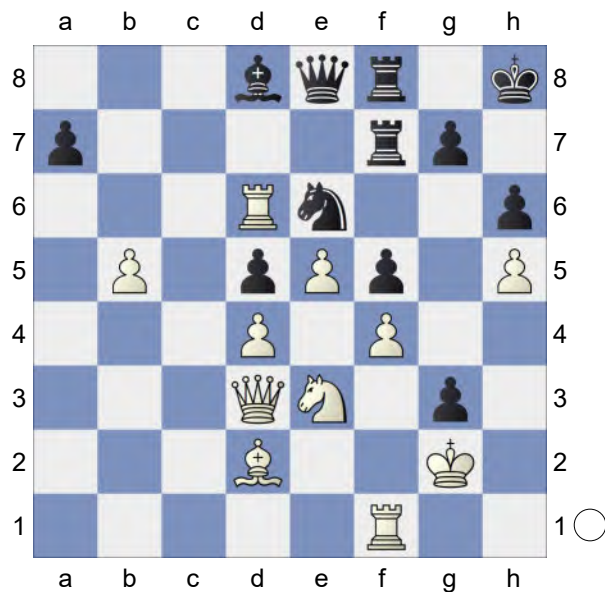
[40.Nxd5 Rd7=]

[40.Kxg3?! g5 41.hxg6 (41.Nxd5
Rd7±; 41.Nxf5? gxf4+ 42.Kh2
Rg5-+) 41...Rxg6+ 42.Kf3 (42.Kh2
Rfg7±) 42...Be7 43.Rxe6 Rxe6
44.Bxe7 Qxe7=]

[40.Rxd5± 1.10/22 Bb6 41.Rd6
(41.Kxg3 g5±)]

40...Rgf8 1.01/21

[40...Bc7± 0.57/22 41.Rc6 (41.Rxd5
g5=) 41...Bb6]



41.Bb4 0.01/19

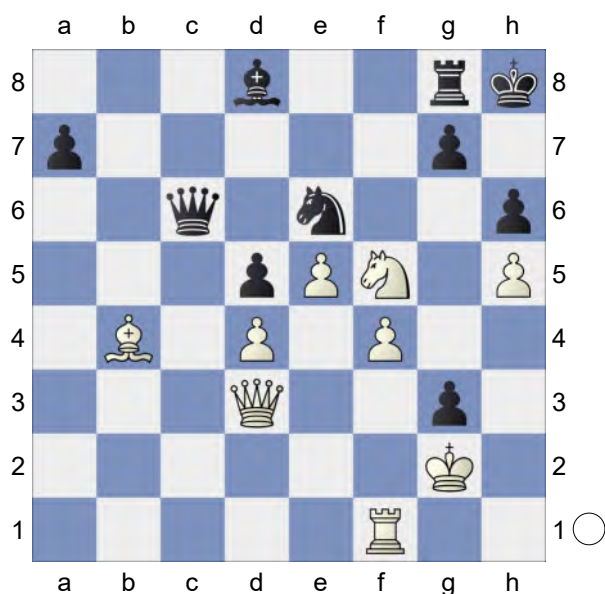
[41.Rxd5?! Be7=]

[41.Nxd5 Rd7=]

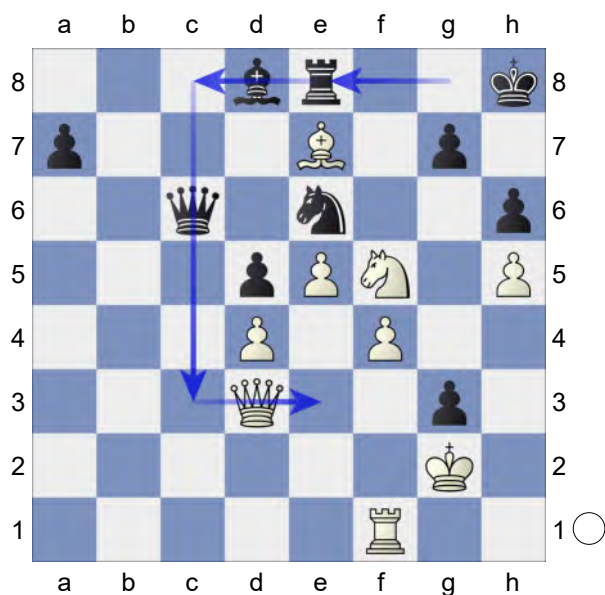
[41.Kxg3± 1.01/21 White wants to
play Bb4. g5 42.Nxd5 (42.hxg6
Rg7=)]

41...Rg8! 42.Rc6 0.73/22

[42.Nxf5 Rxf5! 43.Qxf5 Qxb5!±]
 [42.Kxg3?! g5 43.hxg6 (43.Nxd5 gxf4+ 44.Kf2 Rd7±) 43...Rxc6+ 44.Kf3 (44.Kh2 Rfg7=) 44...Be7 45.Rxe6 Rxe6 46.Bxe7 Qxe7=]
 [42.Rxd5 1.06/21 Bb6 43.Rd6 (43.Kxg3 g5±)]
42...Rc7± 43.Nxf5 Rxc6 44.bxc6 Qxc6

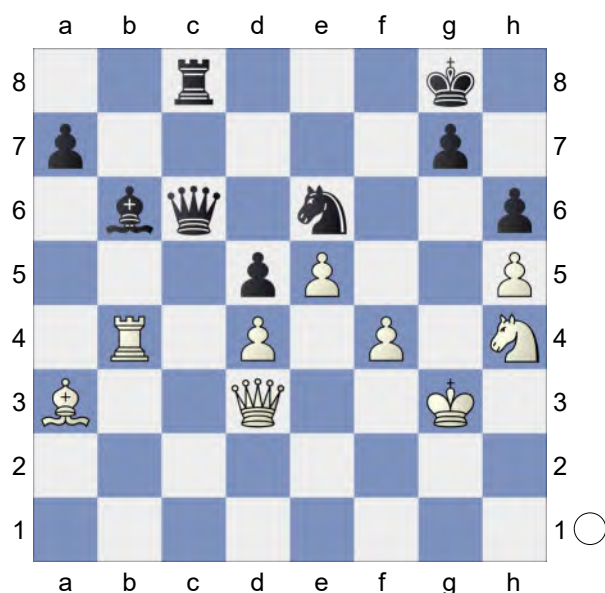


45.Be7! Nh4! is the strong threat.
 [45.Kxg3?! Qe8 46.Nd6 Qxh5=]
45...Re8



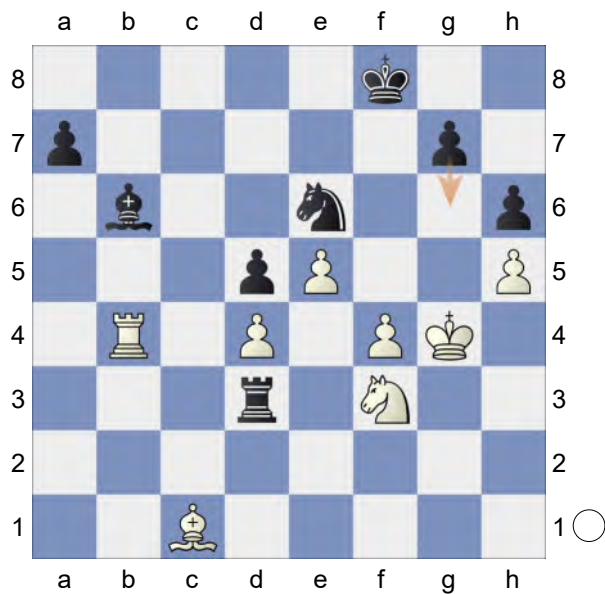
46.Ba3 0.42/19

[White should play 46.Bxd8± 0.77/21
 Strongly threatening Bh4. Rxd8 47.Nd6 (47.Kxg3 Qe8±; 47.Nxg3 Rc8±)]
46...Qa4!± 47.Kxg3 Bb6 48.Rb1 Rc8 49.Nh4 0.34/20
 [49.Rb4± 0.89/21 Qc6 50.Rb3]
49...Kg8!
 [49...Nxd4? 50.Ng6+ Kh7 51.Ne7+ Kh8 52.Ng6+ Kh7 53.Ne7+ Kh8 54.Nxc8+-]
50.Rb4 Qc6



51.Nf3 Qc3 52.Qxc3 0.01/20
 [52.Rb3± 0.44/21 Qxd3 53.Rxd3]
52...Rxc3= 53.Bb2 Re3 54.Kg4 Kf8 0.65/22
 [54...Re4= 0.21/20 feels stronger.]
55.Bc1± Rd3

(Diagram)



56.Rb2 Ke7

[56...Bxd4 57.Rb8+ Ke7 58.Rb7+ Kf8 59.Nxd4 Nxd4 60.Rxa7±]

57.Rg2 Kd7 0.85/21

[57...Nxd4 58.Nxd4 Bxd4 59.Kf5±]
[57...Bxd4± 0.36/21 58.f5 Nd8]

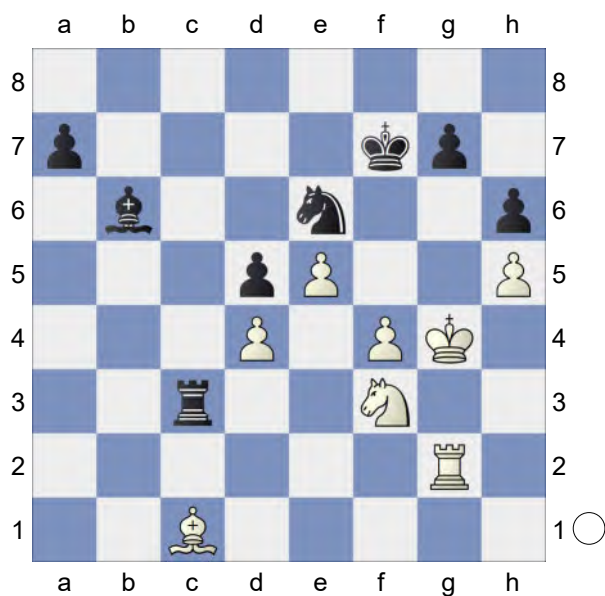
58.Rb2 0.01/20

[*White should try* 58.Ra2± 0.85/21]

58...Ke7=

[*But not* 58...Nxd4 59.Nxd4 Bxd4 60.Rb7+ Kc8 61.Rf7± (61.Rxg7 Rd1=)]

59.Rh2 Kf7 60.Rg2 Rc3

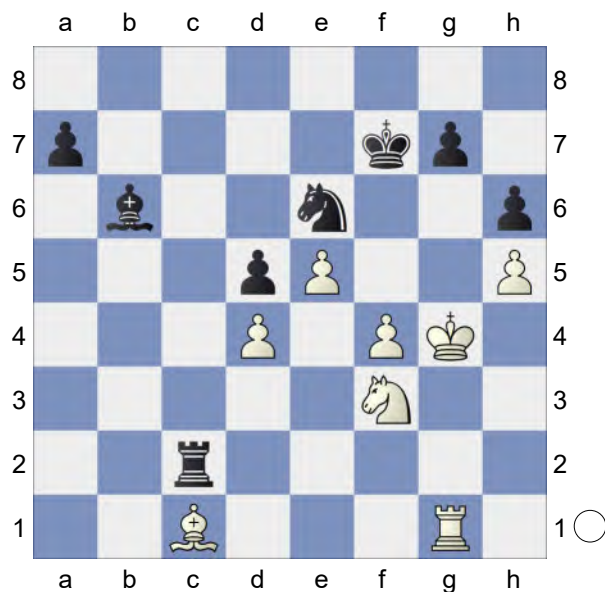


61.Bb2 Re3 62.Nh4 Re1

[62...Nxd4? 63.Bxd4 Bxd4 64.Nf5+-]

[62...Bxd4? 63.Nf5 Rd3 64.Bxd4 Nxd4 65.Ra2+-]

63.Nf3 Re3 64.Bc1 Rc3! 65.Rg1 Rc2!



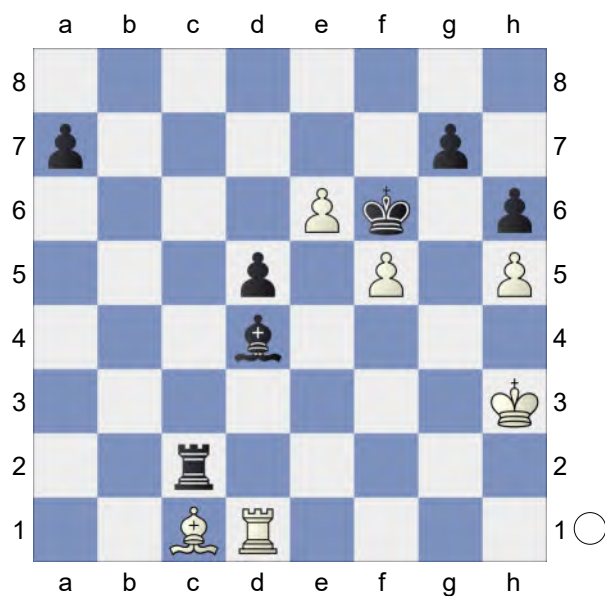
66.Rd1 Rg2+ 67.Kh3

[*Wrong is* 67.Kf5? g6+ 68.hxg6+ Rxg6 69.Ng5+ hxg5+-]

67...Rc2! 68.f5 0.09/20

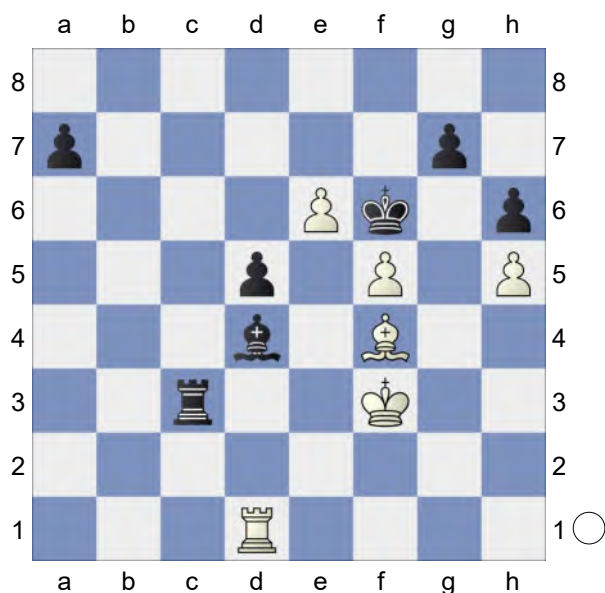
[68.Kg3± 0.57/22 *is more appropriate.*]

68...Nxd4! 69.e6+ Kf6 70.Nxd4 Bxd4



Endgame KRB-KRB 71.Bf4 Rc3+
72.Kg4 Rc4 73.Kf3! With the idea
Rxd4! 73...Rc3+

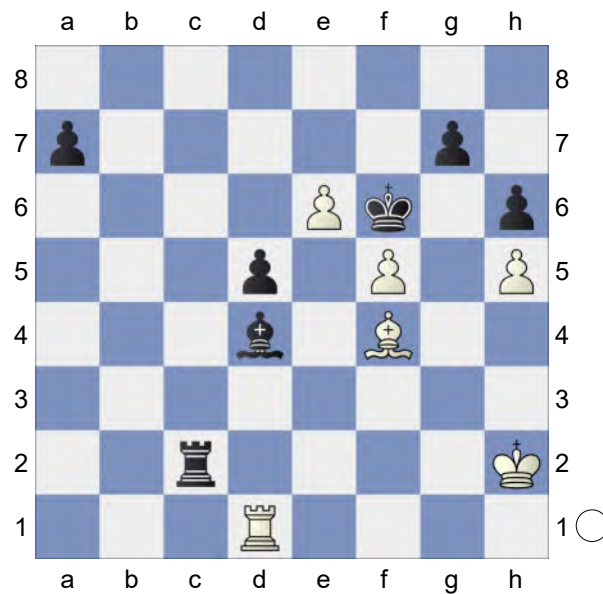
[73...Kxf5? 74.e7 Rc3+ 75.Ke2+-]
74.Kg4 Rc4 75.Kf3 Rc3+
[75...Kxf5? 76.e7 Rc3+ 77.Kg2+-]



76.Kg2 Rc2+! 77.Kg3 Rc3+ 78.Kg2
Rc2+! 79.Kg3 -0.01/22

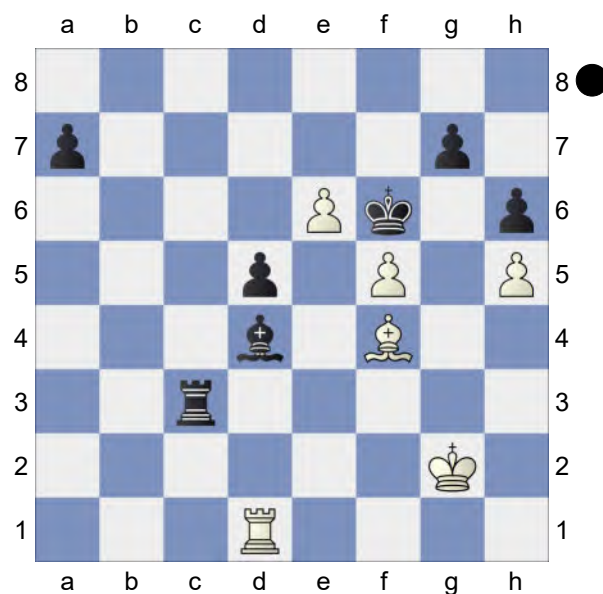
[79.Kh1!± 0.43/27 Bb6 80.Rxd5]
79...Rc3+ 80.Kh2! Rc2+ 0.45/27
[80...Be3= 0.03/22 81.Bxe3 Rxe3
82.Rxd5 Kg5]

(Diagram)



81.Kh3 -0.01/24

[81.Kh1!± 0.45/27 Bc5 82.Rxd5]
81...Rc3+! 82.Kg2



Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very
precise) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
1/2-1/2

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Blitz

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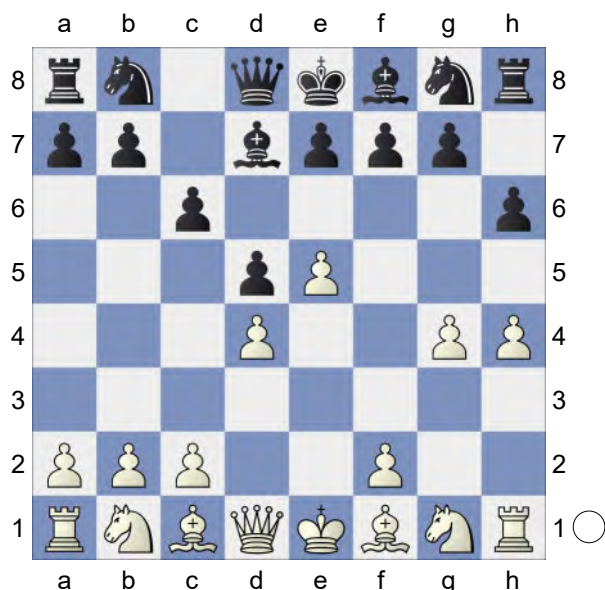
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Blitz 3min

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

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5.g4 Bd7

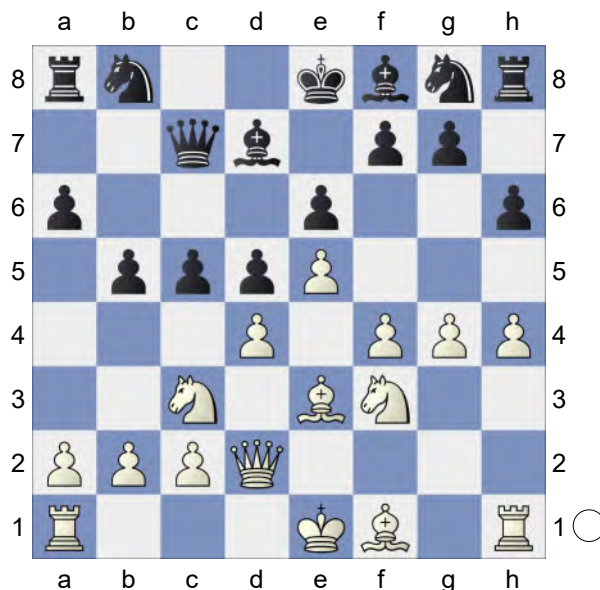


6.Nc3 e6 7.Be3 Qc7 8.f4 &Bianco is more active. White is slightly better.
8...c5

[8...a6 9.h5 c5 10.Nf3 cxd4
11.Nxd4 Bb4 12.Qd2 Ne7 13.Bd3
Nbc6 14.a3 Ba5 15.Nb3 d4
16.Nxd4 Nd5 17.Nde2 Rc8 18.Rh3
Nxe3 19.Qxe3 Bb6 20.Qd2 Bc5
21.Ne4 Be7 22.0-0-0 b5 23.Kb1
Weissbeck,S (2546)-Aschenberg,A
(2692) Manchester 2014 200 Traps In
The Opening [Michael Eckstein] 1-0
(41)]

9.Nf3 a6 10.Qd2 b5N

(Diagram)



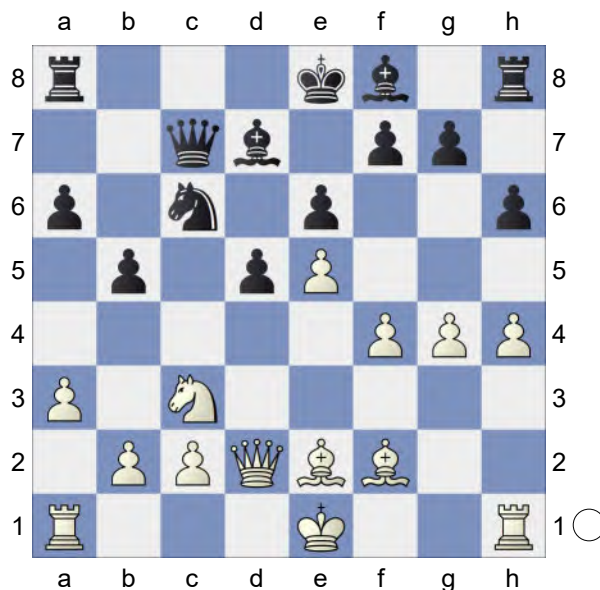
11.a3 0.36/16

[11.h5± 0.75/16]

11...cxd4± 12.Nxd4 Nc6 13.Be2
-0.01/18

[13.Nxc6± 0.40/17 Bxc6 14.Rh2]

13...Nxd4!= 14.Bxd4 Ne7 15.Bf2 Nc6



16.g5 -0.49/20

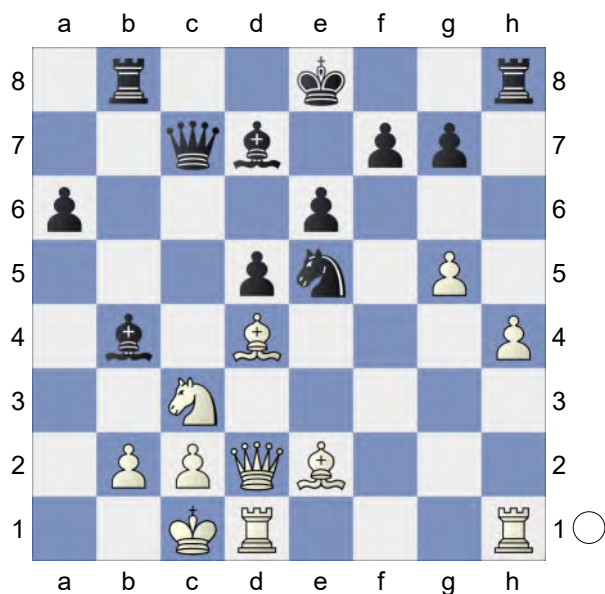
[16.Na2= -0.07/16 feels stronger.]

16...hxcg5 17.fxg5 Nxe5 -0.15/18

[17...Qa5 18.Rd1 g6]

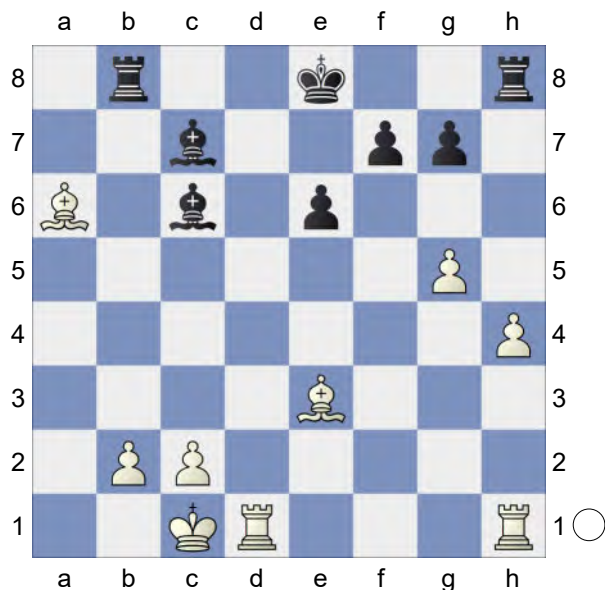
18.0-0-0= b4 19.axb4 Bxb4 20.Bd4!
Threatening h5. 20...Rb8 0.90/19

[20...Bd6= 0.17/19 remains equal.]



21.Qe3 Bd6 22.Bxa6? -1.32/19
 [22.h5!± 0.55/18 keeps the upper hand.]

22...Nc4 -0.01/21
 [22...0-0± -1.32/19 23.Rhf1 Rb4]
23.Nxd5! Nxe3 24.Nxc7+ Bxc7
25.Bxe3 Bc6



...Ra8 is the strong threat. 26.Rhe1 -0.63/22

[26.Rhf1= -0.09/19]

26...Rxb4 -0.30/22

[26...Ra8± -0.63/22 27.Bd3 Rxb4]

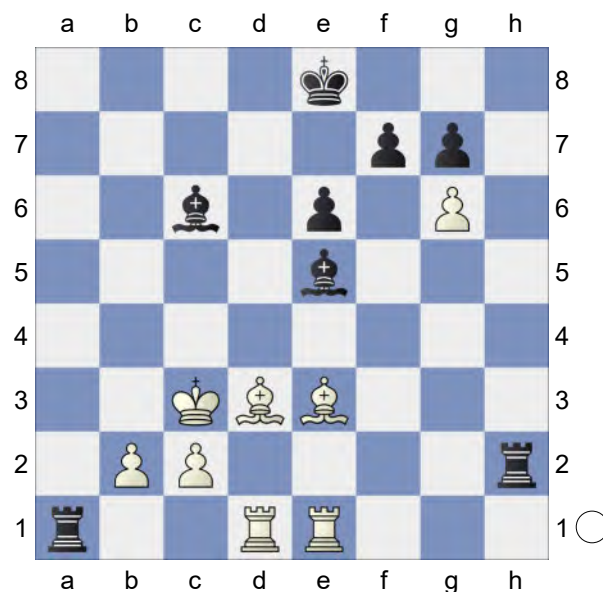
27.g6 Ra8 28.Bd3 -0.88/18

[28.gxf7+± -0.55/20
 is more appropriate. Kxf7 29.Rf1+
 Kg8 30.Bd3]

28...Ra1+± 29.Kd2 Rh2+ 0.47/19

[29...Ba5+!± -0.97/19 30.c3 Rh2+
 31.Re2 Rxd1+ 32.Kxd1 Bf3 33.gxf7+
 Kxf7]

30.Kc3± Be5+



31.Bd4 Bxd4+ 32.Kxd4 Rh4+ 2.12/19

[32...Ra8± 0.81/18]

33.Kc5+- Rxd1 34.Rxd1 Endgame KRB-KRB

[34.gxf7+?! Kxf7 35.Rxd1 Bf3±]

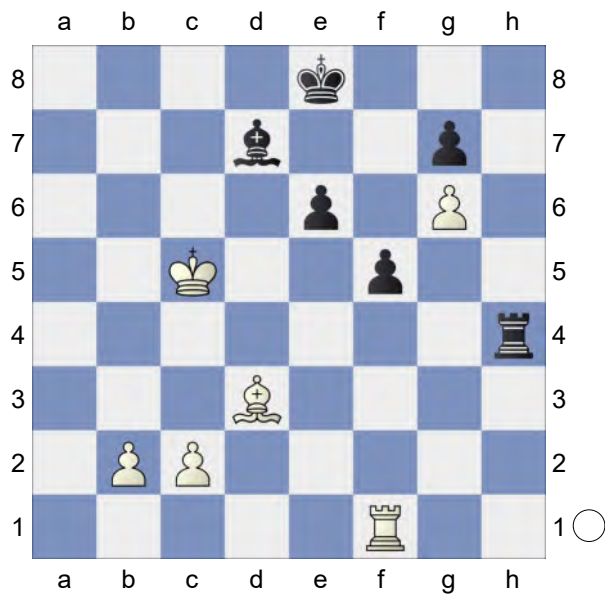
34...Bd7 35.Rf1 1.34/19

[35.b4+- 2.67/17]

35...f5 2.02/20

[35...Rh5+± 1.34/19 36.Kb6 f5]

(Diagram)



36.b4 Threatens to win with b5.

36...Rg4? 3.41/21

[36...Ke7 1.89/20 might work better.

37.Ra1 (37.b5 Rh8±) 37...f4]

37.b5 Rxb7? 4.66/19

[37...Ra4 2.80/20 keeps fighting.

38.b6 Ra5+ 39.Kd6 Rd5+ 40.Kc7

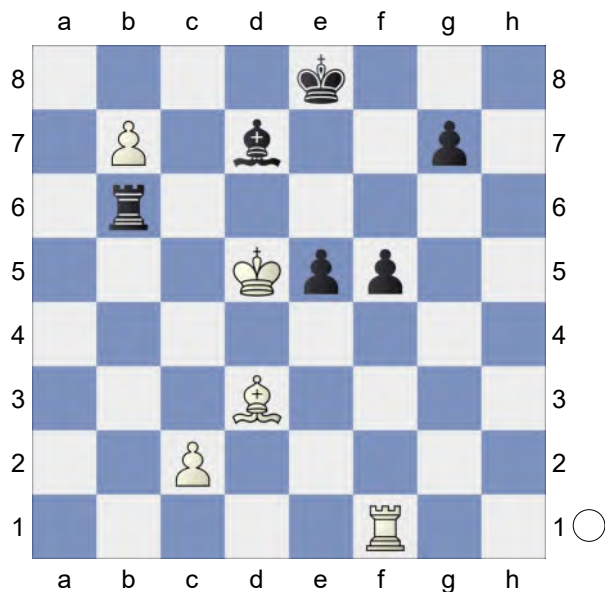
Rc5+ 41.Kb8 Ke7]

38.b6 Strongly threatening b7. **38...e5**

39.b7? 0.67/18

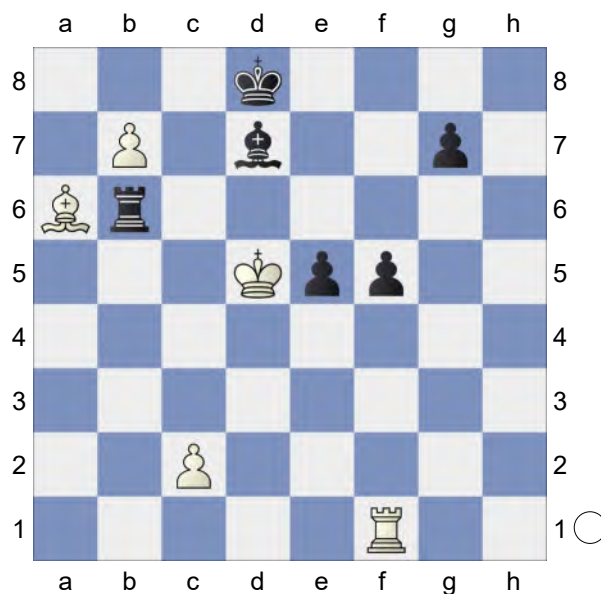
[39.Bb5+- 4.66/19 Bxb5 40.Kxb5]

39...Rc6+± 40.Kd5 Rb6



41.Ba6! Black must now prevent c4.

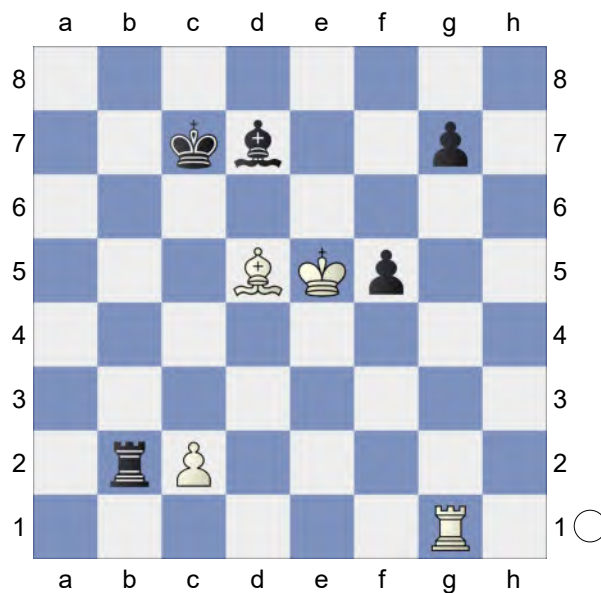
41...Kd8!



42.Kxe5! 0.01/20 **Kc7=**

[42...Re6+ 43.Kf4]

43.Bc4 Rxb7 44.Rg1 Rb4 45.Bd5 Rb2



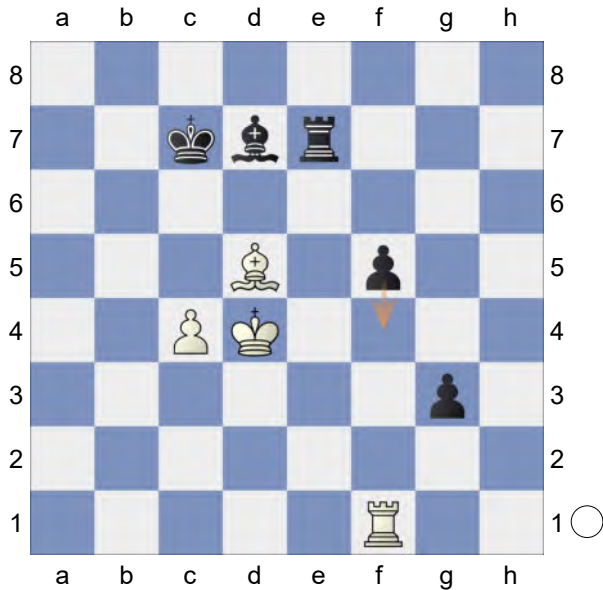
46.c4 White has compensation.

46...Re2+ 47.Kd4 Re7 48.Rf1 -0.81/23

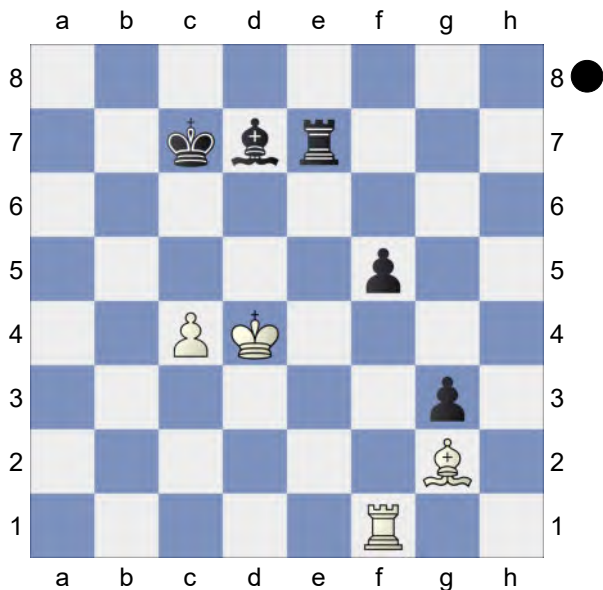
[48.Rg6= 0.00/19]

48...g5 49.Rg1 g4 50.Rf1! g3

(Diagram)

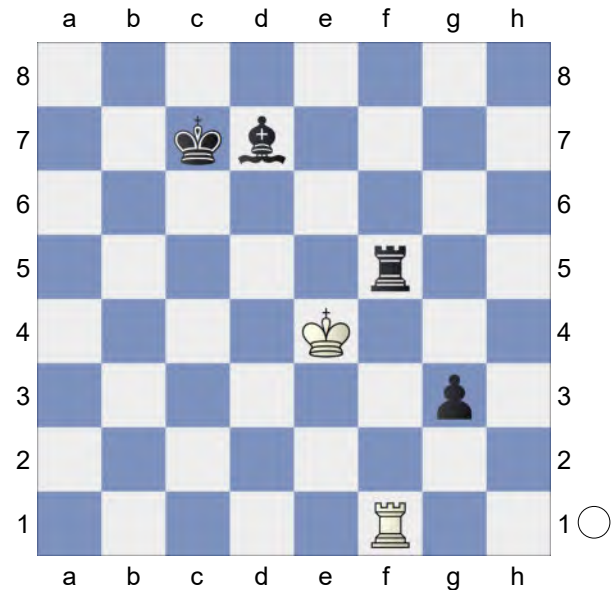


51.Bg2 -1.24/21
 [51.c5 $\bar{f}$ -0.56/18]

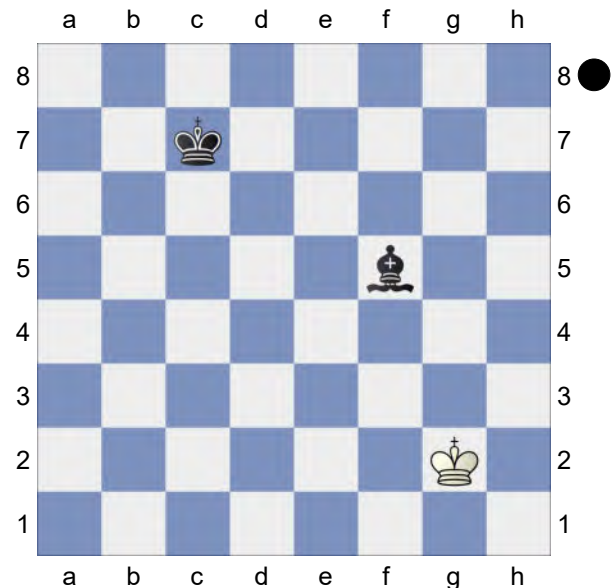


51...Rg7 -0.01/21
 [Black should try 51...f4! $\bar{f}$ -1.24/21]
52.Ke5= Rg4 53.Bh3? -1.69/22
 [53.Ra1= -0.01/19 and White stays safe.]
53...Rxc4 -1.34/21
 [Inferior is 53...g2 54.Rg1 Rh4 55.Bxg2=]
 [53...Re4+- -1.69/22 54.Kf6 Re2]
54.Bxf5? -8.57/26

[54.Bg2 $\bar{f}$ -1.34/21]
54...Rc5+- 55.Ke4 Rxf5? 0.00/94
 [Better is 55...Bxf5+- -8.27/27 56.Kf4 Bh3]



56.Rxf5= Remove Defender. The position is equal. **56...Bxf5+ 57.Kf3 g2 58.Kxg2**



Quite a comeback for White.
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.59/
 Black=0.36
 1/2-1/2

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B12

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Blitz

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Blitz 3min

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 f6N

[4...h5

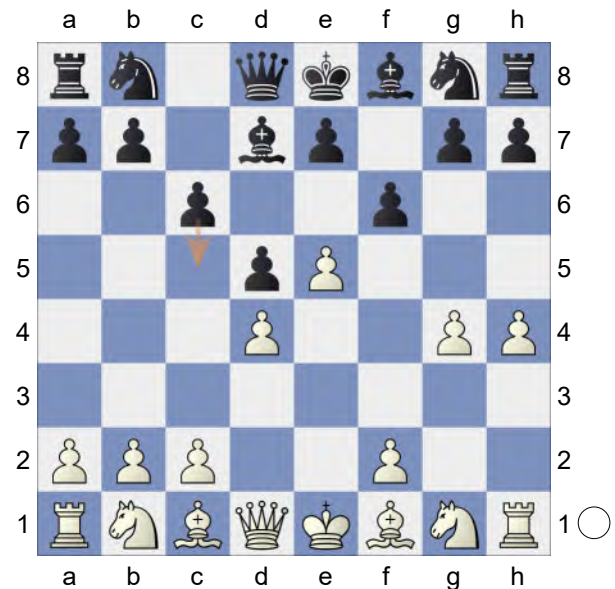
A) 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.Nd2 e6 8.Ne2 Qa6 (8...Ne7 9.b4 Qa6 10.Qb3 Nf5 11.Nf3 Nd7 12.a4 Qc4 13.Bd2 Qxb3 14.cxb3 f6 15.0-0 Be7 16.g3 Kf7 17.Rfe1 fxe5 18.dxe5 Rac8 19.Nf4 d4 20.Rac1 c5 21.Nd5 cxb4 22.Nxe7 Nxe7 23.Ng5+ Chapter-Games Game 3 (54)) 9.c4 Ne7 10.b3 Nd7 11.0-0 Nf5 12.Nf3 Nb6 13.Ng3 dxc4 14.Qe2 c3 15.Qc2 g6 16.Bg5 Nd5 17.Ne4 Qa3 18.Bf6 Rg8 19.Nxc3 Nxc3 Zharebtsova,A (2239)-Pham, L (2380) Budapest 2024 1-0 (52);

B) 5.c4 e6 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Bg5 Nd7 (7...dxc4 8.Bxc4 Nd7 9.Nge2 Nb6 10.Bb3 Qd7 11.0-0 Ned5 12.Ng3 Bg6 13.Nce4 a5 14.a3 a4 15.Ba2 Nc7 16.Qe2 Nb5 17.Rac1 Be7 18.Rfd1 Bxg5 19.Nxg5 Rd8 20.N3e4 0-0 21.Nc5 Qe7 22.Qe3 Miles,E (2610)-Maksimovic,D (2470) Nice 1982 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson] 1-0 (41)) 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.Nb5 Qa5+ 10.Bd2 Qb6 11.Nd6+ Kd8 12.Nxf7+ Ke8 13.Nxh8 Qxd4 14.Bc3 Qe4+ 15.Qe2 Qf4 16.Qxh5+ g6 17.Qg5 Qe4+ 18.Qe3 Qa4 19.h5 Feldman,S (1898)-Karma,P (1637) corr ICCF 2023 Kramnik: MBM [John Watson]

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[4...h6 5.g4 Bh7 6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Na6 9.Nf3 Qb6 10.Qg6+ Kd8 11.Ne5 Kc7 12.Nf7 Nb4 13.Bf4+ Kd7 14.c3 Na6 15.Nd2 c5 16.Nxh8 cxd4 17.Nf7 Nc7 18.Ne5+ Kd8 19.Qf7 Perez Candelario,M (2474)-Hazarabedian,G Mallorca 2004 CBM 104 [Kitty Kat] 1-0]

5.g4 Bd7

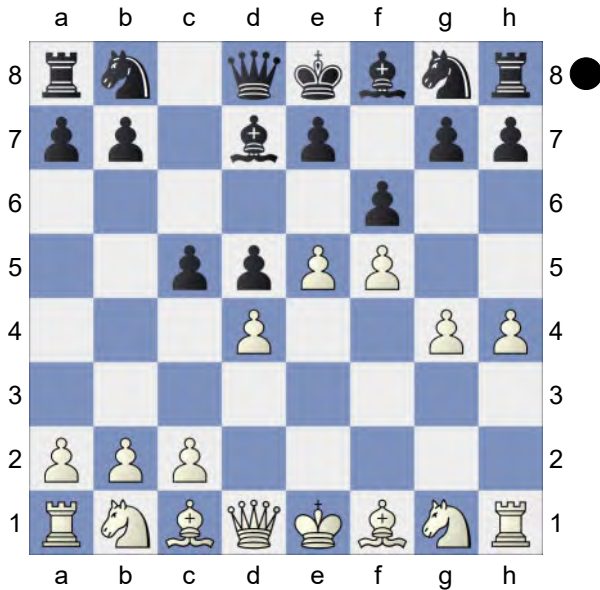


6.f4 0.04/18

[6.c4± 0.63/19]

6...c5= 7.f5

(Diagram)



Black must now prevent e6. **7...e6!**

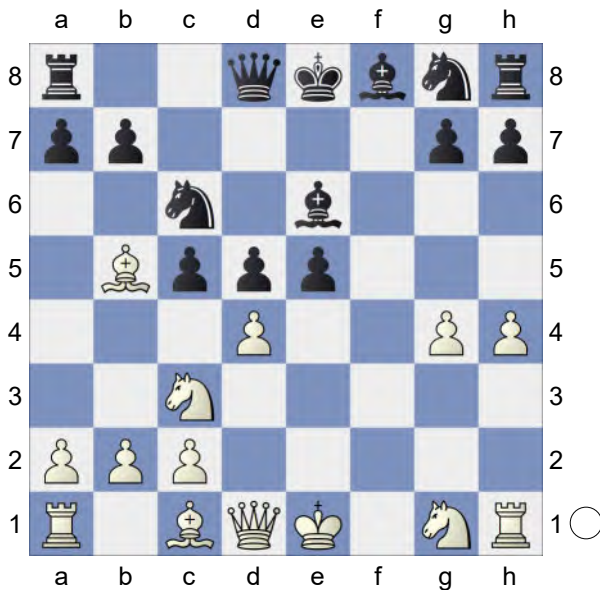
8.fxe6 -1.08/18

[8.g5± 0.42/16 stays ahead.]

8...Bxe6 9.Nc3 -1.65/17

[9.g5 0.89/18]

9...Nc6+ 10.Bb5 fxe5



11.Bg5 -2.55/16

[11.dxe5 1.52/17 Qd7 12.Nf3]

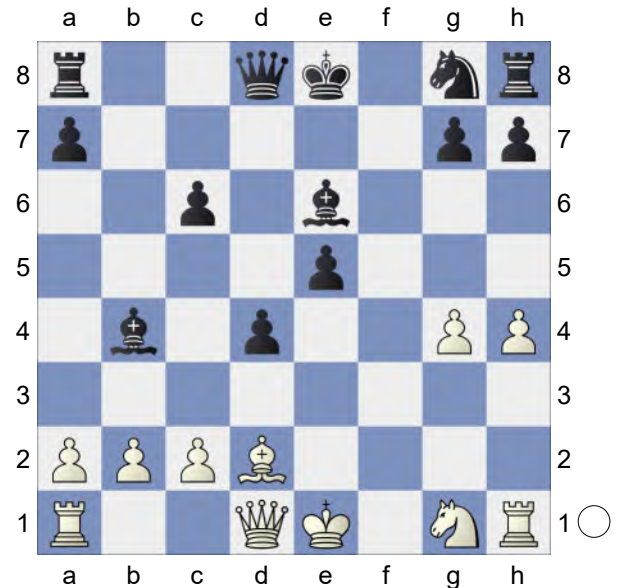
11...Qa5? -0.82/17

[11...Qc7+ -2.55/16 12.Bxc6+ Qxc6]

12.Bd2? -3.20/19 Loses the game.

[12.Qe2 0.82/17 e4 13.0-0-0]

12...cxd4 13.Nxd5 Qd8 14.Nb4 Bxb4 15.Bxc6+ bxc6



16.Bxb4 Nf6 17.Nf3 Bxg4 18.Qe2

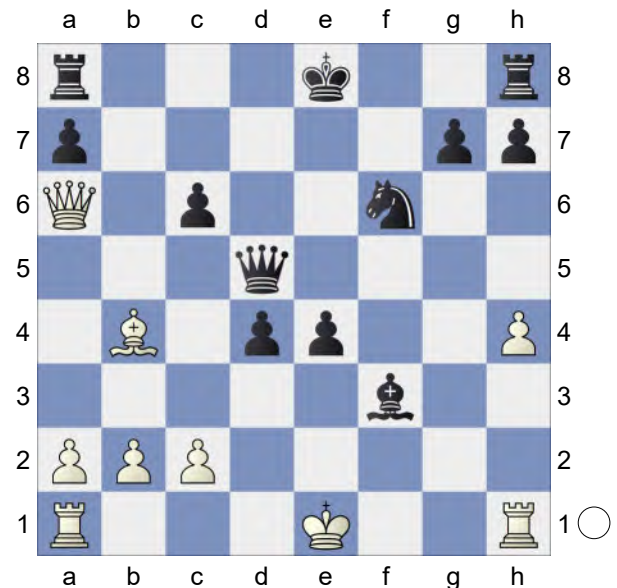
-4.70/17

[18.0-0 -3.06/16]

18...e4 19.Qc4 Qd5 20.Qa6 -6.48/15

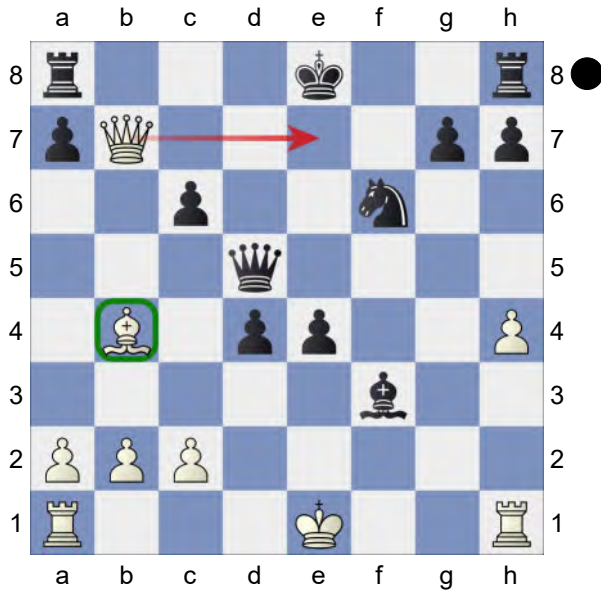
[20.Nd2 -3.79/18]

20...Bxf3

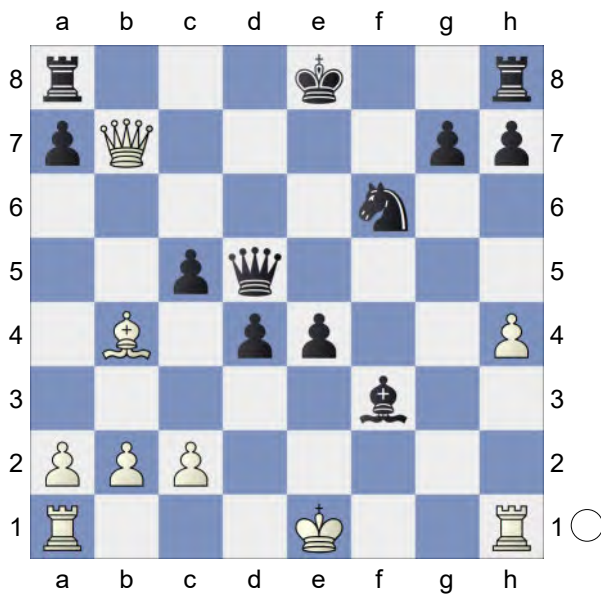


21.Qb7

(Diagram)



c5



Weighted Error Value: White=0.86/
Black=0.26 (precise)

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□ DrFlagstein

■ athena-pallada

Blitz

[Kitty Kat]

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Blitz 3min

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

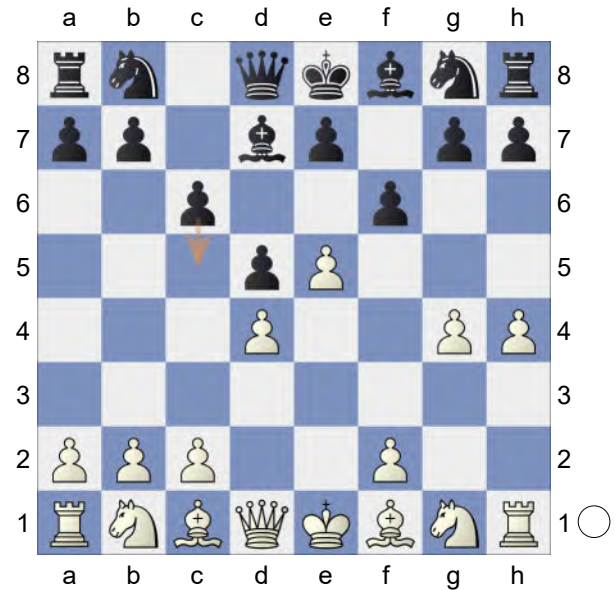
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 f6N

[4...h6 5.g4 Be4 6.f3 Bh7 7.e6 Qd6 8.exf7+ Kxf7 9.f4 Nf6 10.Bh3 Qe6+ 11.Kf1 Ne4 12.Kg2 h5 13.Nf3 hxg4 14.Ne5+ Ke8 15.Qxg4 Qxg4+ 16.Bxg4 Nd6 17.c3 Be4+ 18.Bf3 Bf5 19.Nd2 Soffer,R (2506)-Grachev, B (2672) St Petersburg 2012 CBM 152 [Kuzmin,Alexey] ½-½ (65)]

[4...h5 5.c4 (5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.Qxd3 e6 7.Nf3 Qa5+ 8.Nbd2 Qa6 9.c4 Ne7 10.0-0 Nf5 11.b3 Be7 12.a4 Nd7 13.a5 c5 14.Ba3 cxd4 15.Bxe7 Nxe7 16.Nxd4 Rd8 17.Qg3 dxc4 18.Nxc4 0-0 19.Qg5 Ng6 Sinz,B (2308)-Seo,J (2130) Stockholm 2025 1-0 (56); 5.Ne2 e6 6.Ng3 g6 7.Nxf5 gxf5 8.Nd2 c5 9.c3 Nc6 10.Nf3 Qb6 11.Be2 f6 12.0-0 0-0-0 13.Rb1 Rd7 14.a3 cxd4 15.cxd4 Bxa3 16.Bf4 Be7 17.Qc2 Bd8 18.exf6 Bxf6 19.b4 Kd8 Zoebisch,H-Stamenkovic,M Struga 1968 ZUS C73 [Ioseliani,Nana; Lepeshkin,V] 0-1) 5...e6 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Nge2 Nd7 8.Ng3 Bg6 9.Bg5 f6 10.exf6 gxf6 11.Be3 Nb6 12.b3 dxc4 13.bxc4 Qc7 14.a4 0-0-0 15.a5 Nd7 16.Be2 Nf5 17.Nxf5 Bxf5 18.a6 b6 19.0-0 Benjamin,J (2610)-Seirawan,Y (2585) United States 1994 CI1-130 [Benjamin, Joel] 1-0 (40)]

5.g4 Bd7

(Diagram)



6.f4 -0.03/17

[6.Qe2± 0.57/19]

6...c5 0.51/19

[6...e6!= -0.03/17]

7.dxc5 -0.14/19

[7.f5!± 0.51/19]

7...e6 8.Be3

The position is equal.

8...Nc6 0.17/19

[8...fxe5± -0.46/19 9.fxe5 Qc7]

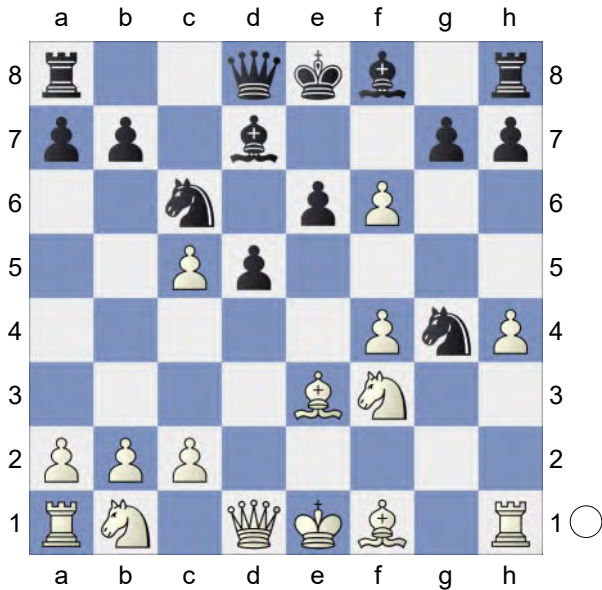
9.Nf3= Nh6 10.exf6 -0.66/18

[White should try 10.Bh3!= 0.25/18]

10...Nxc4? 1.73/17

[10...Qxf6± -0.66/18 keeps the upper hand. 11.Nfd2 Qxb2]

(Diagram)



11.f7+!+- Ke7 12.Bg1 Nf6 13.Nc3
The board is on fire. **13...Kxf7 14.Qd2**
1.29/17

[14.Bh3+- **1.87/18**]

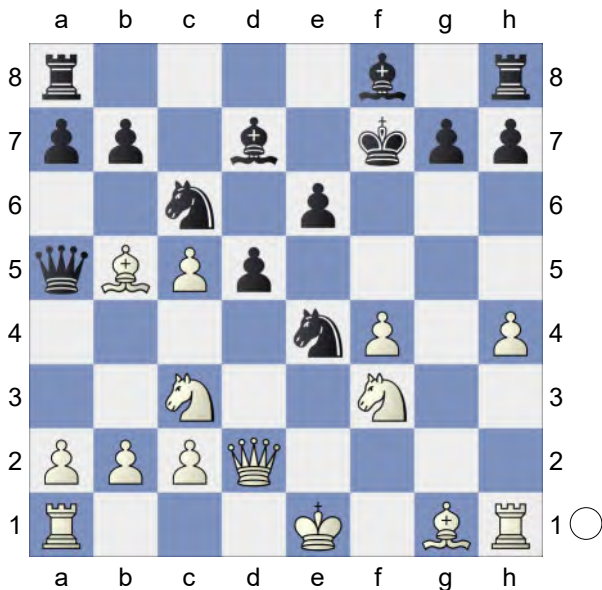
14...Qa5± 15.Bb5 1.16/18

[Better is 15.0-0-0 **1.48/20**]

15...Ne4 1.82/17

[15...d4± **1.16/18** was necessary.

16.Bxd4 Nxd4 17.Ne5+ (17.Nxd4
Bxb5 18.Ncxb5 Qxd2+ 19.Kxd2
Bxc5±) 17...Kg8 18.Bxd7 Bxc5]



16.Nxe4+-

[Much less strong is 16.Ng5+?! Nxg5
17.fxg5 Be7±]

16...Qxb5 17.Nc3 0.87/17

Pair of Knights!

[17.0-0-0+- **1.90/17** has better
winning chances.]

17...Qa5 1.78/18

[17...Qxb2± **0.87/17** 18.Rb1 Qa3]

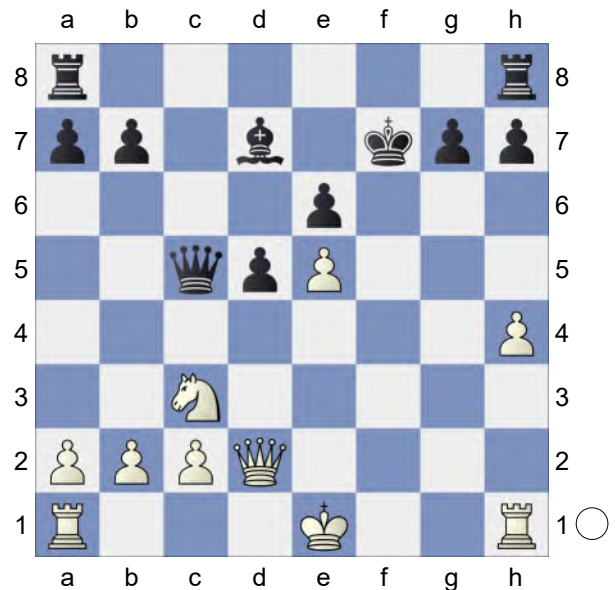
18.Ne5+ 0.50/19

[18.0-0-0+- **1.78/18**]

18...Nxe5± 19.fxe5 Bxc5? 2.79/17

[19...Be7!± **0.40/18**]

20.Bxc5+- Qxc5

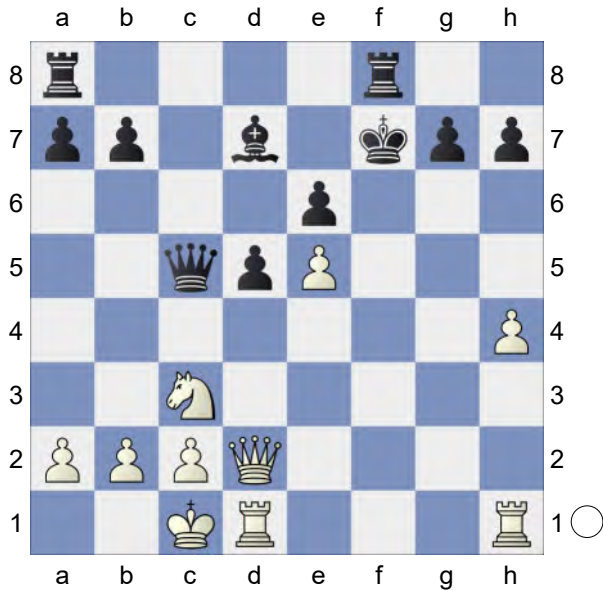


21.0-0-0? -0.04/21

[21.Ne4!+- **2.06/17** Qb6 22.Nd6+
Kg8 23.0-0-0]

21...Rh8

(Diagram)



Strongly threatening ...Kg8. **22.h5** -0.98/20

[22.Ne4!= 0.09/19 keeps the balance. Qc7 (22...dxe4 23.Qxd7+) 23.Nd6+ Kg8 24.Rdg1]

22...Kg8 And now ...Rf2 would win.

23.h6 Black must now prevent hxg7.

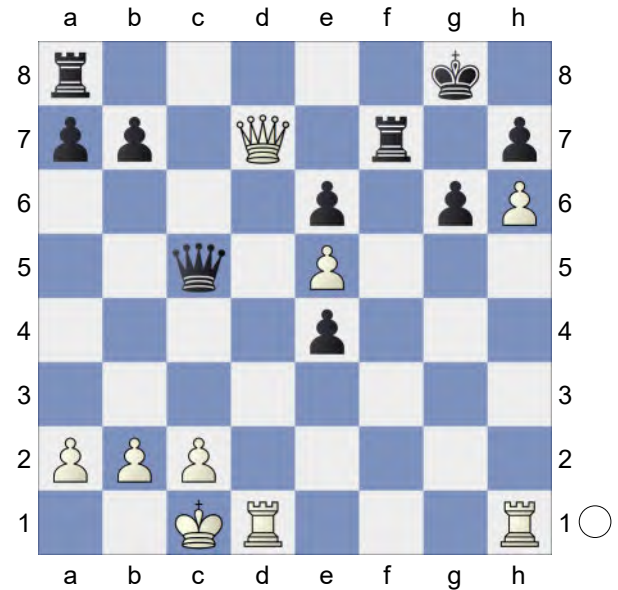
23...g6 -0.61/20

[Black should play 23...Rf2 -0.93/22 24.Qg5 g6]

24.Ne4 -1.03/19 dxe4 **25.Qxd7** Rf7 0.91/19

[25...Qxe5 -1.10/24 stays on course. aiming for ...e3. 26.Rhe1 e3]

(Diagram)



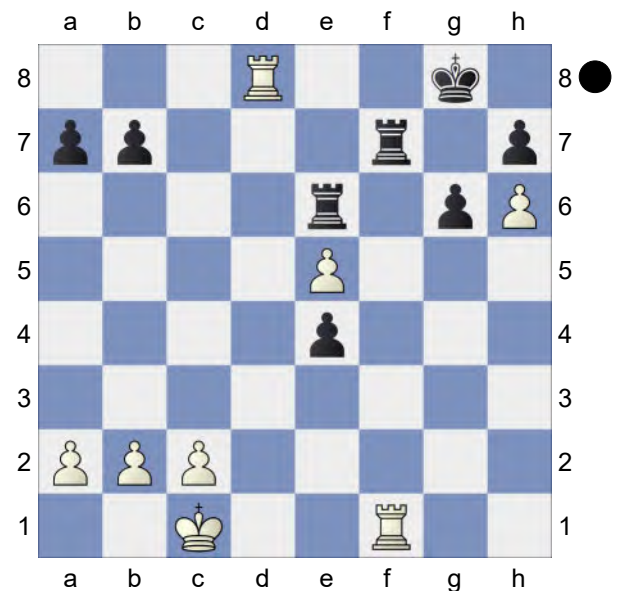
Against Qg7+ **26.Qxe6**→ Hoping for Rd7. White is out for blood. **26...Qe7** Prevents Rd7. **27.Qd5** 0.19/23 & Bianco is more active.

[27.Qc4± 0.99/24]

27...Re8= **28.Rhf1** Rxf7 is the strong threat. **28...Qe6** #4/17

[28...e3= 0.25/21 29.Rf6 e2]

29.Qxe6 Rxe6 **30.Rd8+**



Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/ Black=0.74

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□ Grischuk,A

■ Abdusattorov,Nodirbek

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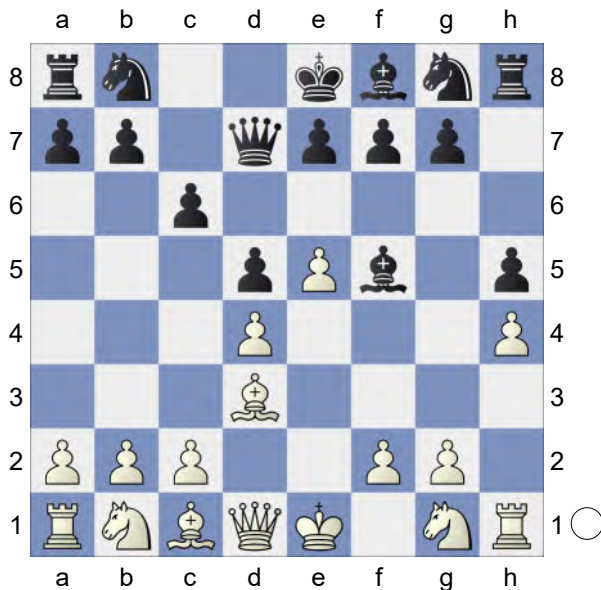
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Qd7

[5...Bxd3 6.Qxd3 e6 (6...Qa5+ 7.Nd2 e6 8.Ne2 Qa6 9.c4 Ne7 10.b3 Nd7 11.0-0 Nf5 12.Nf3 Nb6 13.Ng3 dxc4 14.Qe2 c3 15.Qc2 g6 16.Bg5 Nd5 17.Ne4 Qa3 18.Bf6 Rg8 19.Nxc3 Nxc3 20.Qxc3 Be7 21.Rfd1 Zherebtsova,A (2239)-Pham, L (2380) Budapest 2024 1-0 (52)) 7.Bg5 Qa5+ 8.Nd2 c5 9.Ngf3 Nc6 10.0-0 cxd4 11.Nb3 Qa6 12.Nbxd4 Qxd3 13.cxd3 Kd7 14.Rac1 Rc8 15.Be3 Nh6 16.Nxc6 bxc6 17.Bxa7 Ra8 18.Be3 Be7 19.a3 Nf5 20.g3 Onischuk,V (2613)-Grischuk,A (2747) Almaty 2016 CBM 176 [Papp,Petra] 1-0 (39)]

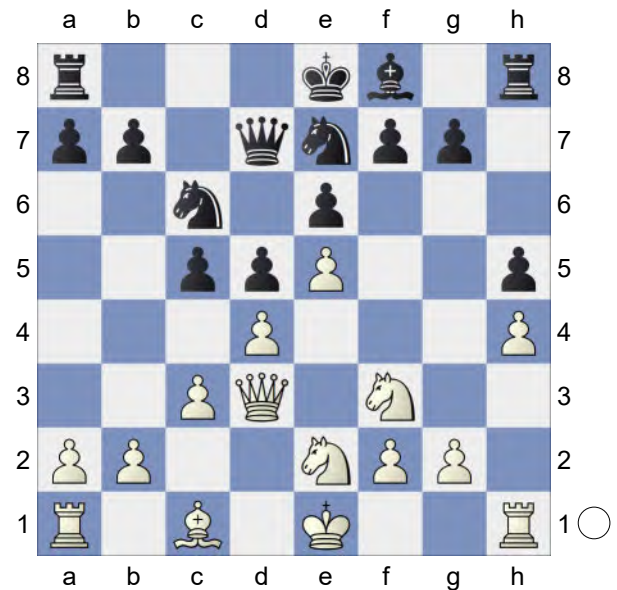
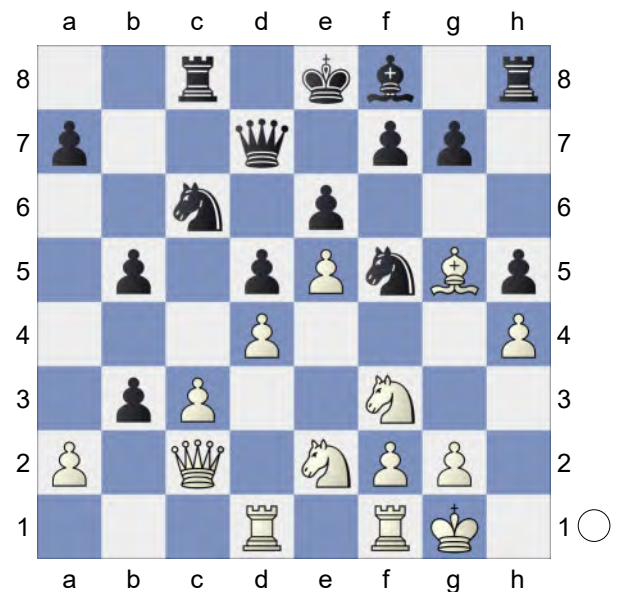


6.Ne2 Bxd3N

[6...Nh6 7.Bxh6 (7.Ng3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 c5 9.c3 Nc6 10.Be3 Ng4 7) Advance with 3...Bf5: The ,T-4. h4 variation with 5...Qd7?) 7...Rhxh6 8.0-0 f6 9.f4 Bg4 10.c3 e6 7) Advance with 3...Bf5: The ,T-4. h4 variation with 5...Qd7?]

7.Qxd3 e6 8.Nd2 White has an edge.

8...c5 9.c3 Nc6 10.Nf3 Nge7

11.0-0 Nf5 12.Bg5 c4 13.Qc2 b5
14.b3 Rc8 15.Rad1 cxb3

16.axb3 Be7 17.Ng3 g6 1.03/20

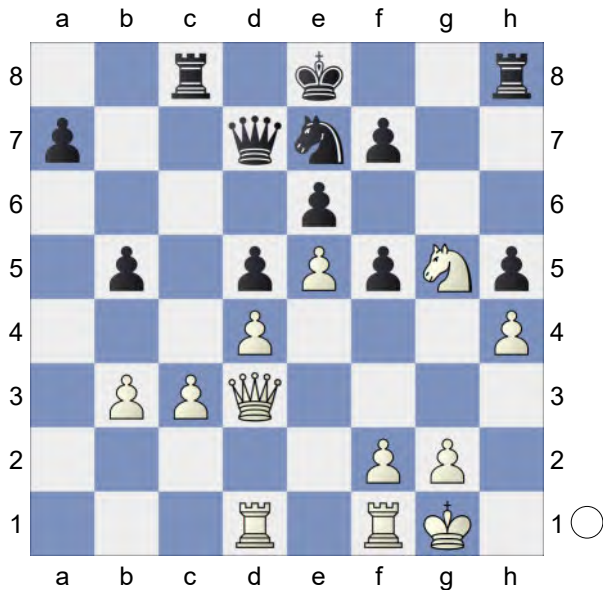
[17...Nxg3= 0.24/20 18.fxg3 a5]

18.Nxf5± gxf5 19.Qd3 Bxg5 20.Nxg5

[Much less strong is 20.hxg5 b4±]

20...Ne7 1.69/21

[20...a5± 0.92/20]



21.Ra1+- Qb7 22.Ra5 Hoping for Rfa1.

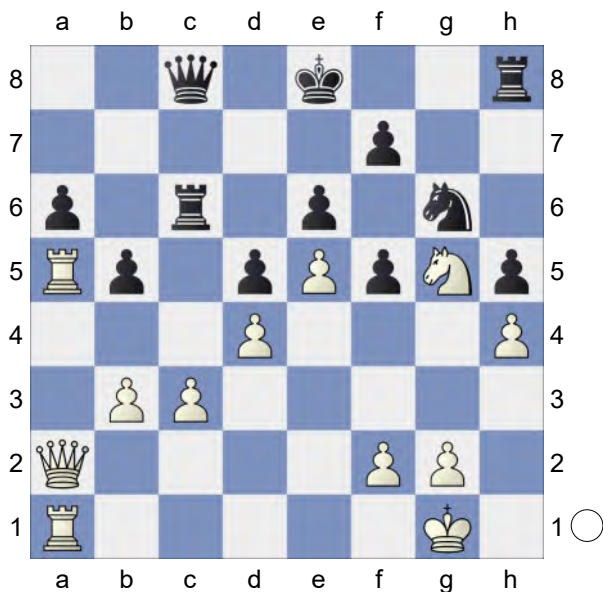
22...a6 23.Rfa1 Rc6 24.Qe2 1.17/22

[24.g3+- 1.73/21]

24...Qc8±

25.Qa2

0x0.001f6a7a09a5dp-1022s more active pieces. 25...Ng6

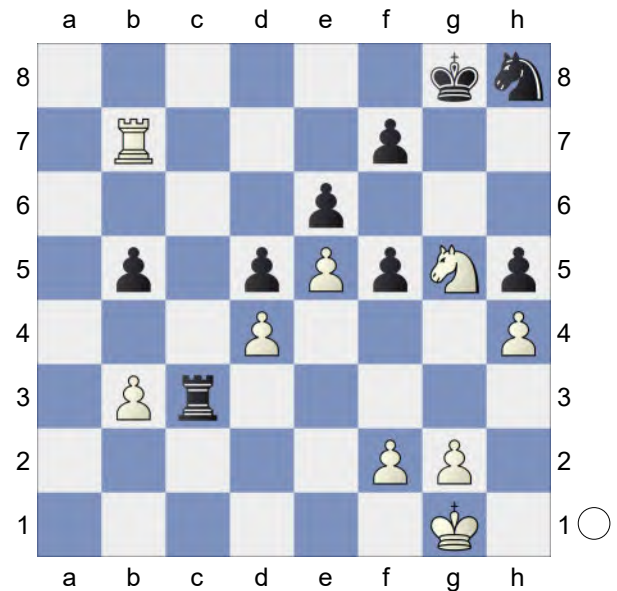


26.Rxa6 Rxa6 27.Qxa6 0-0 28.Qxc8

[Don't play 28.Qxb5?! Qxc3 29.Rd1

Nf4±]

28...Rxc8 Endgame KRN-KRN 29.Ra7 Nh8 30.Rb7 Rxc3



31.Rxb5 Rd3 32.Rb8+ Kg7 33.Rb7

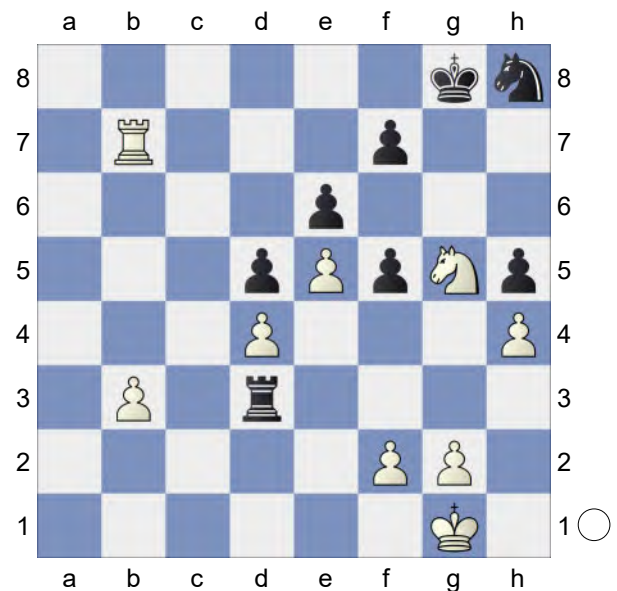
Kg8 34.Rb8+ 0.01/5

[34.Rb4!± 1.03/26]

34...Kg7= 35.Rb7 -0.01/22

[35.f4± 0.45/24]

35...Kg8



36.Rb4! Rd1+ 37.Kh2 Rd2 1.27/23

[Δ37...f4 0.94/25]

38.Kg3± Rd3+ 39.f3 0.79/24

[Δ39.Nf3 1.31/25]

39...Rd2 1.53/25

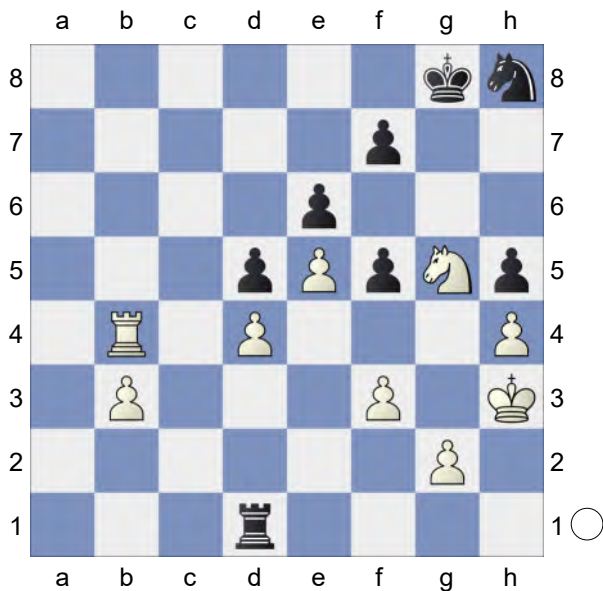
[Δ 39...Kg7 0.79/24]

40.Kh3 1.12/24

[Δ 40.f4 1.53/25]

40...Rd1 1.53/27

[Δ 40...f4 1.12/24]



41.g3 Rd2 42.f4 Kg7 43.Rb7 Kg8

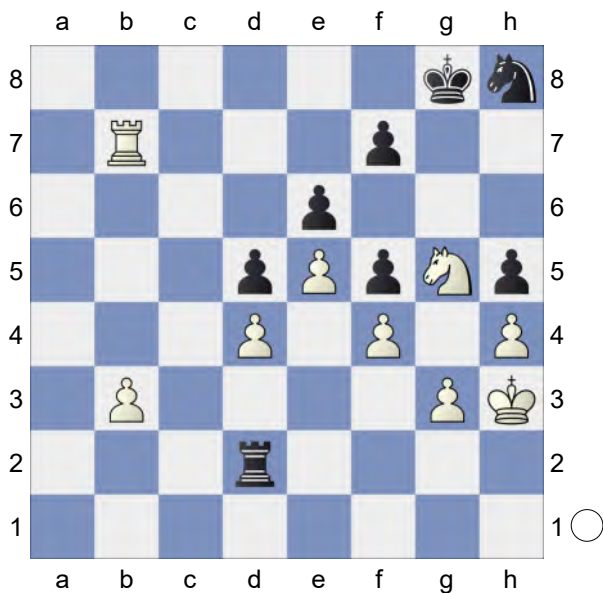
44.Rb8+ 1.73/5

[44.b4± 1.26/29]

44...Kg7+- 45.Rb7 0.01/27

[45.Rb4± 1.14/27]

45...Kg8!=



46.b4! Rxd4 47.Kg2 Rd2+ 48.Kf3 d4

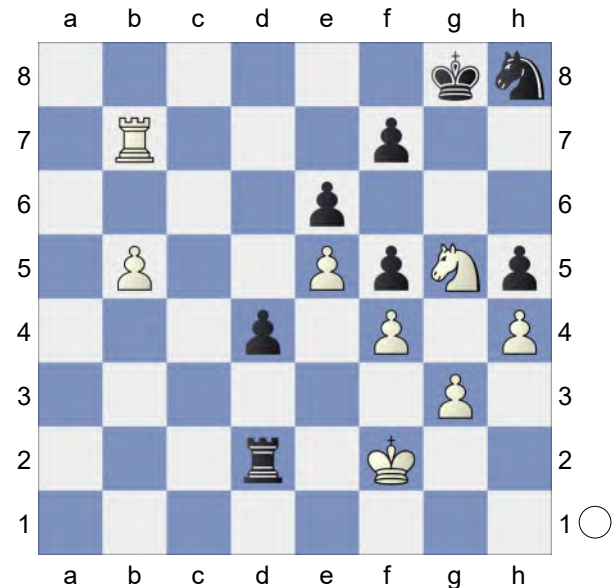
49.b5 Rd3+ 2.65/26

[49...Ra2 1.65/26 might work better.

50.Rb6 Rd2]

50.Kf2+- Black must now prevent Nf3.

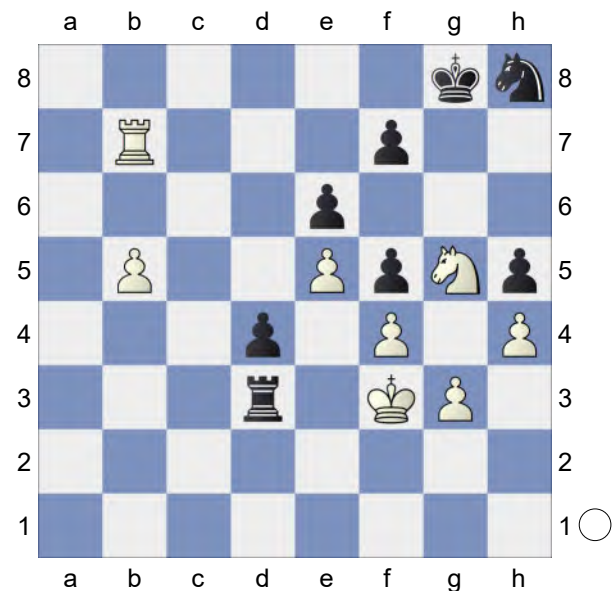
50...Rd2+



51.Kf3? -0.01/22

[White should play 51.Kf1+- 2.44/24]

51...Rd3+=

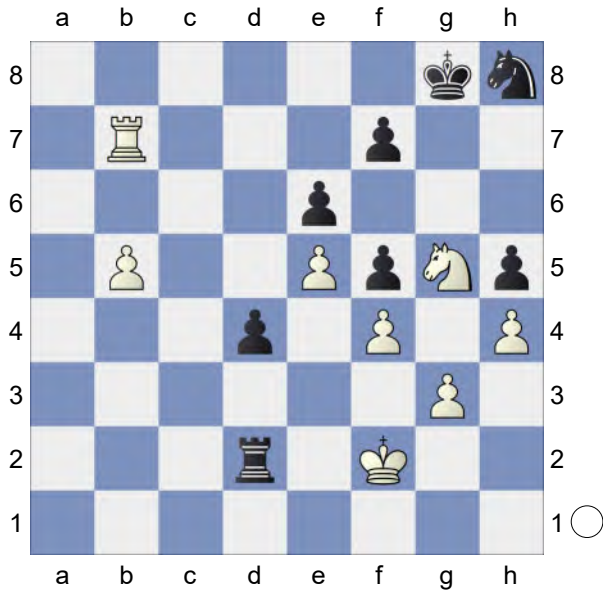


52.Kf2? 0.01/24

[Only move: 52.Kg2!+- 2.35/26]

52...Rd2+!

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/
Black=0.11 (very precise) . An
unexpected result.

$\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$

6 **B12**
 ♖ **Warrior211** **2862**
 ♜ **athena-pallada** **2984**
 Blitz 15.10.2024
 [Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 f6N

[4...h5

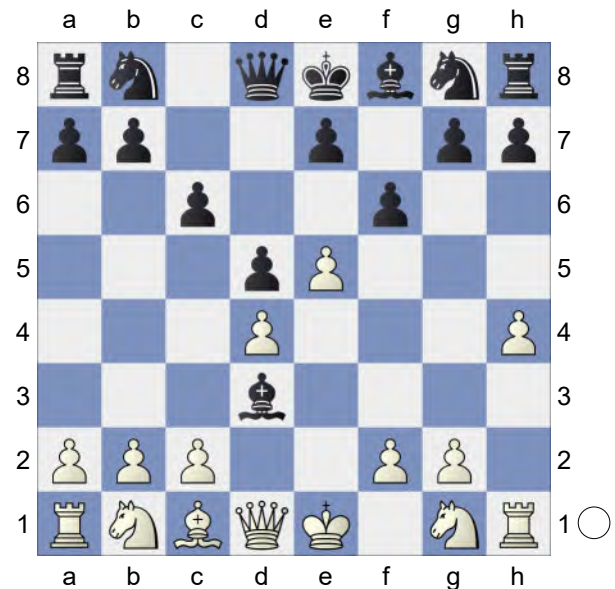
A) 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.Qxd3 Qa5+
 7.Nd2 e6 8.Ne2 Qa6 (8...Ne7
 9.b4 Qa6 10.Qb3 Nf5 11.Nf3
 Nd7 12.a4 Qc4 13.Bd2 Qxb3
 14.cxb3 f6 15.0-0 Be7 16.g3 Kf7
 17.Rfe1 fxe5 18.dxe5 Rac8
 19.Nf4 d4 20.Rac1 c5 21.Nd5
 cxb4 22.Nxe7 Nxe7 23.Ng5+
 Chapter-Games Game 3 (54)) 9.c4
 Ne7 10.b3 Nd7 11.0-0 Nf5
 12.Nf3 Nb6 13.Ng3 dxc4 14.Qe2
 c3 15.Qc2 g6 16.Bg5 Nd5
 17.Ne4 Qa3 18.Bf6 Rg8 19.Nxc3
 Nxc3 Zharebtsova,A (2239)-Pham,
 L (2380) Budapest 2024 1-0 (52);

B) 5.c4 e6 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Bg5
 Nd7 (7...dxc4 8.Bxc4 Nd7
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 14.a3 a4 15.Ba2 Nc7 16.Qe2
 Nb5 17.Rac1 Be7 18.Rfd1 Bxg5
 19.Nxg5 Rd8 20.N3e4 0-0 21.Nc5
 Qe7 22.Qe3 Miles,E (2610)-
 Maksimovic,D (2470) Nice 1982
 200 Traps In The Opening [John
 Watson] 1-0 (41)) 8.cxd5 cxd5
 9.Nb5 Qa5+ 10.Bd2 Qb6 11.Nd6+
 Kd8 12.Nxf7+ Ke8 13.Nxh8 Qxd4
 14.Bc3 Qe4+ 15.Qe2 Qf4
 16.Qxh5+ g6 17.Qg5 Qe4+
 18.Qe3 Qa4 19.h5 Feldman,S
 (1898)-Karma,P (1637) corr ICCF
 2023 Kramnik: MBM [John Watson]

1-0]

[4...h6 5.g4 Bh7 6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3
 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Na6 9.Nf3 Qb6
 10.Qg6+ Kd8 11.Ne5 Kc7 12.Nf7
 Nb4 13.Bf4+ Kd7 14.c3 Na6
 15.Nd2 c5 16.Nxh8 cxd4 17.Nf7
 Nc7 18.Ne5+ Kd8 19.Qf7
 Perez Candelario,M (2474)-
 Hazarabedian,G Mallorca 2004 CBM
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5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 fxe5 7.dxe5 e6 8.Nh3 -0.32/19

[8.Qh3± 0.76/17]

8...Na6 0.65/16

[8...Qxh4± -0.32/19 9.Qe2 Nd7]

9.Be3 -0.07/16

[White should play 9.Ng5± 0.65/16]

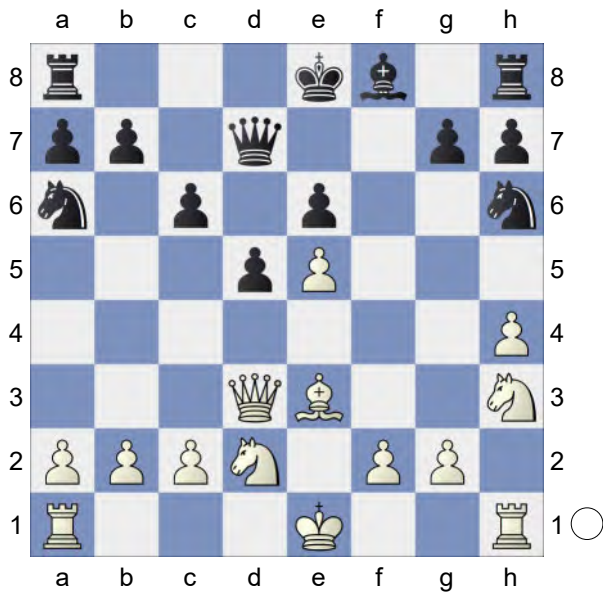
9...Qd7 0.34/19

[9...Bc5= -0.07/16]

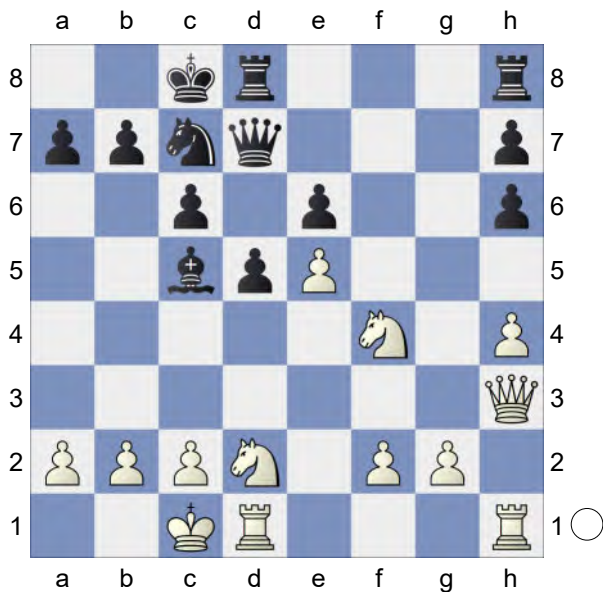
10.Nd2 Nh6 0.53/18

[10...Nb4= 0.12/20 might be stronger.
 11.Qb3 c5]

(Diagram)



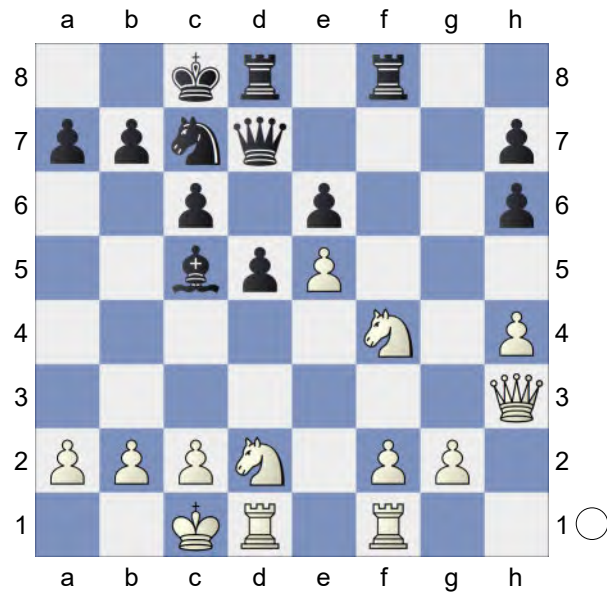
11.Bxh6± gxxh6 12.Nf4 0-0-0 13.Qh3 Nc7 14.0-0-0 Bc5



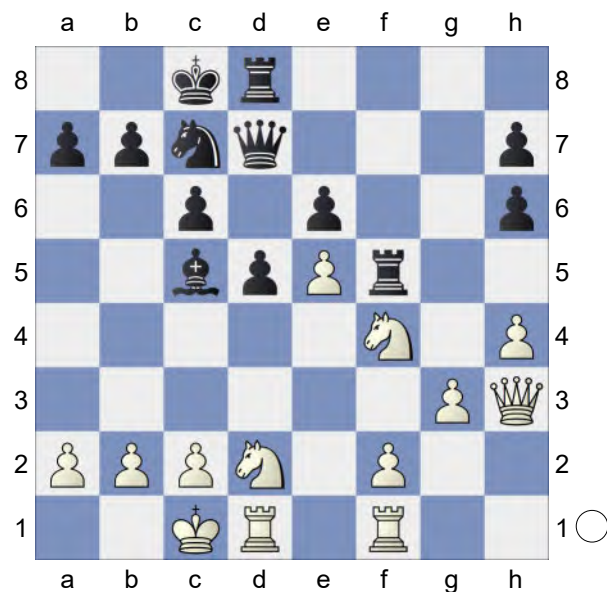
15.Rhf1 0.20/21

[15.Ne4!± 0.53/20 should be considered. Bb6 (15...Be7 16.Kb1) 16.Nf6]
15...Rhf8

(Diagram)

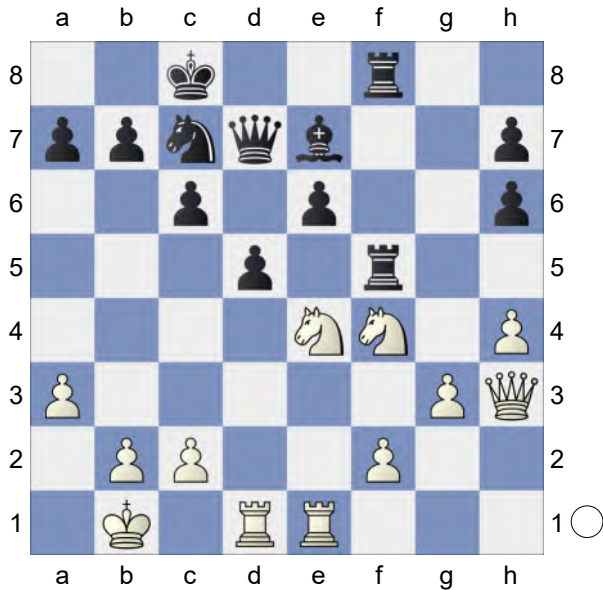


16.g3 Rf5 0.38/23
 [16...Bd4= 0.06/22]



17.Ne4! Be7 18.Rfe1! Rdf8 19.Kb1 -0.94/18
 [19.c4± 0.40/22 keeps the upper hand.]
19...Rxe5± 20.a3 Ref5

(Diagram)



21.c4 -1.23/20

[Δ 21.f3 -0.91/22]

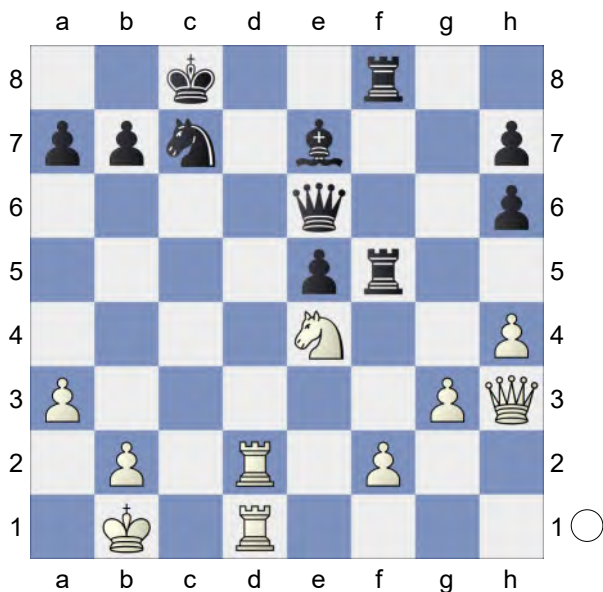
21...e5 -0.59/22

[Better is 21...b5 $\mp$ -1.23/20 22.cxd5 exd5]

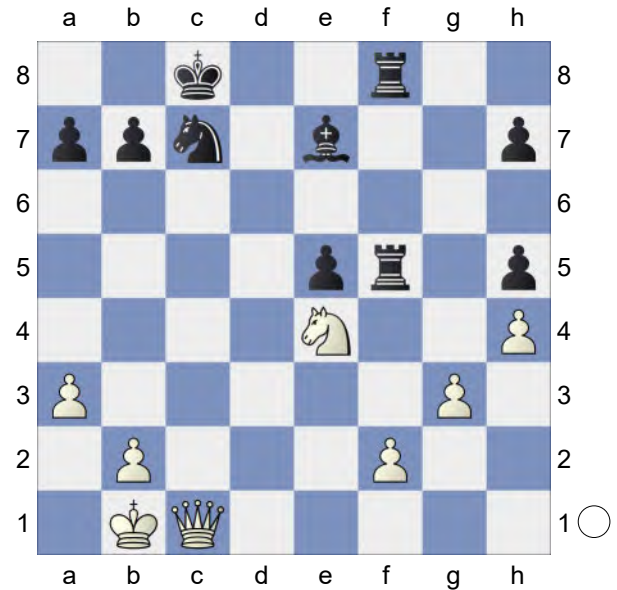
22.cxd5 -1.01/20 cxd5

[But not 22...exf4 23.d6 Bf6 24.g4 $\pm$ (24.dxc7 Bd4=)]

23.Nxd5 -3.12/21 White does not recover from this. **23...Nxd5-+ 24.Re2 Qe6 25.Red2 Nc7**



26.Rd7 Qxd7 27.Rxd7 Kxd7 28.Qg4 Kd8 29.Qd1+ Kc8 30.Qc1 h5



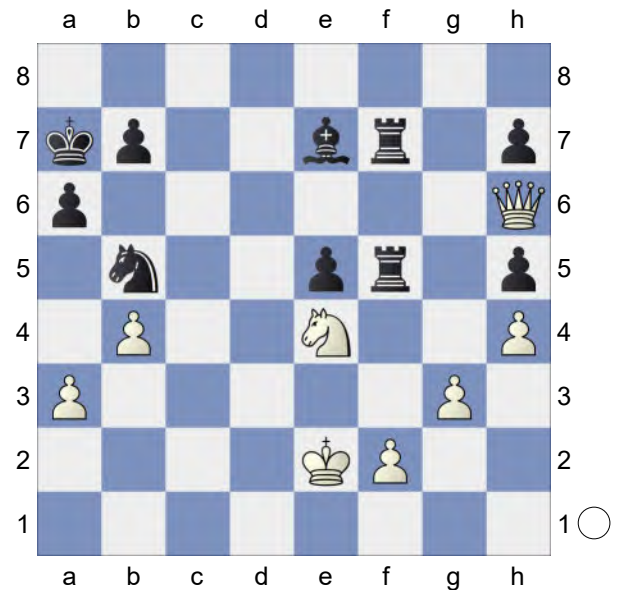
31.Qh6 R8f7 32.Kc2 Kb8 33.Kd3 a6

34.Ke2 Ka7 Strongly threatening ...Nb5.

35.b4 -4.90/22

[35.Qe3+ -3.15/20 was necessary. b6 36.Qc1]

35...Nb5

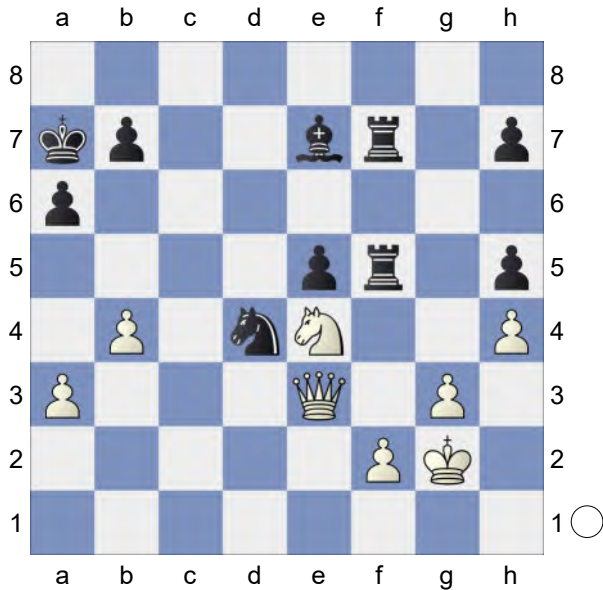


36.Qe3+ Nd4+ 37.Kf1 Rf3 38.Qh6 -5.82/20

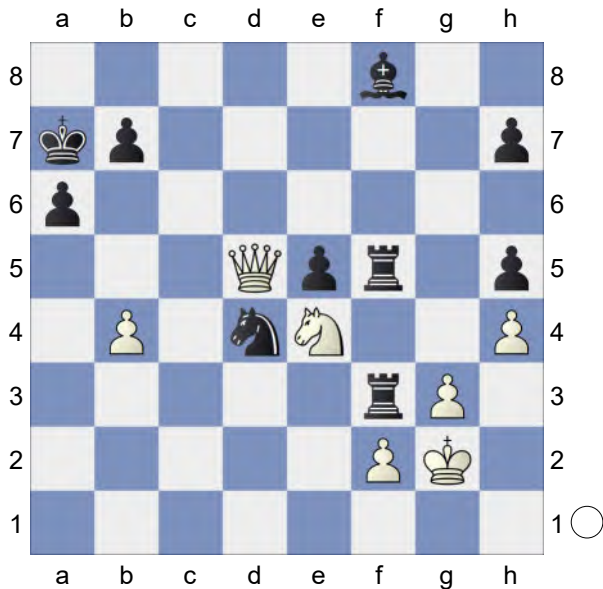
[38.Qc1 -3.87/18 was worth a try.]

38...R3f5 39.Kg2 Nb5 40.Qe3+ Nd4

(Diagram)

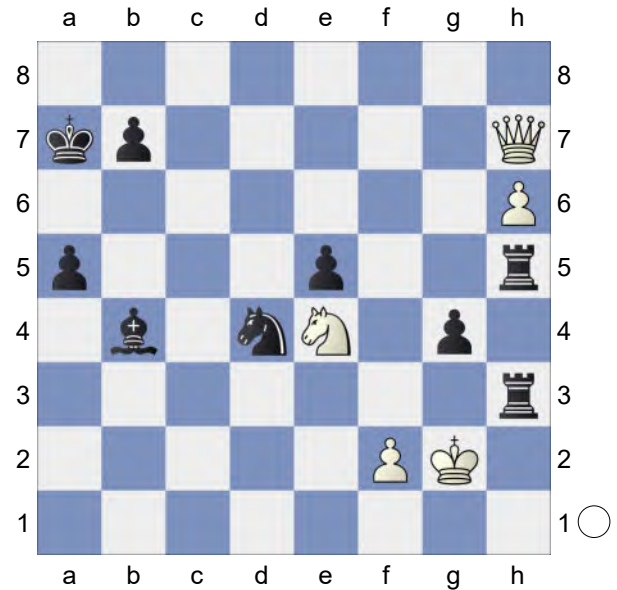


41.Qh6 Bf8 42.Qe3 Rf3 43.Qg5 R7f5
44.Qd8 -5.24/21
 [Δ 44.Qc1 -3.40/19]
44...Rxa3 45.Qd5 Raf3



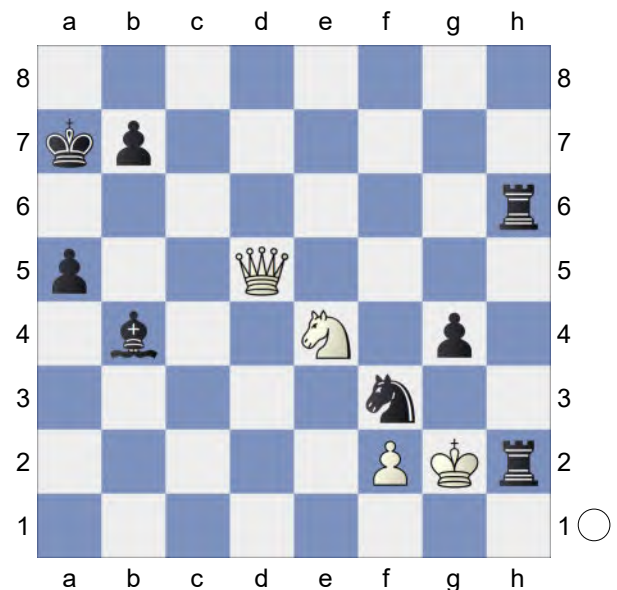
46.Qd7 Bxb4 47.Qxh7 a5 48.g4 hxg4
49.h5 Rh3 50.h6 Rfh5

(Diagram)



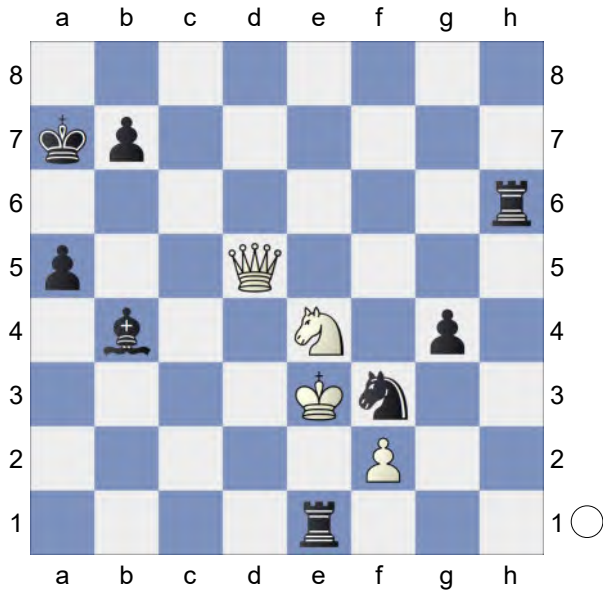
(-> ...Rh1) 51.Qc7 Rxh6 -11.00/17
 [Δ 51...Rh2+ **-#5/14** 52.Kg3 R5h4
 53.Qxb7+ Kxb7 54.Nd6+ Bxd6
 55.h7 Nf5#]

52.Qxe5 **Black is clearly winning.**
52...Rh2+ 53.Kg3 R2h3+ 54.Kg2 Nf3
55.Qd5 Rh2+

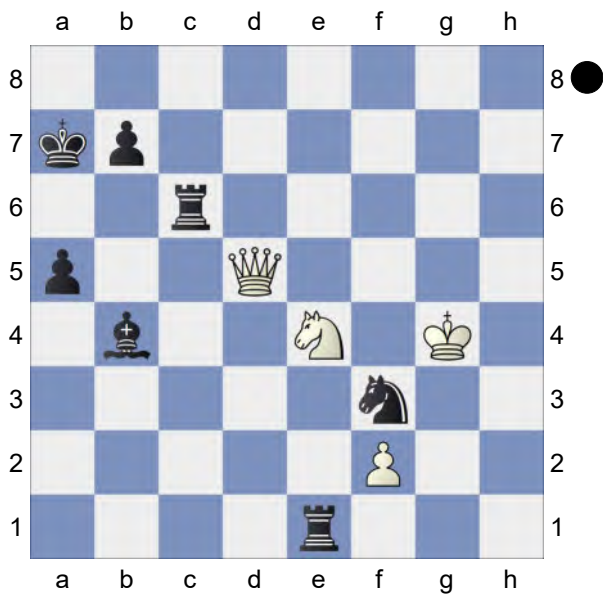


56.Kg3 R2h3+ 57.Kg2 Ne1+ 58.Kf1
Rh1+ 59.Ke2 Nf3 **White must now**
prevent ...Re1+. 60.Ke3 Re1+

(Diagram)

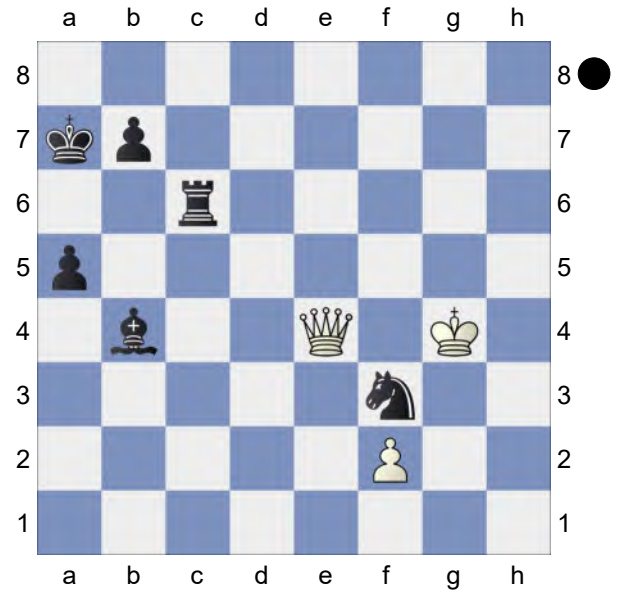


61.Kf4 Rc6 62.Kxg4

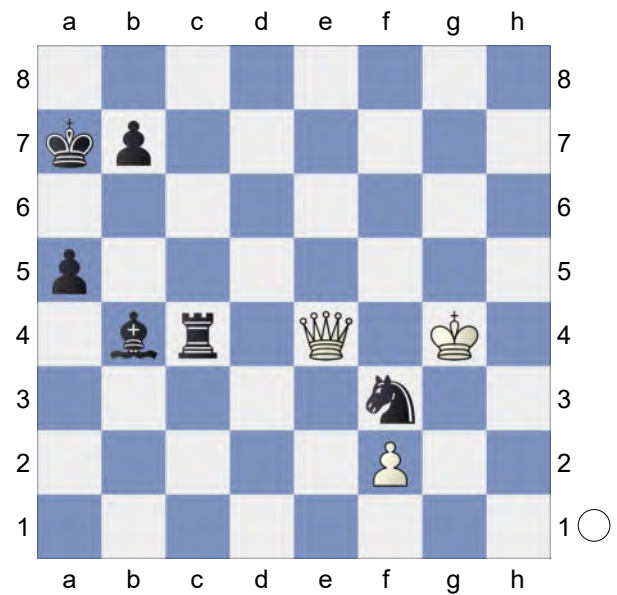


Rxe4+! 63.Qxe4
[63.Kxf3 Rec4]

(Diagram)



63...Rc4!!



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Black=0.48

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 ♖ **Warrior211** **2859**
 ♜ **athena-pallada** **2987**
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 f6N

[4...h5

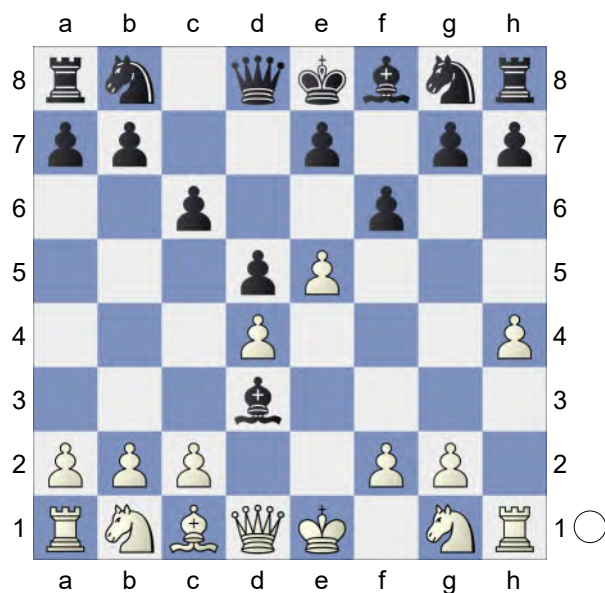
A) 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.Qxd3 Qa5+
 7.Nd2 e6 8.Ne2 Qa6 (8...Ne7
 9.b4 Qa6 10.Qb3 Nf5 11.Nf3
 Nd7 12.a4 Qc4 13.Bd2 Qxb3
 14.cxb3 f6 15.0-0 Be7 16.g3 Kf7
 17.Rfe1 fxe5 18.dxe5 Rac8
 19.Nf4 d4 20.Rac1 c5 21.Nd5
 cxb4 22.Nxe7 Nxe7 23.Ng5+
 Chapter-Games Game 3 (54)) 9.c4
 Ne7 10.b3 Nd7 11.0-0 Nf5
 12.Nf3 Nb6 13.Ng3 dxc4 14.Qe2
 c3 15.Qc2 g6 16.Bg5 Nd5
 17.Ne4 Qa3 18.Bf6 Rg8 19.Nxc3
 Nxc3 Zharebtsova,A (2239)-Pham,
 L (2380) Budapest 2024 1-0 (52);

B) 5.c4 e6 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Bg5
 Nd7 (7...dxc4 8.Bxc4 Nd7
 9.Nge2 Nb6 10.Bb3 Qd7 11.0-0
 Ned5 12.Ng3 Bg6 13.Nce4 a5
 14.a3 a4 15.Ba2 Nc7 16.Qe2
 Nb5 17.Rac1 Be7 18.Rfd1 Bxg5
 19.Nxg5 Rd8 20.N3e4 0-0 21.Nc5
 Qe7 22.Qe3 Miles,E (2610)-
 Maksimovic,D (2470) Nice 1982
 200 Traps In The Opening [John
 Watson] 1-0 (41)) 8.cxd5 cxd5
 9.Nb5 Qa5+ 10.Bd2 Qb6 11.Nd6+
 Kd8 12.Nxf7+ Ke8 13.Nxh8 Qxd4
 14.Bc3 Qe4+ 15.Qe2 Qf4
 16.Qxh5+ g6 17.Qg5 Qe4+
 18.Qe3 Qa4 19.h5 Feldman,S
 (1898)-Karma,P (1637) corr ICCF
 2023 Kramnik: MBM [John Watson]

1-0]

[4...h6 5.g4 Bh7 6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3
 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Na6 9.Nf3 Qb6
 10.Qg6+ Kd8 11.Ne5 Kc7 12.Nf7
 Nb4 13.Bf4+ Kd7 14.c3 Na6
 15.Nd2 c5 16.Nxh8 cxd4 17.Nf7
 Nc7 18.Ne5+ Kd8 19.Qf7
 Perez Candelario,M (2474)-
 Hazarabedian,G Mallorca 2004 CBM
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5.Bd3 Bxd3



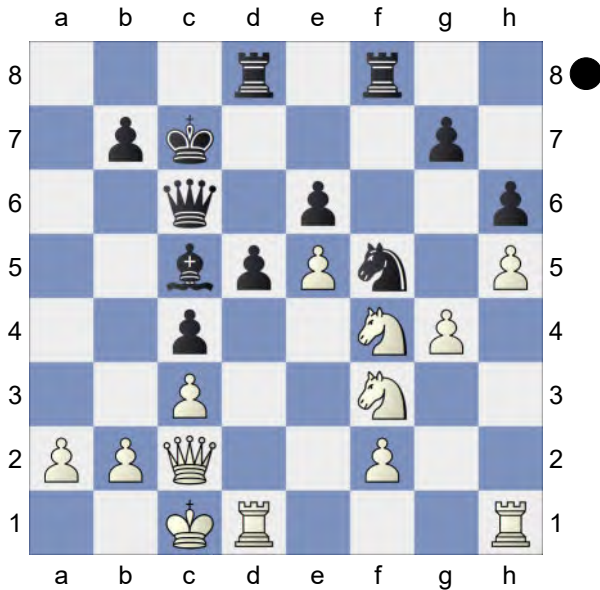
6.Qxd3 fxe5 7.dxe5 e6 8.Nf3
White is better. 8...Na6 9.Ng5 Qd7
10.Nc3 0.41/22

[White should try 10.Nxh7± 0.82/21
 0-0-0 11.Nxf8 Rxf8 12.Be3]

10...0-0-0±

(Diagram)

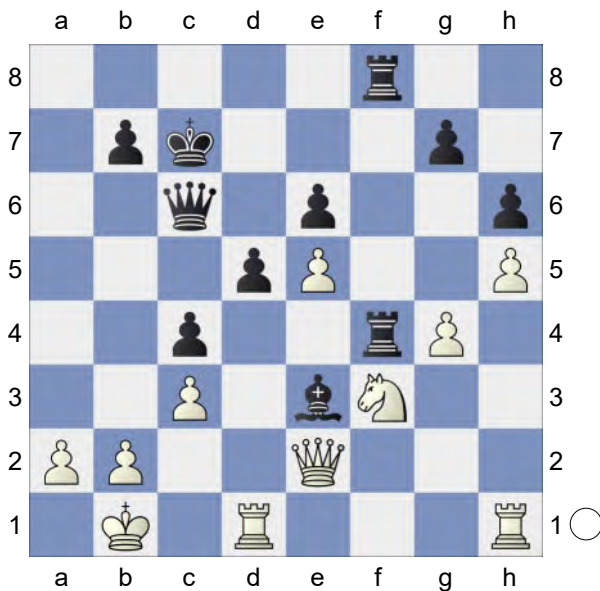
21.0-0-0 0.19/18
 [Better is 21.b4!± 1.60/17 Ba7
 22.a4]
21...Rgf8!= 22.g4? -1.65/20
 [22.Qe2= 0.17/20 and White stays
 safe.]



22...Ne3!↑ Black is on the roll. **23.fxe3 Bxe3+ 24.Kb1 Rxf4**

[Of course not 24...Bxf4?! 25.Nd4 Qd7 26.Qe2=]

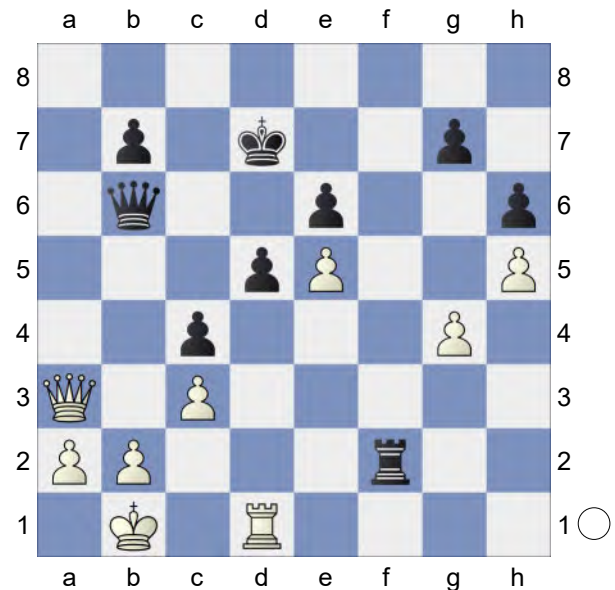
25.Qe2 Rdf8 -0.50/19



26.Qxe3 Black must now prevent Nd4. **26...Rxf3 27.Qa7 Qb6 28.Qa3 Rf2 29.Rh2 Kd7 -0.23/23**

[Much weaker is 29...Rhx2 30.Qe7+ Kc8 31.Qxf8+ Kc7 32.Qf7+ Kb8 33.Qf8+ Kc7 34.Qf7+ Kb8 35.Qf8+ Kc7=]
[29...R2f3 -0.58/19]

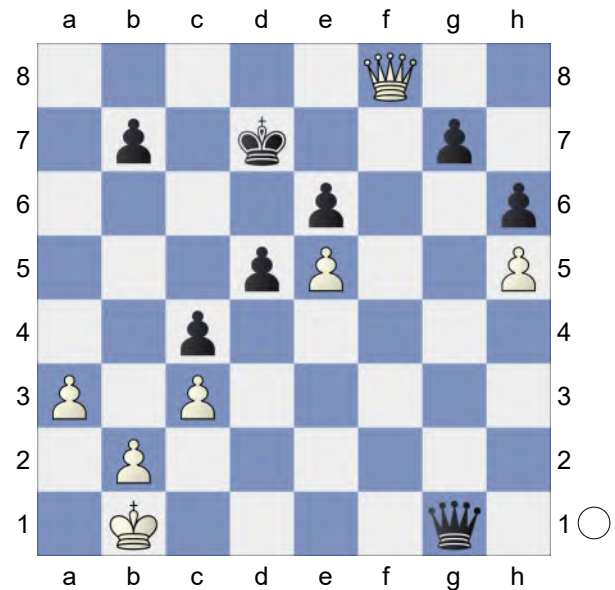
30.Rxf2= Chess con chili. 30...Rxf2



Endgame KQR-KQR 31.Ka1 Rg2 0.00/26

[31...Ke8 -0.34/23]

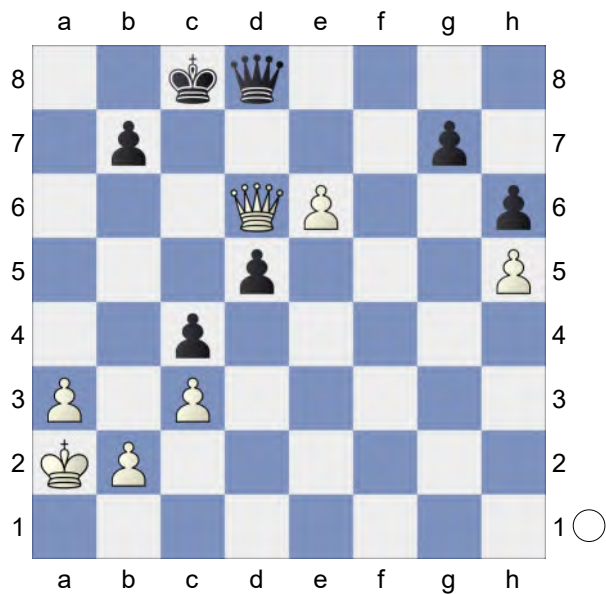
32.Rb1 Rxc4 33.Qf8 Rg1 34.a3 Rxb1+ 35.Kxb1 KQ-KQ 35...Qg1+



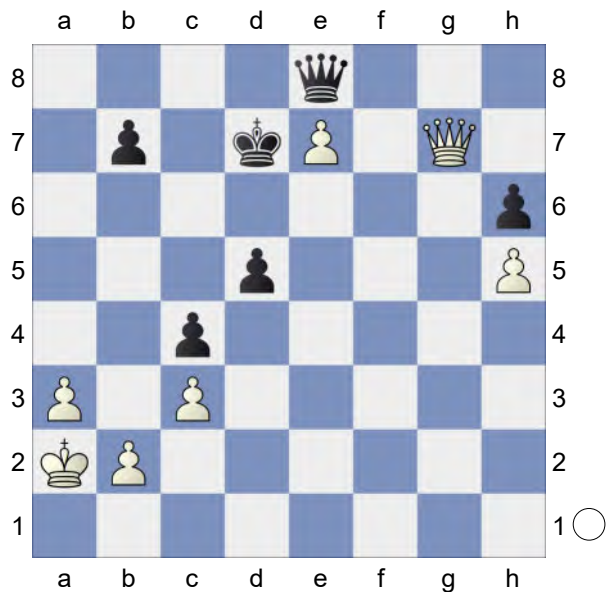
36.Ka2 Hoping for Qd6+. **36...Qg5? 5.54/20** Black is on the road to losing.

[Black should play 36...Qb6! ± 0.43/19]

37.Qd6+- Deflection. White is clearly winning. **37...Kc8 38.Qxe6+ Kc7 39.Qd6+ Kc8 40.e6** And now e7 would win. **40...Qd8**

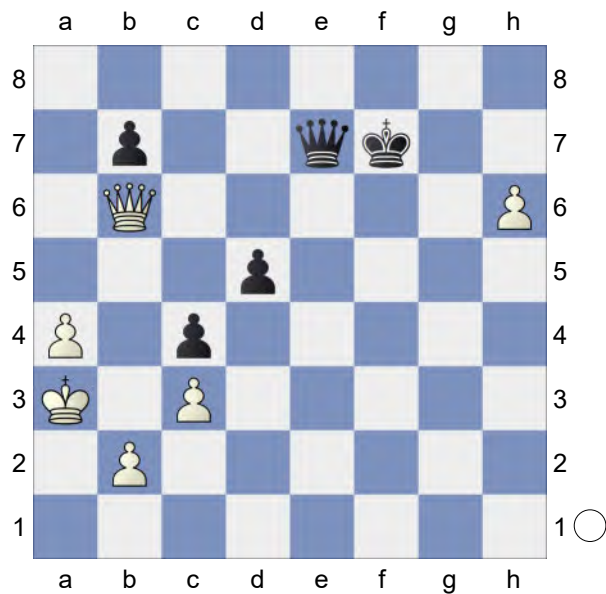


**41.Qc5+ Kb8 42.e7 Qd7 43.Qe3 Qe8
44.Qe5+ Kc8 45.Qxg7 Kd7**

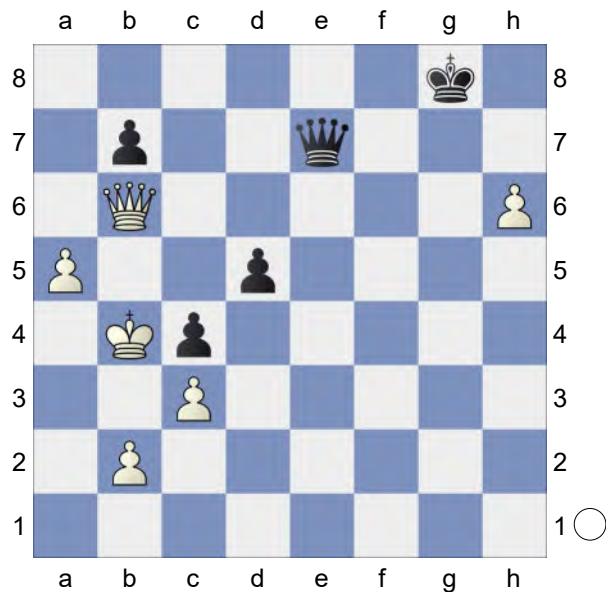


**46.Qxh6 Qxe7 47.Qb6 Ke8 48.h6 Kf7
49.a4 Qd7 50.Ka3 Qe7+**

(Diagram)

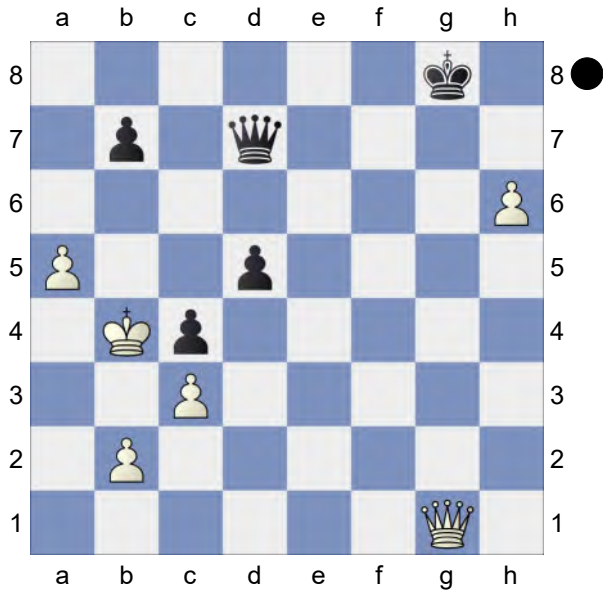


**51.Qb4 Qc7 52.a5 Kg8 53.Qb6 Qe7+
54.Ka4 Qd7+ 55.Kb4 Qe7+**



56.Qc5 Qd7 57.Qg1+

(Diagram)



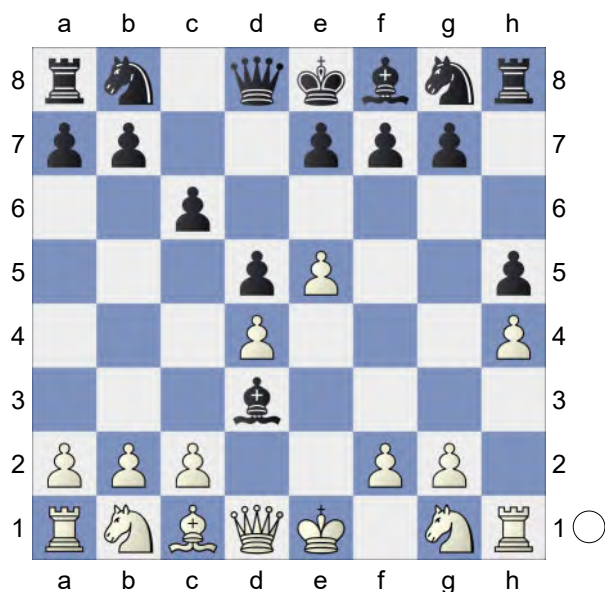
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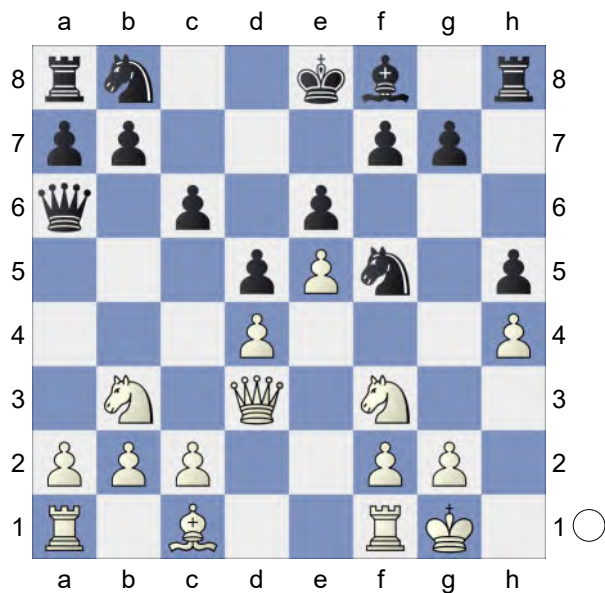
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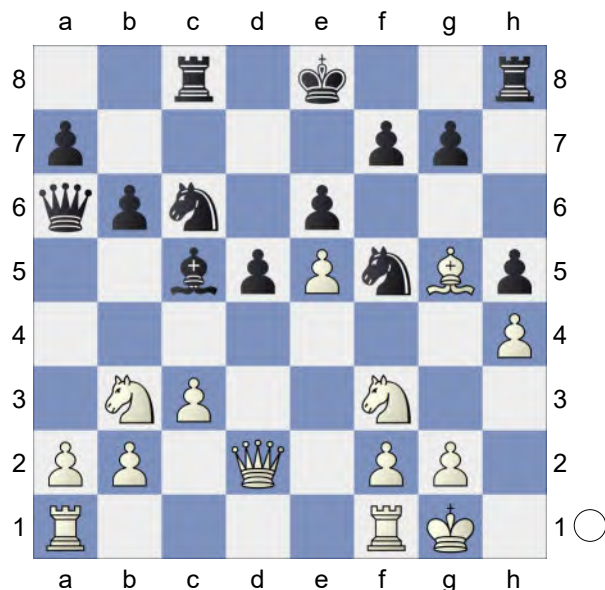
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
 5.Bd3 Bxd3



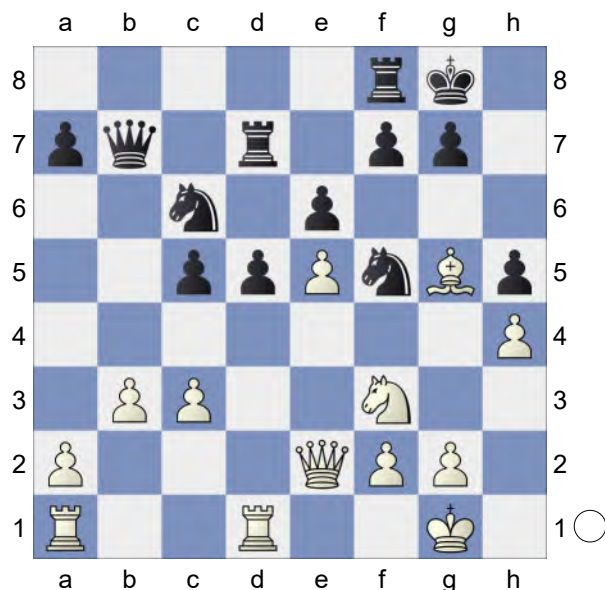
6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.Nd2 Threatens to win with e6! 7...e6 8.Ngf3 White is slightly better. 8...Nh6 9.0-0 Nf5 10.Nb3 Qa6



11.Qd1 b6 12.Bg5 c5! 13.dxc5 Bxc5
 14.c3 Nc6 15.Qd2 Rc8



16.Nxc5 bxc5 17.b3 Rc7 18.Rfe1
 Rd7 19.Red1 Qb7 20.Qe2 0-0

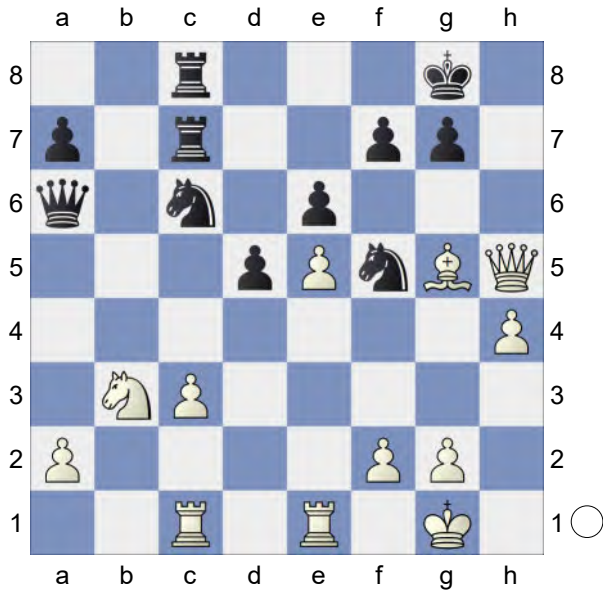


21.Rac1N

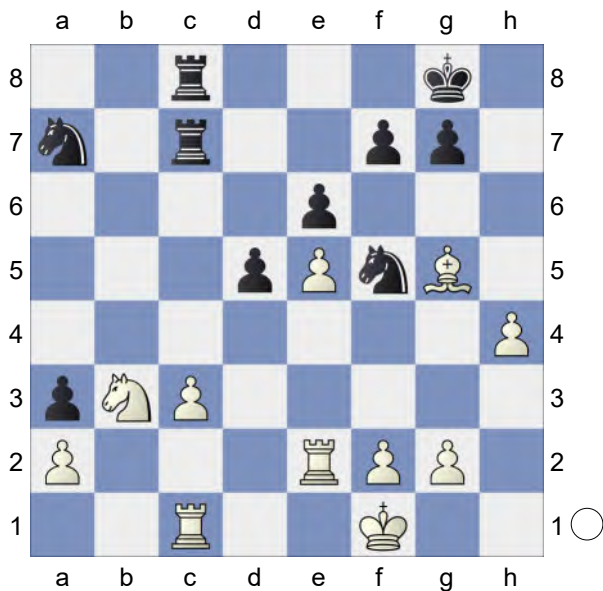
[21.Ne1 c4 22.bxc4 d4 Chapter 8 -
 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3-7.Nd2 [GM Pavel
 Eljanov]]

21...Rc8 22.Nd2 c4 23.Re1 cxb3
 24.Nxb3 Nc5 is the strong threat.
 24...Rdc7! 25.Qxh5 Qa6

(Diagram)

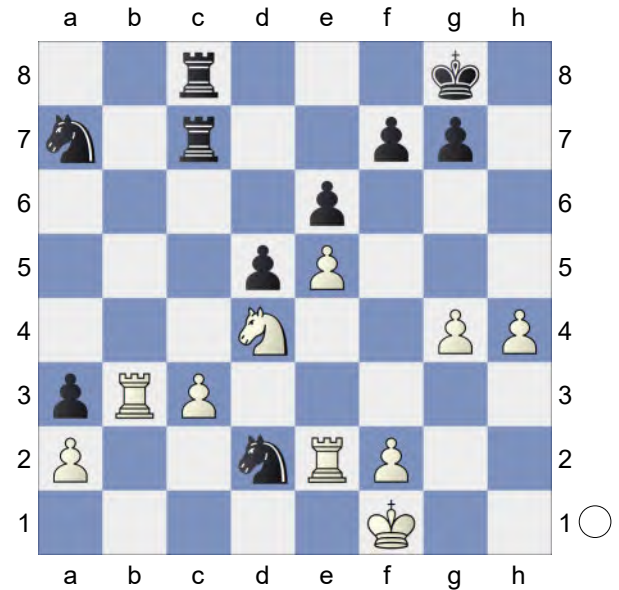


26.Qe2 Qxe2 27.Rxe2 a5 28.Kf1 a4
29.Nc5 a3 30.Nb3
 [30.g4!? Nfe7 31.Nb3=]
30...Na7

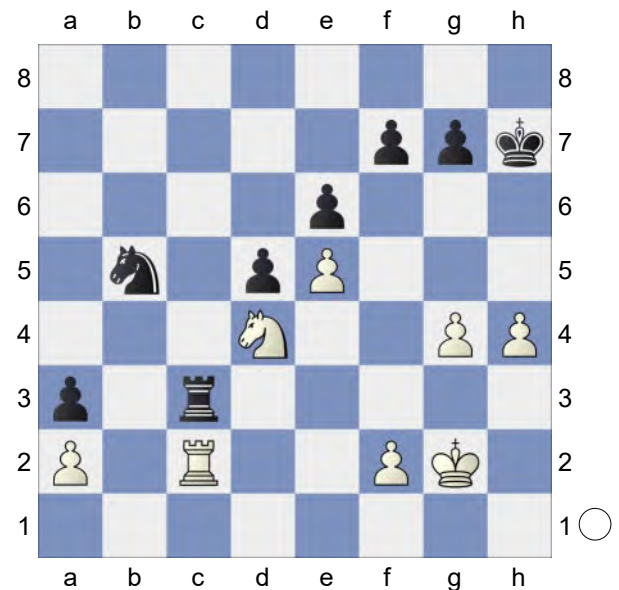


The position is equal. **31.g4 Ne7**
32.Nd4 Nec6 Strongly threatening ...
Nxd4. 33.Rb1 Na5 34.Bd2 Nc4
Pair of Knights! 35.Rb3 Nxd2+
 [35...Nc6 is more complex. 36.Nxc6
 Rxc6 37.Bg5 Rb6]

(Diagram)

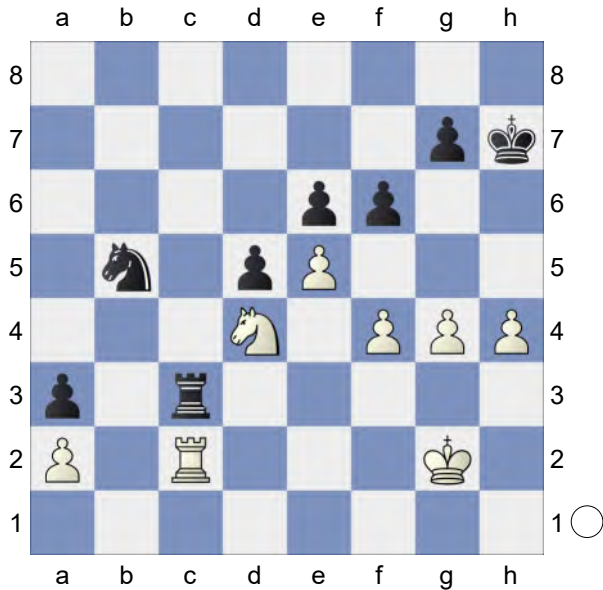


36.Rxd2 Rxc3 37.Rxc3 Rxc3=
Endgame KRN-KRN 38.Kg2 Kh7
39.Rc2 Nb5



40.f4! f6

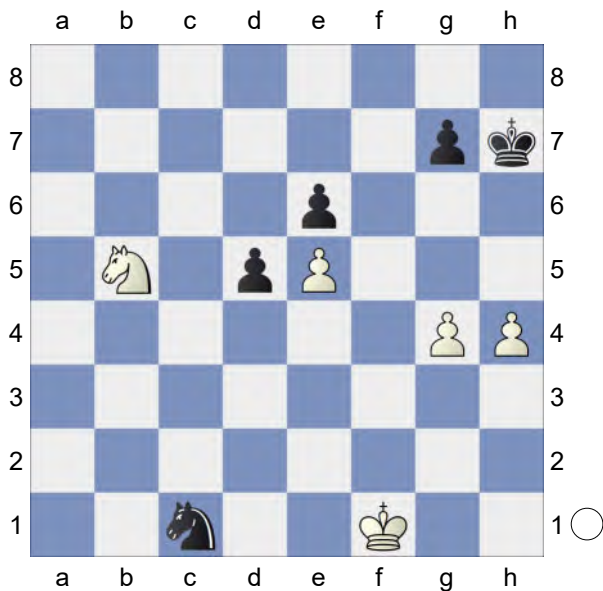
(Diagram)



41.Kf1! Rxc2

[41...fxe5 seems wilder. 42.fxe5 Kg6
43.Ke1 Rxc2 44.Nxc2 Nc3]

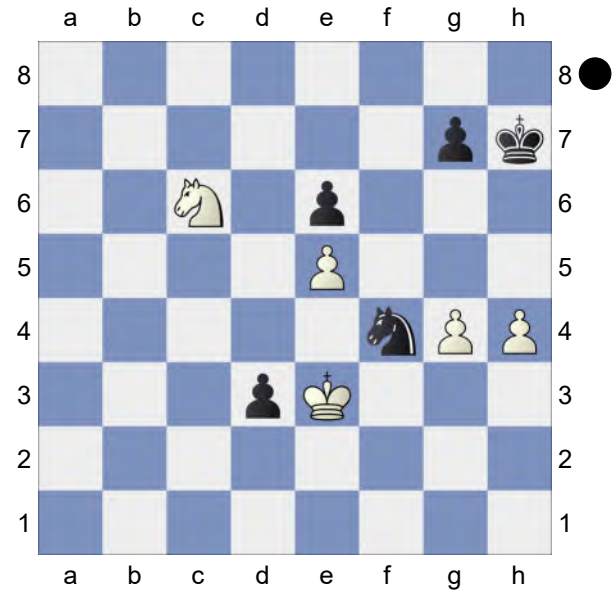
**42.Nxc2 KN-KN 42...Nc3 43.Nxa3 fxe5
44.fxe5 Nxa2 45.Nb5 Nc1**



**46.Nd4 Nd3 47.Nc6 d4 48.Ke2 Nf4+
49.Kf3 d3 White must now prevent ...
d2. 50.Ke3**

[Not 50.Kxf4? d2 51.Nd4 d1Q-+]

(Diagram)



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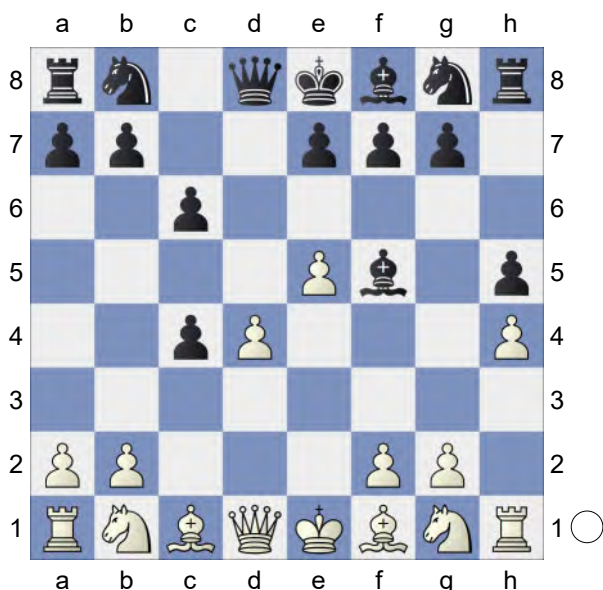
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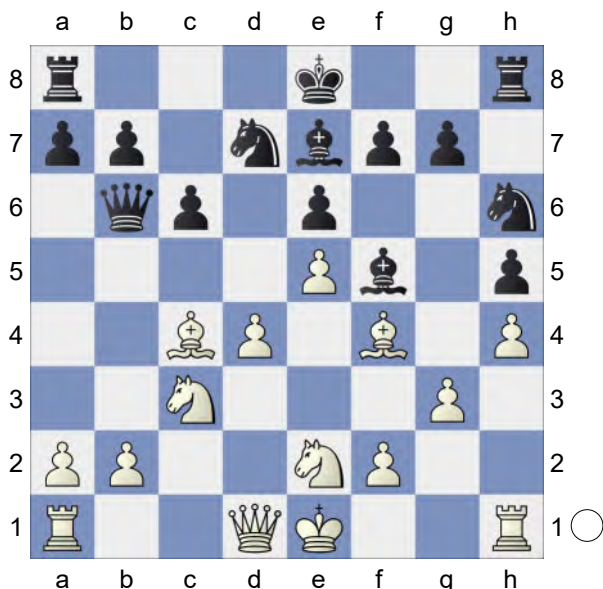
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.c4 dxc4



6.Bxc4 e6 7.Ne2 Nd7 8.Nbc3 Be7!
9.g3 Nh6 10.Bf4 Qb6



11.0-0

[11.Qd2 Qb4 12.Bb3 Rd8 13.Rd1
Nb6 14.Bg5 Ng4 15.Bxe7 Qxe7
16.Qf4 Qb4 17.0-0 a5 18.Qc1 Nh6
19.Bc2 Bxc2 20.Qxc2 Nf5 21.a3
Qe7 22.Ne4 0-0 23.Rd3 Nd5
24.Rfd1 Ra8 25.N2c3 Nxc3
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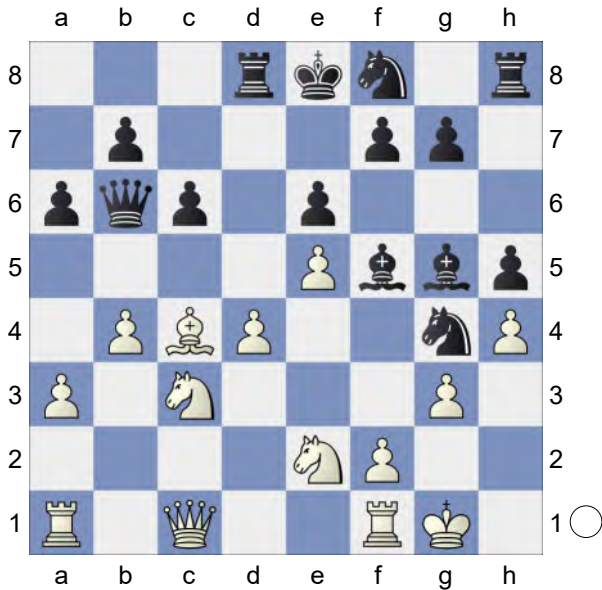
11...Rd8 12.Qc1 Ng4N

[12...a6 13.Bb3 Bg6 14.Bg5 Qb4
15.Bd2 Qb6 16.Nf4 Nf8 17.d5 exd5
18.Ncxd5 Rxd5 19.Bxd5 cxd5
20.Nxd5 Qc6 21.Nxe7 Kxe7
22.Bg5+ Ke6 23.Rd1 Qxc1
24.Raxc1 Be4 25.Rd6+ Kxe5
26.Bf4+ Kf5 27.Rc5+ Ragger,M
(2632)-Baldauf,M (2501) Austria 2023
Mega2023 Update 21 [MH] ½-½ (71)]
[12...Bg6 13.Bg5 Qb4 14.Bxe7
Qxe7 15.Nf4 Nf5 16.Nxg6 fxc6
17.Ne2 Nb6 18.Bb3 Kf7 19.Rd1
Nd5 20.Rd3 Rd7 21.Qc5 a6
22.Rad1 Rhd8 23.a3 Nc7 24.Qc2
g5 25.Rf3 g6 26.Rxf5+ gxf5
27.Qxf5+ Vachier Lagrave,M (2736)-
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13.a3 a6 14.b4 Against c5 14...Nf8
15.Bg5 With the idea Bxe7. 15...Bxg5
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[15...Ng6= 0.05/22]

(Diagram)

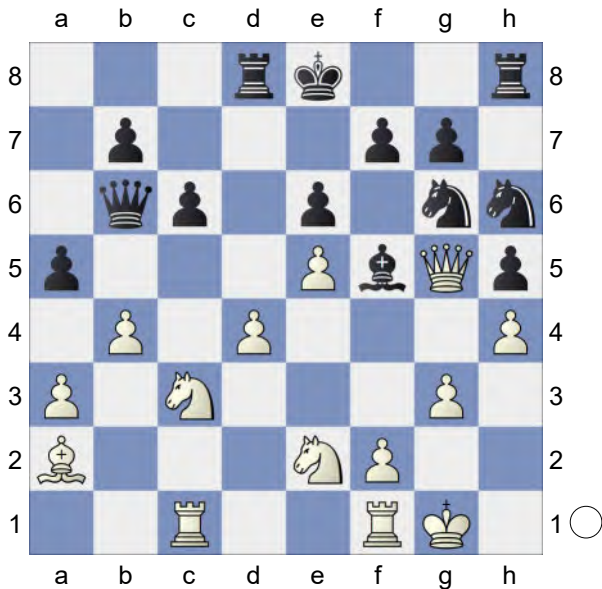


16.Qxg5±

[16.hxg5 Qa7 17.Nd1 h4-+]

16...Ng6 17.Ba2 Nh6 18.Na4 Qb5

19.Nac3 Qb6 20.Rac1 a5



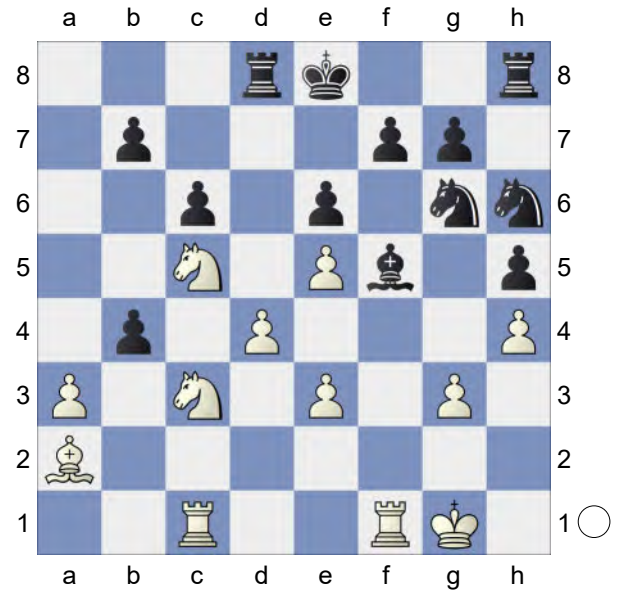
21.Na4 Qb5 22.Nec3 Qd3 23.Nc5

[23.Qxh5 Ng4 24.Bb1 (24.Qg5? Nxh4 25.Qxh4 Rxh4-+) 24...Qf3 25.Bxf5 exf5 26.Qxh8+ Nxh8-+]

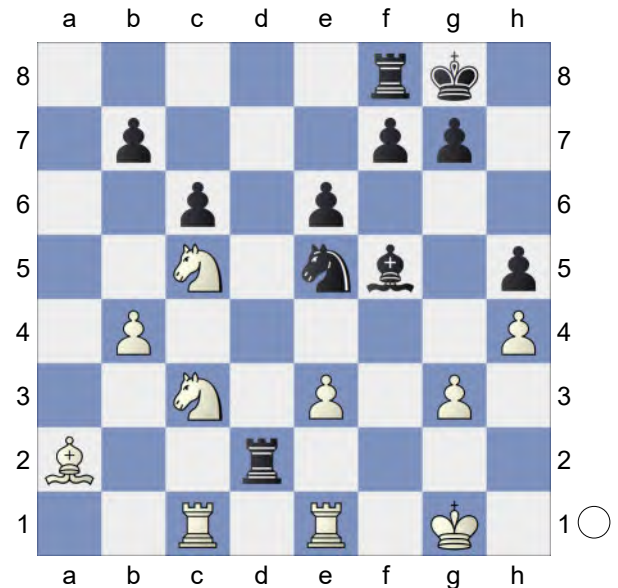
23...Qf3 24.Qe3! Dancing on a razor blade.

[Don't blunder 24.Nxb7? Rd7 25.Nd6+ Rxd6!-+]

24...Qxe3 25.fxe3 axb4



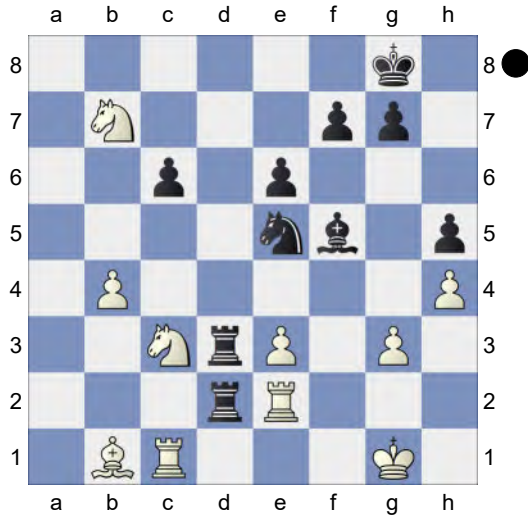
26.axb4 0-0 27.N3a4 Ng4 28.Rfe1 N6xe5 29.dxe5 Rd2! ...Nh2 is the strong threat. 30.Nc3 Nxe5



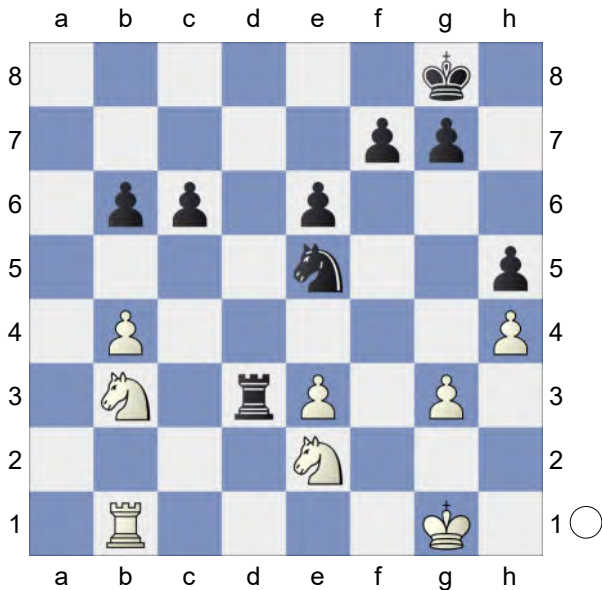
(-> ...Nf3+) **31.Re2 Rfd8 Hoping for ... Bg4. 32.Bb1**

[Much worse is 32.Nxb7 R8d3 33.Bb1

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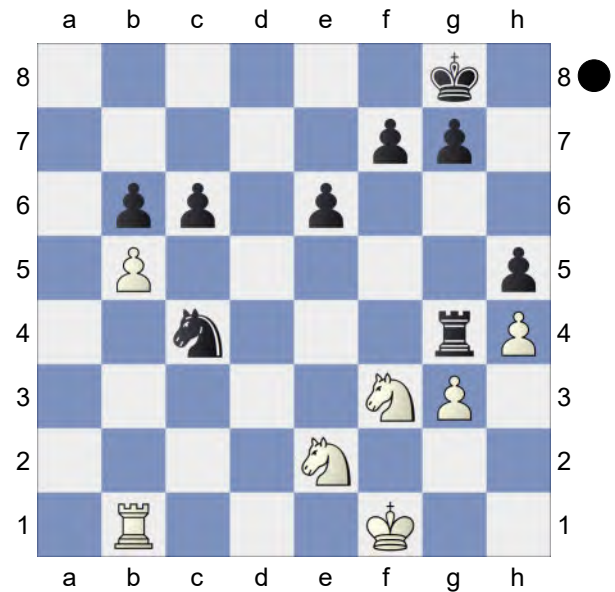


Rxc3! 34.Rxc3 Rxe2 35.Bxf5 exf5+]
32...Bxb1! 33.Rxb1 b6 Strongly
threatening ...Rxe2. 34.Nb3 Rxe2
The position is equal. 35.Nxe2 Rd3



36.e4 Re3 37.Kf1 Rxe4 38.Nd2 Rg4
39.b5 Nc4 40.Nf3
 [Much less strong is 40.Nxc4 Rxc4
 41.bxc6 Rxc6±]

(Diagram)



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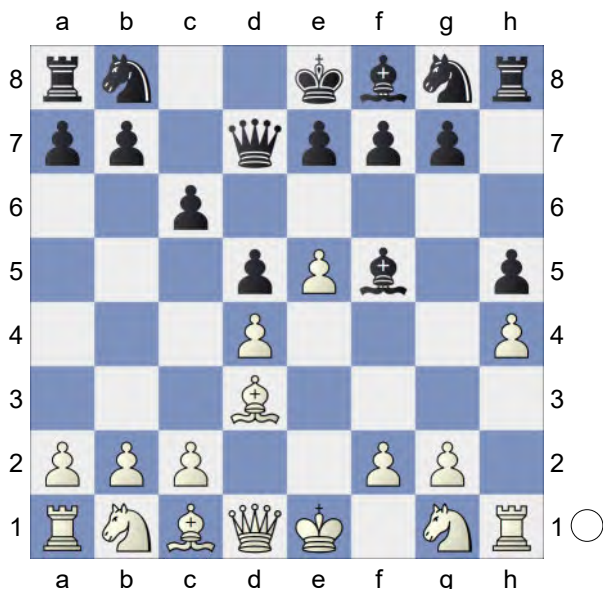
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Qd7

[5...Bxd3 6.Qxd3 e6 (6...Qa5+ 7.Nd2 e6 8.Ne2 Qa6 9.c4 Ne7 10.b3 Nd7 11.0-0 Nf5 12.Nf3 Nb6 13.Ng3 dxc4 14.Qe2 c3 15.Qc2 g6 16.Bg5 Nd5 17.Ne4 Qa3 18.Bf6 Rg8 19.Nxc3 Nxc3 20.Qxc3 Be7 21.Rfd1 Zherebtsova,A (2239)-Pham, L (2380) Budapest 2024 1-0 (52)) 7.Bg5 Qa5+ 8.Nd2 c5 9.Ngf3 Nc6 10.0-0 cxd4 11.Nb3 Qa6 12.Nbxd4 Qxd3 13.cxd3 Kd7 14.Rac1 Rc8 15.Be3 Nh6 16.Nxc6 bxc6 17.Bxa7 Ra8 18.Be3 Be7 19.a3 Nf5 20.g3 Onischuk,V (2613)-Grischuk,A (2747) Almaty 2016 CBM 176 [Papp,Petra] 1-0 (39)]



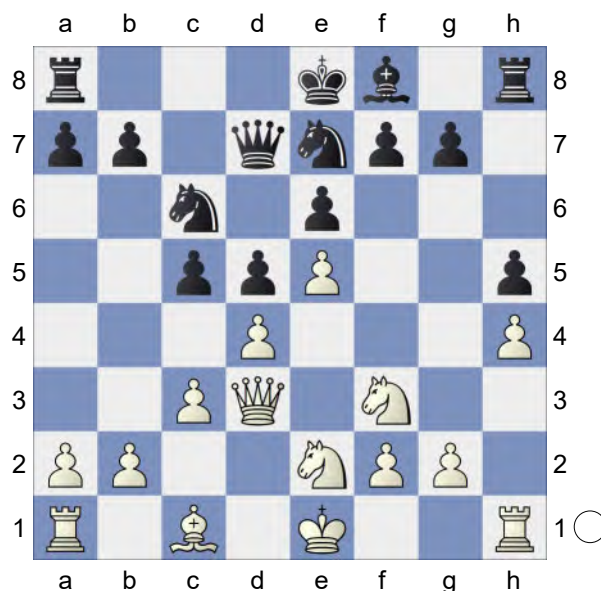
6.Ne2 0.35/18

[Δ6.Bg5 0.66/18]

6...Bxd3N

[6...Nh6 7.Bxh6 (7.Ng3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 c5 9.c3 Nc6 10.Be3 Ng4 7) Advance with 3...Bf5: The ,T-4. h4 variation with 5...Qd7?) 7...Rxh6 8.0-0 f6 9.f4 Bg4 10.c3 e6 7) Advance with 3...Bf5: The ,T-4. h4 variation with 5...Qd7?]

7.Qxd3 e6 8.Nd2 White is slightly better. 8...c5 9.c3 Nc6 10.Nf3 Nge7



11.0-0 Nf5 12.Bg5 c4 0.81/18

[12...cxd4± 0.48/19 13.cxd4 (13.Nexd4 Ncxd4 14.cxd4 Be7=) 13...Be7]

13.Qc2 b5 0.93/18

[13...Be7± 0.53/18 might be stronger.]

14.b3 0.52/18

[14.b4± 0.93/18]

14...Rc8 0.86/18

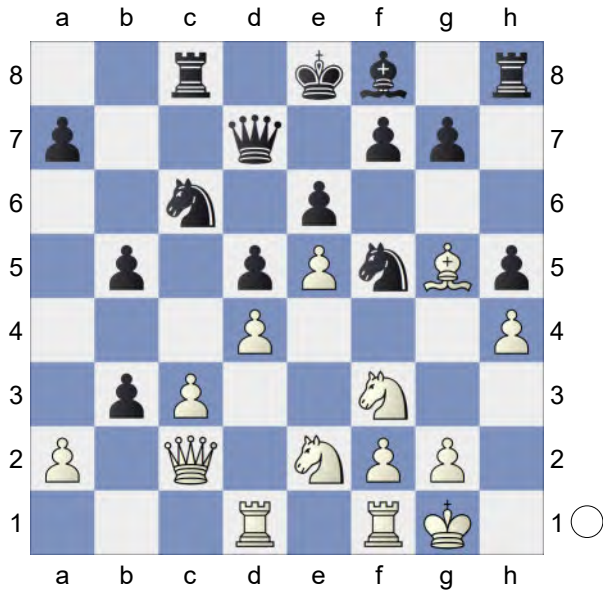
[14...Be7± 0.52/18 should be considered.]

15.Rad1 0.48/22

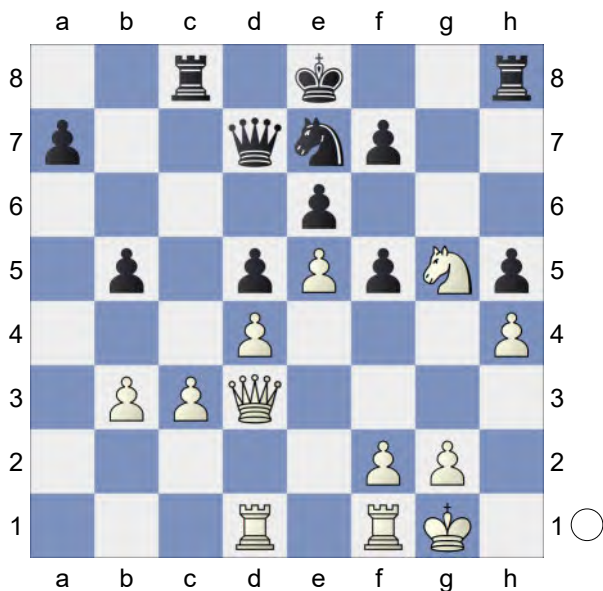
[15.bxc4± 0.86/18 bxc4 16.Nf4]

15...cxb3

(Diagram)

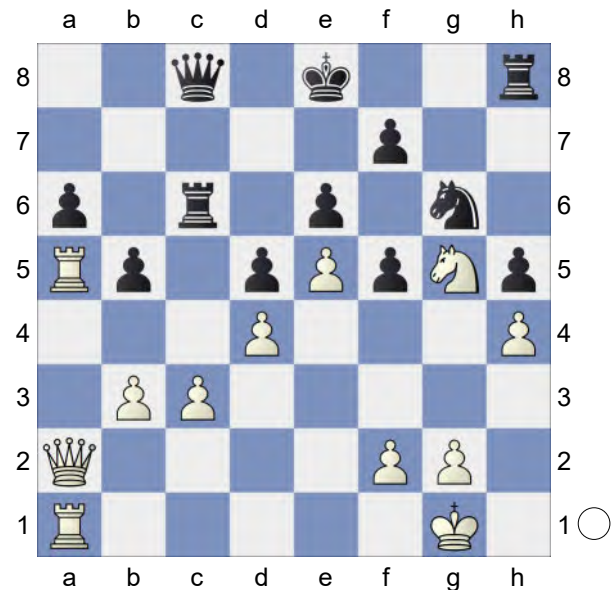


16.axb3 Be7 17.Ng3 g6 1.59/19
 [17...Bxg5!± 0.49/18 18.Nxf5
 (18.hxg5 Nce7=) 18...Be7]
18.Nxf5± gxf5 19.Qd3 Bxg5 20.Nxg5
 [20.hxg5?! b4±]
20...Ne7 2.04/21
 [Δ20...a5 1.67/18 21.Ra1 (21.Qxb5
 Nxe5 22.Qxa5 Nc6±) 21...Rb8]

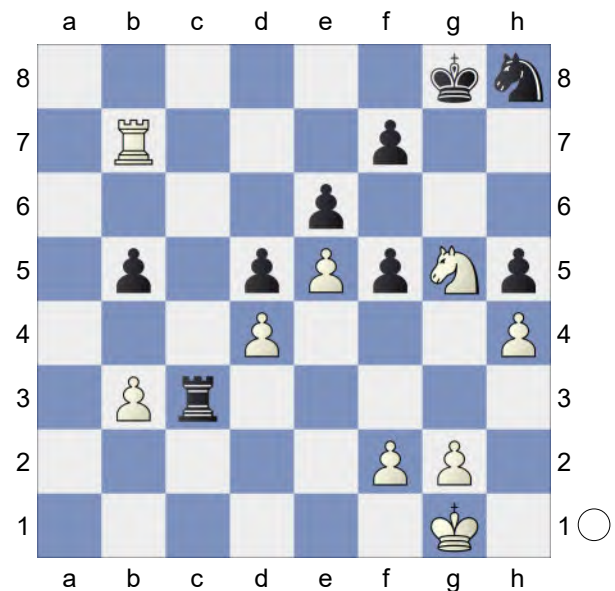


21.Ra1+- Qb7 22.Ra5 Black must now
prevent Rfa1. 22...a6 23.Rfa1 Rc6
24.Qe2 Qc8 25.Qa2 1.22/16
 [25.g3+- 2.05/19]

25...Ng6±

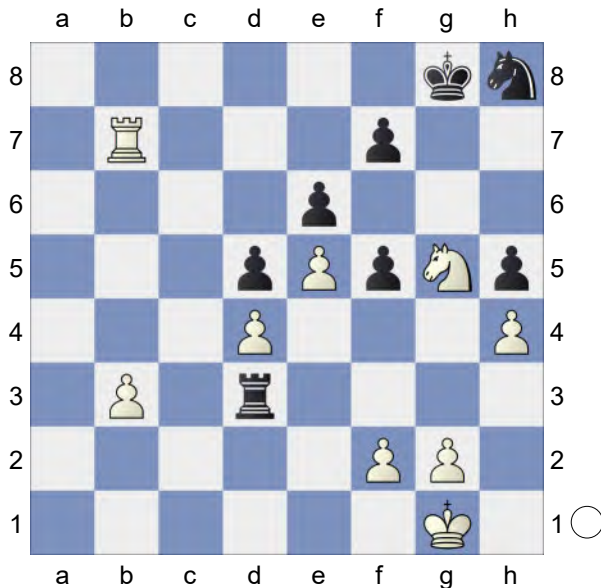


26.Rxa6 1.09/25
 [Δ26.g3 1.48/22]
26...Rxa6 27.Qxa6 0-0 28.Qxc8
&Bianco is much more active.
 [Don't play 28.Qxb5?! Qxc3 29.Rd1
 Nf4±]
28...Rxc8 Endgame KRN-KRN 29.Ra7!
Nh8 30.Rb7 Rxc3



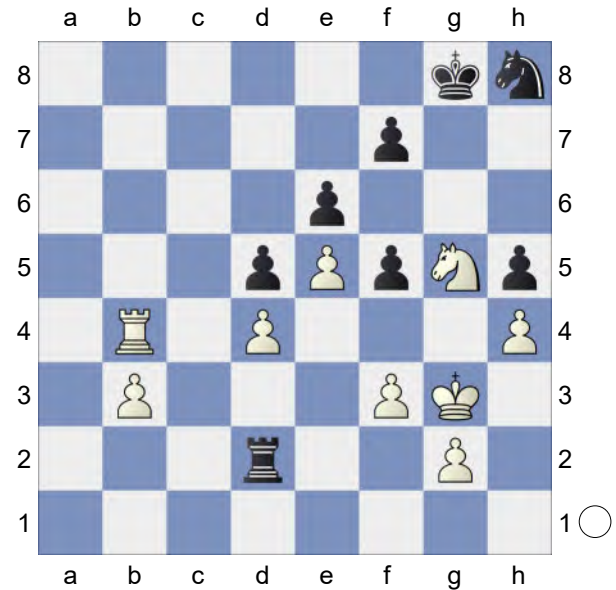
31.Rxb5 Rd3 1.45/28
 [Better is 31...Rc1+ 1.07/23 32.Kh2
 Rd1]
32.Rb8+ Kg7 33.Rb7 Kg8 2.14/23

[33...Rd1+± 1.07/25 34.Kh2 Kg8]
34.Rb8+ Kg7 35.Rb7 0.89/25
 [35.f4!+- 1.72/26]
35...Kg8 1.91/20
 [35...Rd1+± 0.89/25 36.Kh2 Kg8]

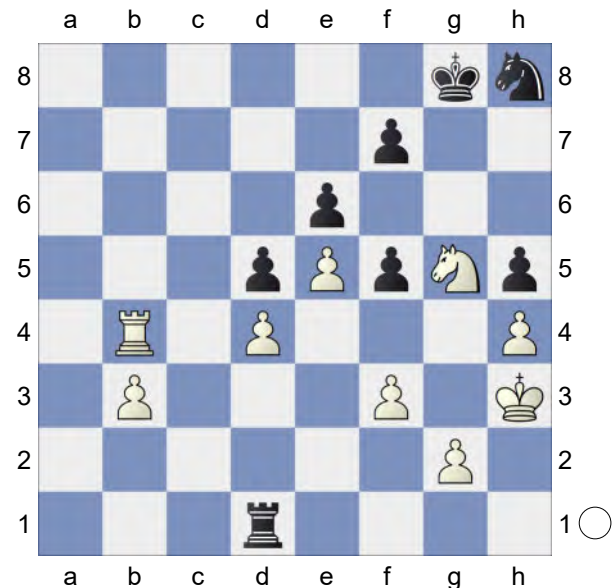


36.Rb4 0.99/19
 [White should try 36.f4+- 1.91/20]
36...Rd1+ 37.Kh2 Hoping for g3.
37...Rd2 38.Kg3 Rd3+ 1.84/23
 [38...f4+± 1.52/18 39.Kxf4 Rxf2+
 40.Kg3 Rc2 41.Rb8+ Kg7]
39.f3 0.89/21
 [39.Nf3!+- 1.84/23 and the rest is
 easy.]
39...Rd2 2.18/19
 [39...Kg7± 0.89/21]

(Diagram)

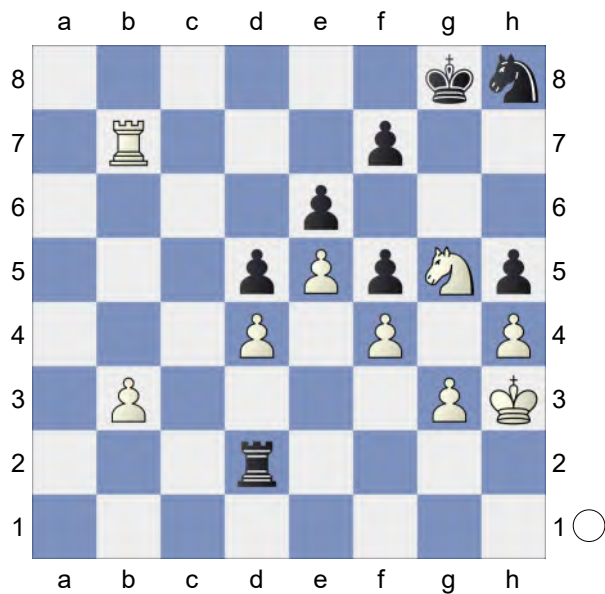


40.Kh3 0.72/21
 [40.f4!+- 2.18/19 is the precise move
 to win.]
40...Rd1 2.12/20
 [40...f4± 0.72/21 was worth a try.]

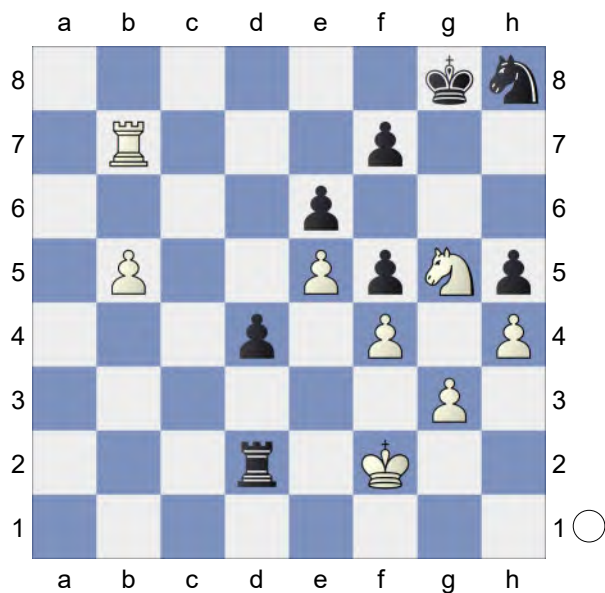


41.g3!+- Rd2 42.f4 Kg7 43.Rb7
 aiming for Nxe6+. **43...Kg8 44.Rb8+**
Kg7 45.Rb7 Nxe6+ is the strong threat.
45...Kg8

(Diagram)

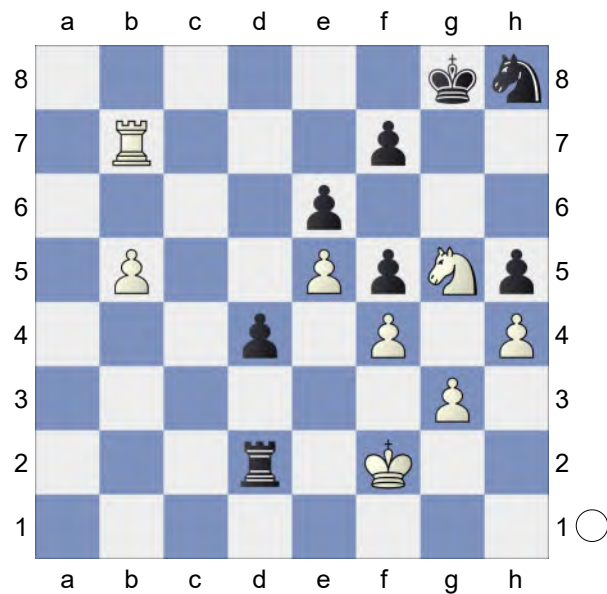


46.b4 Rxd4 47.Kg2 Rd2+ 48.Kf3 d4
49.b5 Rd3+? 4.49/23
 [49...Ra2 2.23/21 50.Rb6 Rd2]
50.Kf2 Rd2+



51.Kf3 1.91/22
 [51.Ke1 3.97/24 Rb2 52.Kd1]
51...Rd3+ 4.14/25
 [51...Ra2 1.91/22 52.Rb6 Rd2]
52.Kf2 Rd2+

(Diagram)



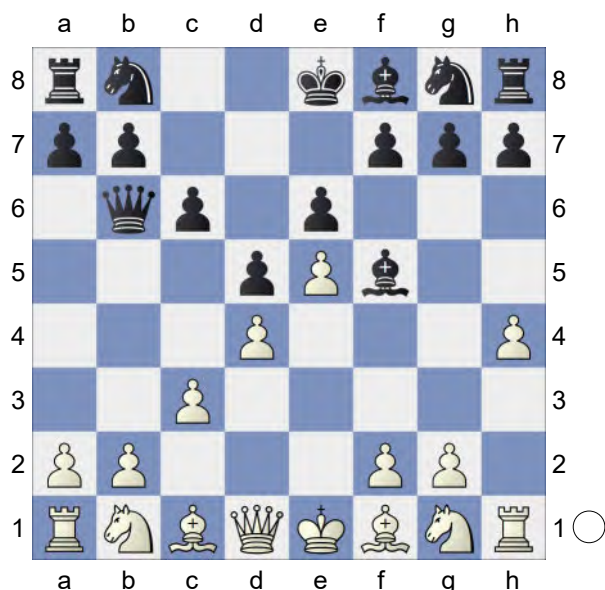
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 (precise) /Black=0.28 (precise) . An
 unexpected result.
 1/2-1/2

11 **B12**
 □ **Siyay_25** **2764**
 ■ **Lintchevski,Daniil** **2894**
 Blitz 31.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 Qb6 5.c3 e6



6.Nd2 Strongly threatening g4. **6...h5**
 Against g4 **7.Nb3** 0.02/25

[7.Be2± 0.40/20]

7...Nd7 8.Be3N -0.25/24

[Δ8.Be2 0.19/22 g6 9.Nf3 Bg4
 10.Bf4 Bh6 11.Ng5 Bxe2 12.Qxe2
 Ne7 13.0-0 Nf5 14.g3 c5 15.dxc5
 Nxc5 16.Nd4 Bxg5 17.Bxg5 Ne4
 18.Nxf5 gxf5 19.Bf4 0-0-0 20.Kh2
 Kb8 21.f3 Nc5 22.Rfd1 Na4 23.Rd2
 Wolff,P (2565)-Yermolinsky,A (2560)
 Modesto 1995 CBM 051 [King,Daniel
 J] 0-1 (60)]

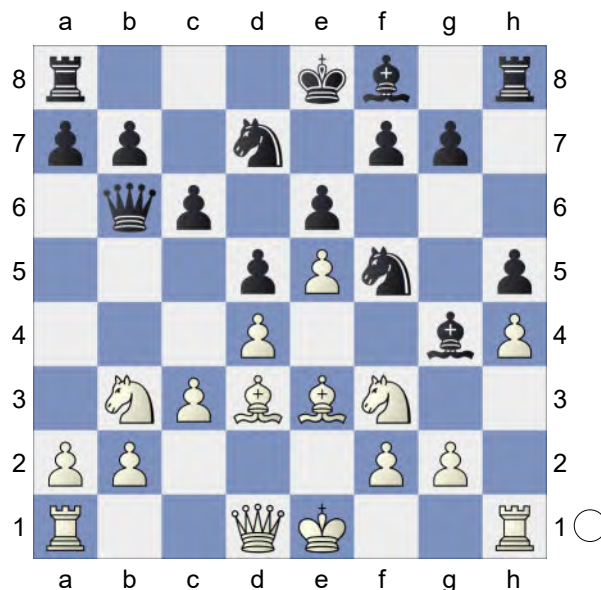
8...Ne7 0.11/22

[8...Nh6 -0.25/24 might be stronger.]

9.Nf3 -0.25/24

[Δ9.a4 0.11/22]

9...Bg4= 10.Bd3 Nf5



11.Bxf5 exf5 0.63/22

[11...Bxf5± -0.38/24 12.0-0 Be7]

12.Qc2 0.31/20

[Δ12.Bg5 0.63/22]

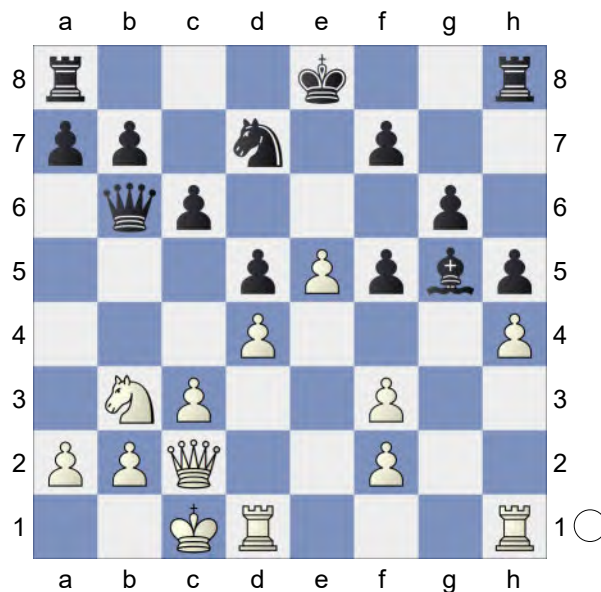
12...Bxf3± 13.gxf3 g6 14.0-0-0
 -0.39/22

[Better is 14.Bg5± 0.36/21]

14...Be7± 15.Bg5 -0.72/20

[15.c4± -0.31/21]

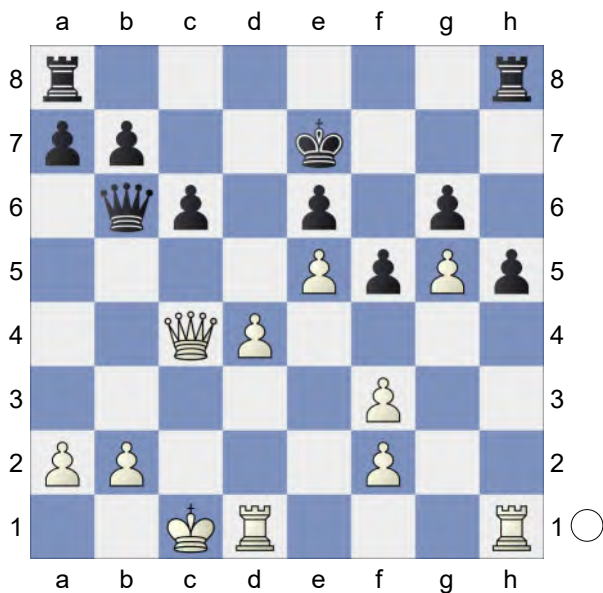
15...Bxg5+±



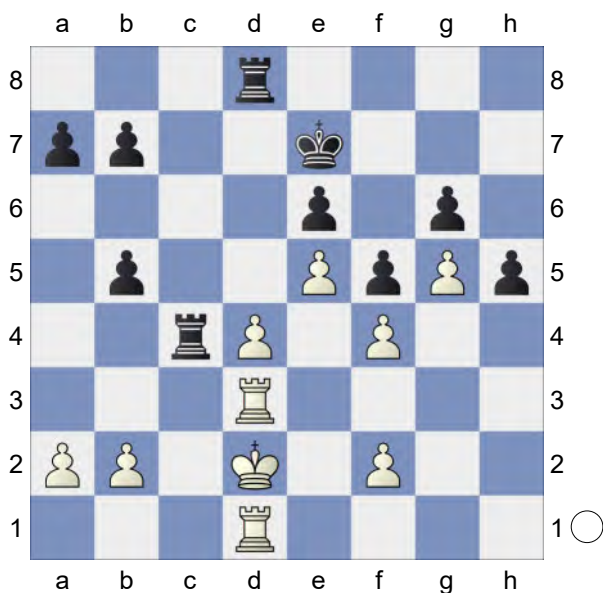
16.hxg5 Nf8 17.Nc5 Ne6 18.Nxe6
 fxe6 **19.c4** -1.05/19

[19.Kd2= -0.19/20]

19...dxc4! 20.Qxc4 Ke7 -0.51/23
 [20...Kf7 -1.13/26]

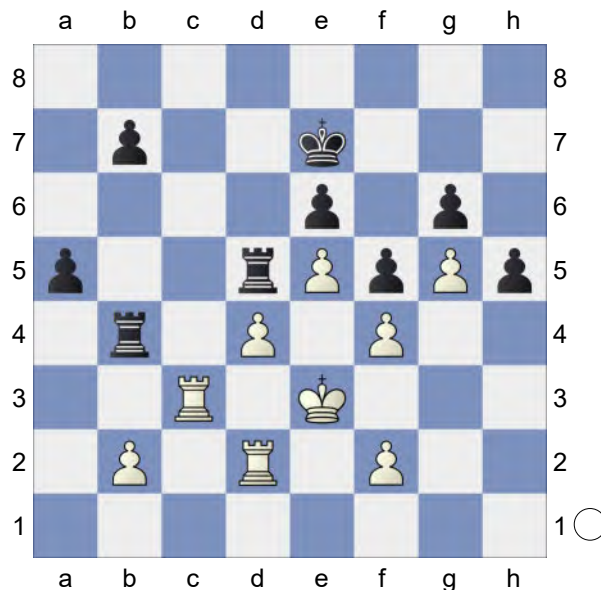


21.f4 Rhd8 22.Rd3 -1.19/21
 [22.Rh3! -0.53/21]
22...Qb5 -0.54/23
 [22...a5 -1.19/21]
23.Qxb5 cxb5 Endgame KRR-KRR
24.Rhd1 Rac8+ 25.Kd2! Rc4

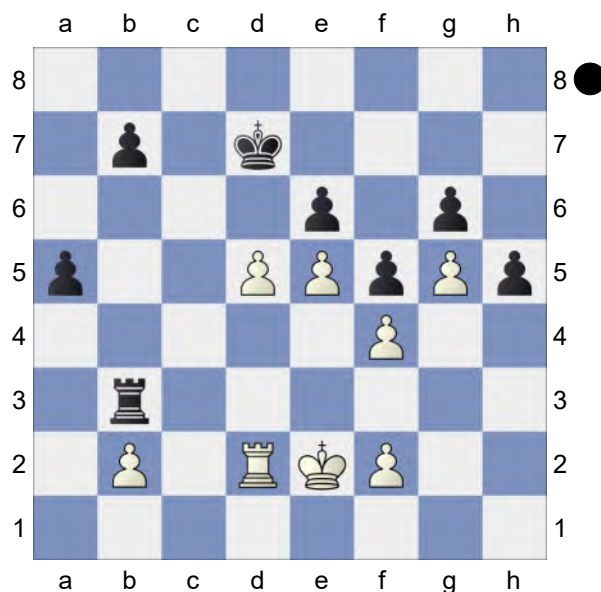


26.Ke3 Rd5! 27.R1d2 b4 28.a3
-1.25/20
 [28.b3 -0.70/29 Rc8 29.Rd1]
28...bxa3! & Nero is more active.

29.Rxa3 a5 30.Rc3 Rb4 0.00/29
 [30...Rc6 -1.33/22 White must now
 prevent ...Kd7. 31.Kd3 Rb5]

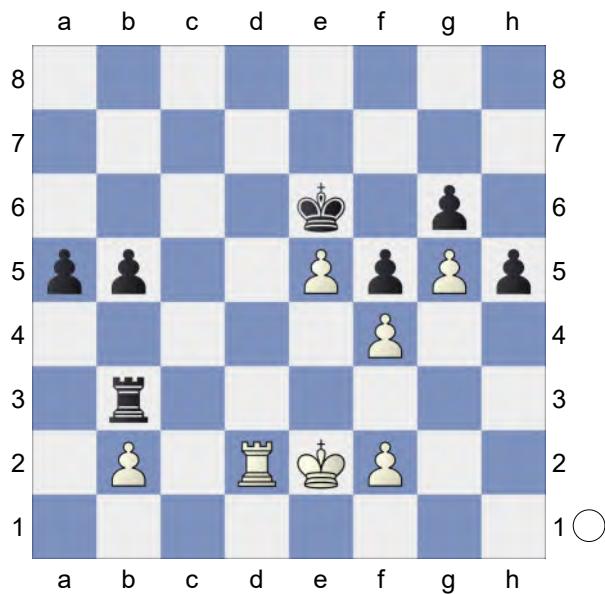


31.Rc7+= Rd7 32.Rxd7+ -1.10/21
 [32.Rc8= 0.00/29]
32...Kxd7 KR-KR 33.d5 Rb3+! 34.Ke2



b5 -0.02/28
 [34...a4! -0.78/23]
35.dxe6+ Kxe6

(Diagram)



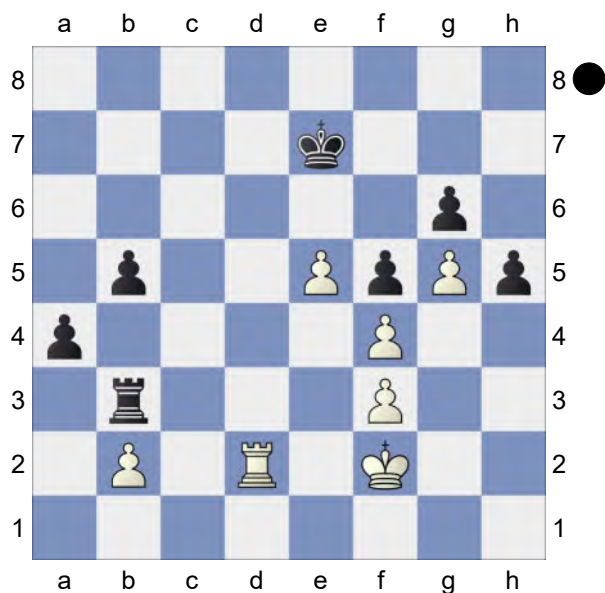
36.Rd6+ Kf7 37.Rd7+ Kf8 38.Rd2?
-2.15/29

[38.Rd8+= -0.02/26 and White stays
safe. Ke7 39.Rd6]

38...a4+ Hoping for ...h4. 39.f3?
-4.82/28

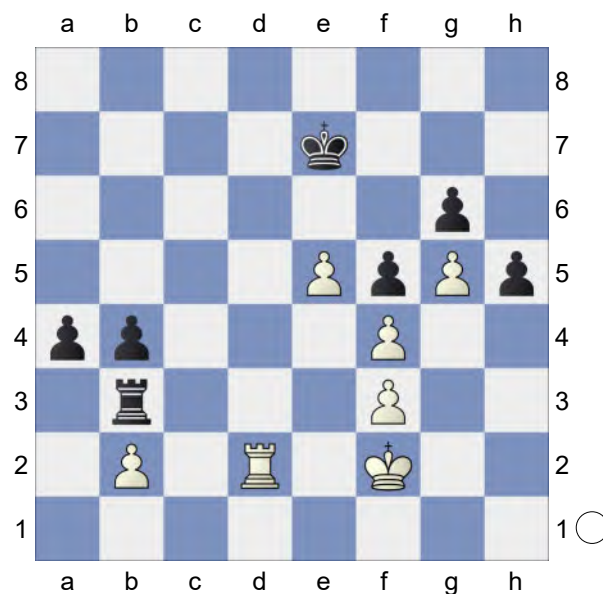
[39.Kf1± -0.93/24 nothing else
works.]

39...Ke7 40.Kf2



b4 -1.50/22

[40...h4!-+ -3.48/27 has better
winning chances. 41.Rc2 (41.Kg2?
Rb4-+) 41...b4]



41.Kg3± a3 0.00/34

[Black should try 41...h4+± -1.48/27
42.Kxh4 Rxf3]

42.bxa3= bxa3 43.Rc2? -6.44/27

[43.Rd6= 0.00/34]

43...Kd7? -0.03/29

[43...Rb7-+ -6.44/27 44.Ra2 Rb3]

44.Rd2+ -0.68/29

[44.Rc4!= -0.03/29]

44...Kc7 -0.03/33

[Black should play 44...Kc6!± -0.68/29
45.e6 h4+ 46.Kxh4 Re3]

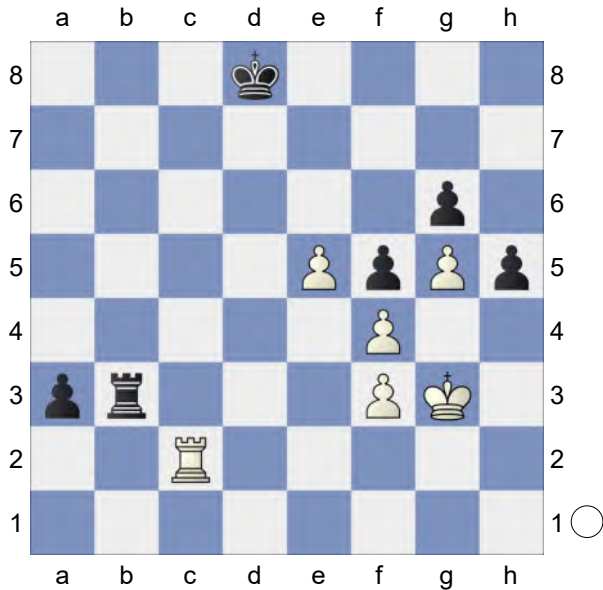
45.Rc2+ -0.45/31

[45.e6= -0.03/33]

45...Kd8 0.00/31

[45...Kd7± -0.45/31 feels stronger.
46.Rc5 a2]

(Diagram)



46.Rd2+ Ke8

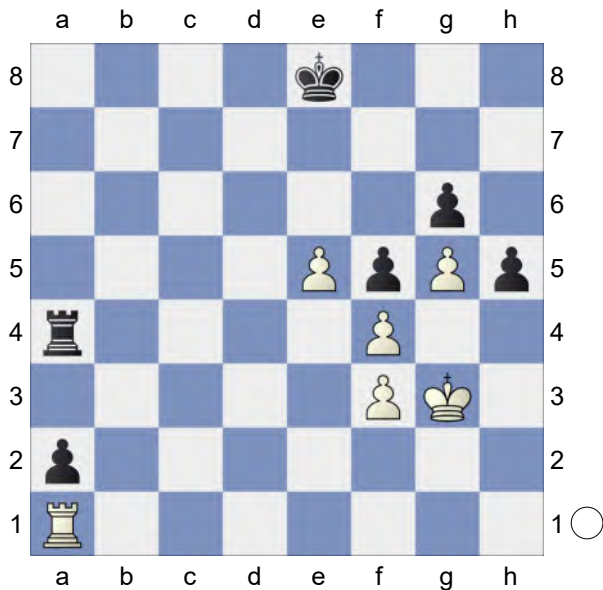
[Don't go for 46...Ke7? 47.Rd5-+]

47.Rc2? -6.22/25

[47.Rd6= 0.00/31]

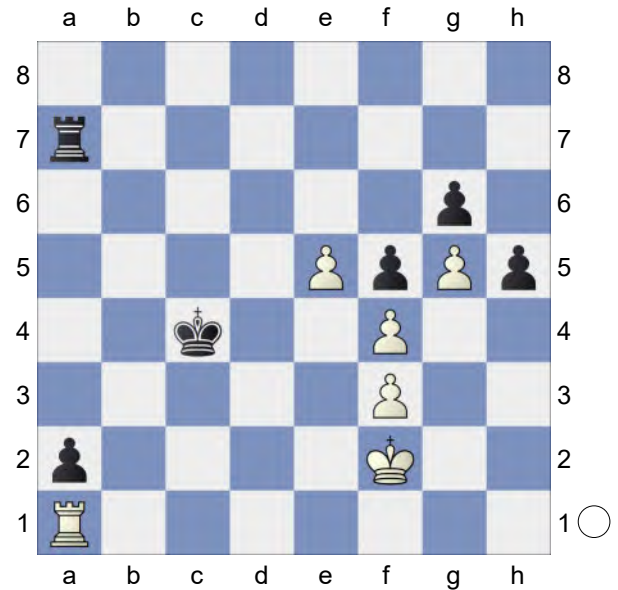
47...Rb8-+ 48.Rc7 Ra8 Against Ra7

49.Rc1 a2 50.Ra1 Ra4



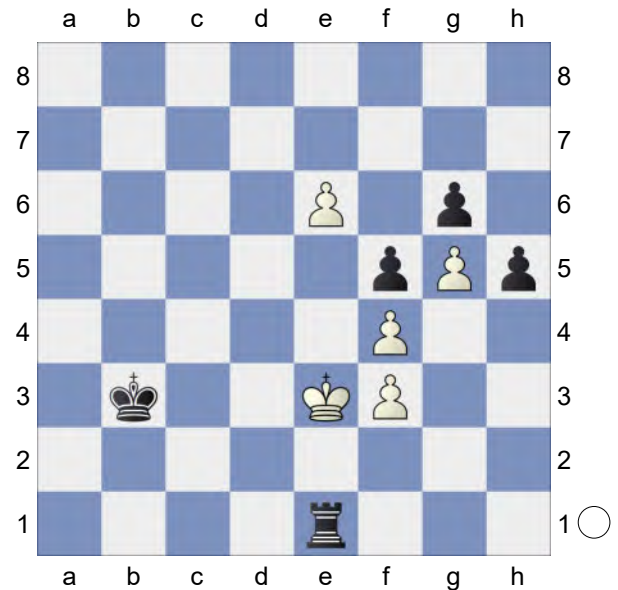
51.Kf2 Ke7 52.Kg3 Ke6 53.Kf2 Kd5
 aiming for ...Ra8. **54.Kg3 Ra7**
 And now ...Kc4 would win. **55.Kf2 Kc4**

(Diagram)



56.e6 Kb3 57.Re1 a1Q Black mates.

58.Rxa1 Rxa1 59.Ke3 Re1+



**Weighted Error Value: White=1.09/
 Black=0.34**

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Blitz

[Kitty Kat]

B12

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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

Inf 109/(52) 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5
4.h4 h5 5.c4 e6

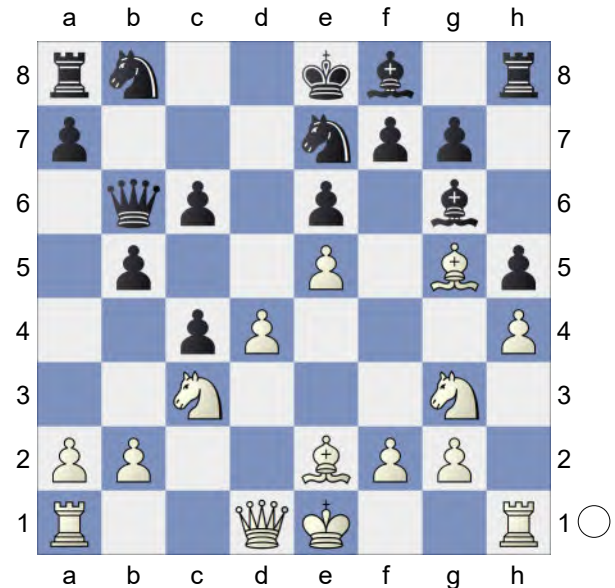
6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Nge2 dxc4 0.62/19

[7...Nd7!= 0.28/20]

8.Ng3!± b5

[8...Bg6 9.Bg5 (9.Bxc4 Nd7 10.Be3 Nf5 11.Nxf5 Bxf5 12.g3 Nb6 13.Bd3 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 Nd5 15.0-0 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Be7 17.c4 Qd7 18.a4 g6 19.Rfd1 0-0 20.Qe4 Rad8 21.Rd3 f5 22.exf6 Rxf6 23.a5 Rf5 Petrosyan,M (2612)-Pham,L (2384) Doha QAT 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (50)) 9...Qb6 10.Qd2 Qb4 11.a3 Qb3 12.Nge4 Nd5 13.Rh3 Qb6 14.Bxc4 Qa5 15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.exd6 Nd7 17.Rc1 Nxc3 18.Rcxc3 Svidler,P (2734)-Nakamura,H (2729) Amsterdam 109/(52) 2010 C11-130 [RR]]

9.Bg5 White has compensation. White is slightly better. 9...Qb6 10.Be2 Bg6



11.a4N

[11.Nxh5 Nf5 12.Nf4 Bh7±]

[11.Bxh5 Bxh5 12.Nxh5 Nf5=]

[11.0-0 Nd5 12.Bxh5 Bd3 13.Nce2 Na6 14.Bf3 Nab4 15.Be4 f6 16.exf6 gxf6 17.Be3 f5 18.Bxd5 Nxd5 19.h5 Bd6 20.Qd2 Kd7 21.a3 Bxe2 22.Nxe2 Rxh5 23.Nf4 Nxf4 24.Bxf4 Rah8 25.g3 Qc7 Toll,H (1883)-Scotch Opening (2170) Aix les Bains 2023 CT-2392 [John Watson] 0-1 (44) 26.Be5 R8h7 27.a4 b4 28.Rfe1 c5 29.Kf1 Qc6 30.Qf4 Qd5 31.Bxd6 Qxd6 32.Qxd6+ Kxd6 33.dxc5+ Kxc5 34.Kg2 Rh2+ 35.Kf3 Rd7 36.Re5+ Rd5 37.Rxe6 Rd2 38.Rf1 Rxb2 39.Re5+ Kd4 40.Rxf5 c3 Moll Gener,J (1883)-Roca Planas,E (2170) Salobrena 2023 0-1 (44)]

11...Nd7 12.0-0 Rd8 13.axb5

[13.Nxh5? Nxe5! 14.Nf4 (14.axb5? Rxd4 15.Qe1 Bxh5+) 14...Rxd4+]

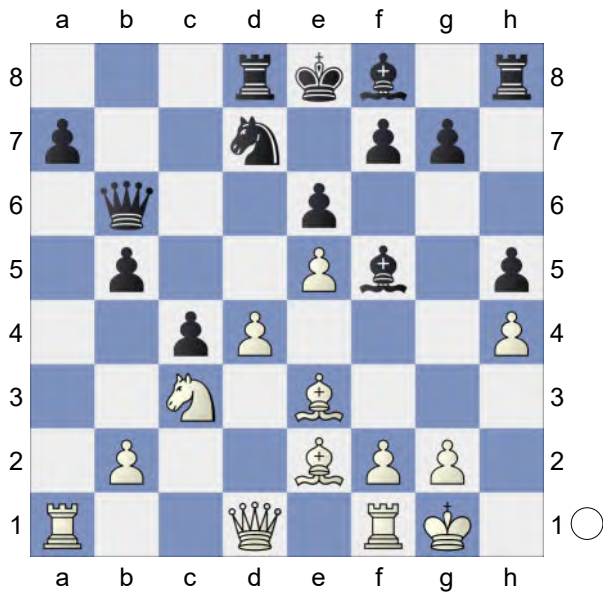
13...cxb5 14.Be3 0.27/18

[14.Nxh5? Nxe5! 15.Ng3 Rxd4+]

[14.Bxh5 Bxh5 15.Nxh5 Nxe5!±]

[14.Bf3!± 0.97/19]

14...Nf5!= 15.Nxf5 Bxf5



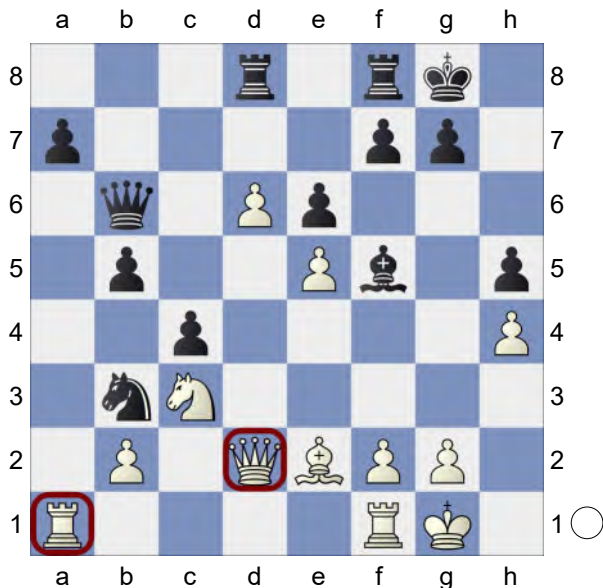
16.Qc1 Be7 17.d5 -1.00/17

[17.Rd1= 0.00/19]

17...Bc5+ 18.Bxc5 Nxc5 19.d6 0-0
...Nb3 is the strong threat. 20.Qd2?
-3.22/17

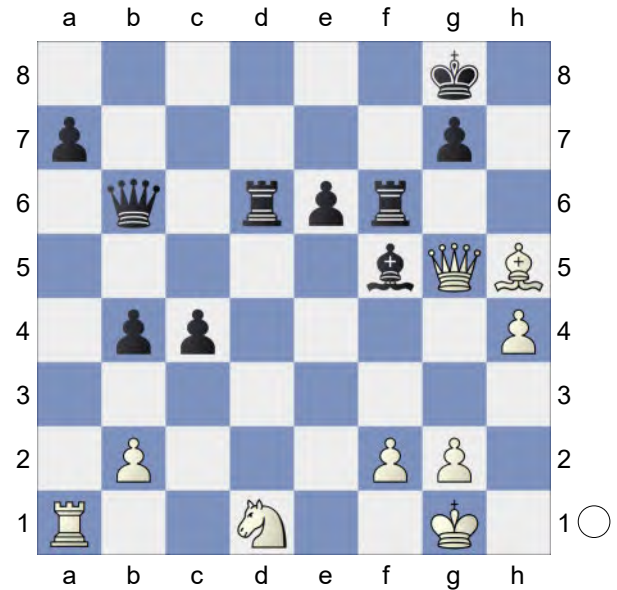
[20.Qe3+ -1.10/17 was necessary.]

20...Nb3-+



21.Qg5 Nxa1 22.Rxa1 f6 23.exf6
Rxf6 24.Bxh5 b4 25.Nd1 Rxd6

(Diagram)

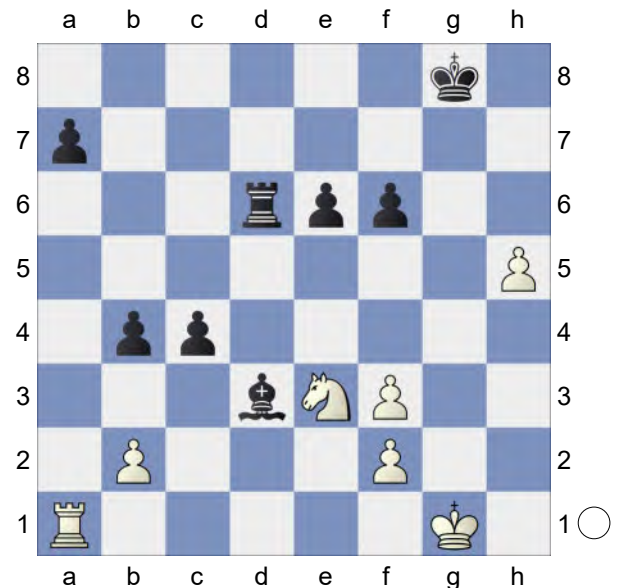


26.Ne3 Bd3 27.Bf3 Qd4 28.h5 Rxf3
-2.11/16 29.gxf3 Qf6 -0.82/21
Inhibits Qe7.

[Not 29...Qxb2 30.Rxa7 Qf6
31.Qc5+]

[29...c3-+ -2.14/19 30.bxc3 bxc3]

30.Qxf6+ gxf6

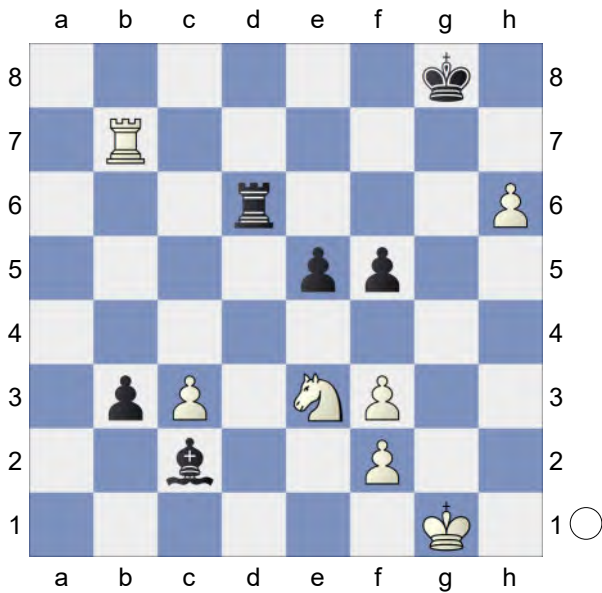


31.Rxa7 Endgame KRB-KRN 31...f5
0.00/27

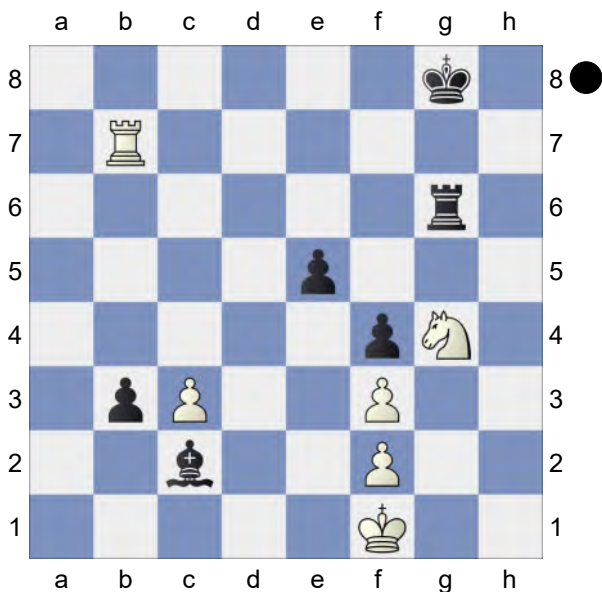
[Better is 31...Rc6!+ -0.97/19
Threatens to win with ...c3. 32.Rd7
b3]

32.Rc7= c3 33.bxc3 b3 34.Rb7 Bc2

35.h6 0.00/26
 [35.c4± 0.32/22]
35...e5

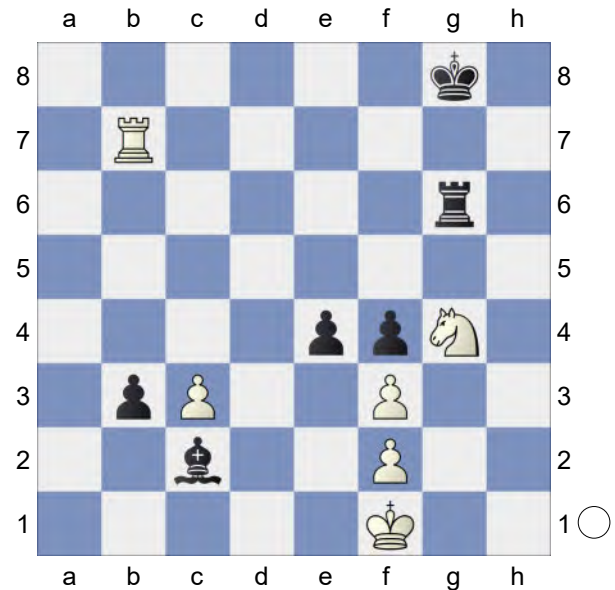


36.Kg2 Rg6+ 37.Kh2 Rxh6+ 38.Kg2
Rg6+ 39.Kf1 -1.21/16
 [39.Kh3= -0.25/20 keeps the
 balance.]
39...f4± 40.Ng4 -1.82/18
 [40.Nd5± -1.11/17 only move. Rd6
 41.c4]

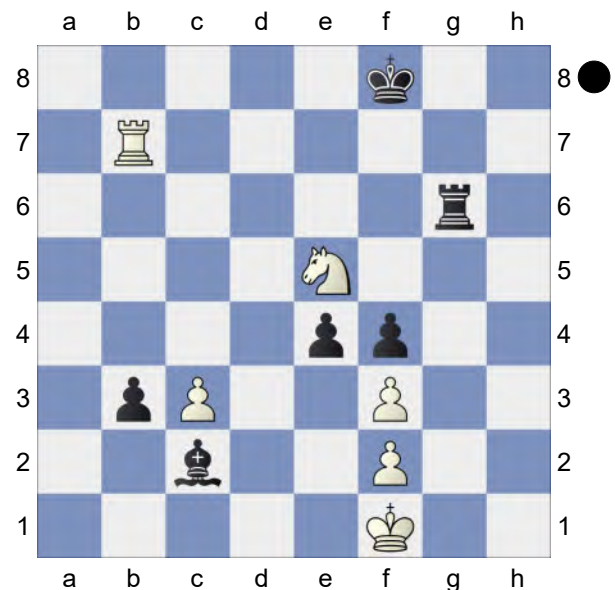


40...e4 -0.91/18
 [40...Ra6!-+ -1.82/18 Strongly

threatening ...Ra2. 41.Kg2
 (41.Nxe5? Ra2-+) 41...Ra2 42.Nf6+
 Kf8]



41.Rb8+? -3.14/17
 [41.c4± -0.91/18]
41...Kg7-+ 42.Rb7+ Kf8 43.Ne5

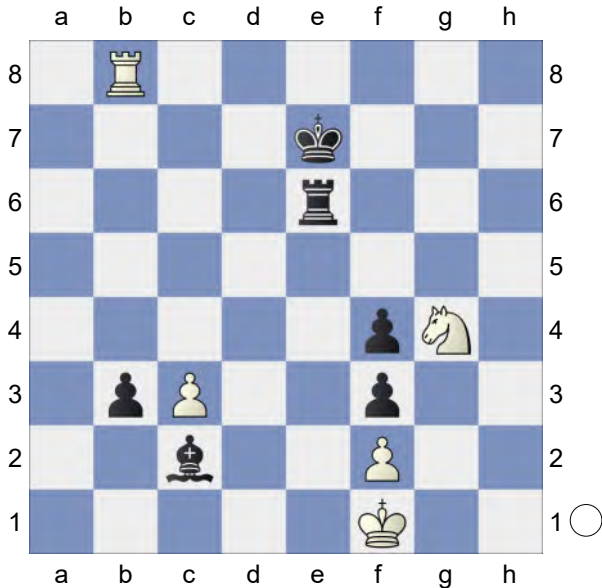


Re6 -0.05/18
 [43...Ra6!-+ -2.40/19 White must now
 prevent ...e3. 44.Rb8+ Ke7]
44.Rb8+? -5.02/19
 [44.Nd7+= -0.05/18 and White is
 okay. Kf7 45.Nc5+ Re7 46.Rb6]

44...Ke7 45.Ng4 -8.11/18

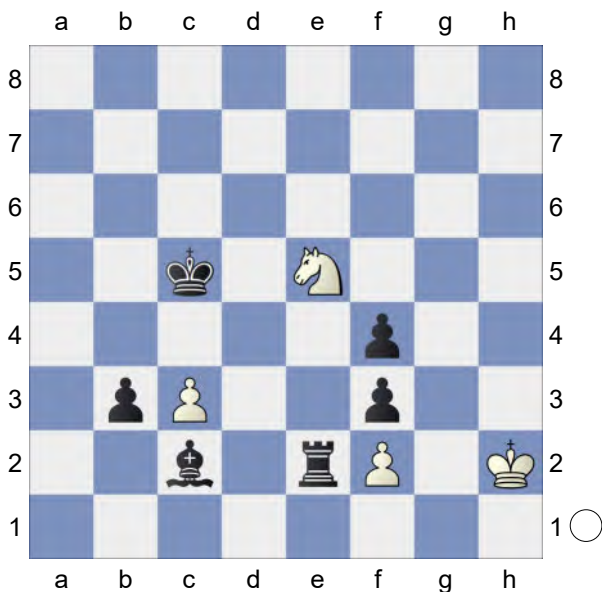
[45.Rb7+ -3.40/17 Kd8 46.Nf7+ Kc8
47.Rb4]

45...exf3



**46.Kg1 Re2 47.Rb7+ Kd6 48.Kh2
Kc5 49.Rb6 Kxb6 50.Ne5 Kc5
-15.64/16**

[50...Rxe5 -#7/14 51.Kh3 b2 52.c4
b1Q 53.c5+ Kxc5 54.Kg4 Qg1+
55.Kxf4 Qg5+ 56.Kxf3 Bd1#]

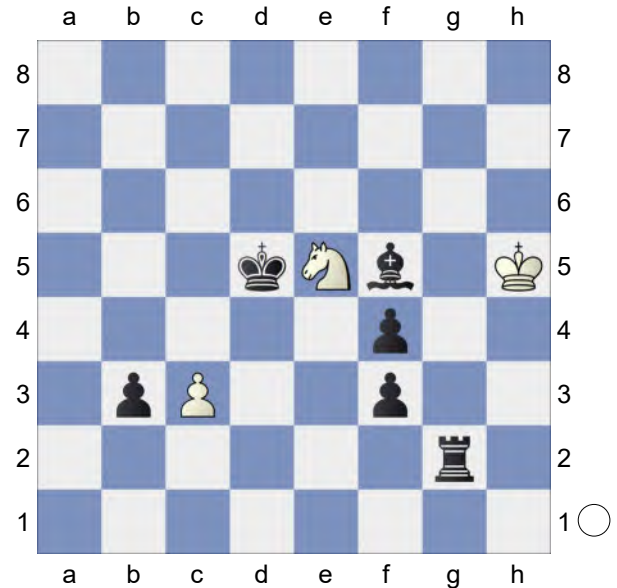


51.Nc4 Be4 -26.52/21

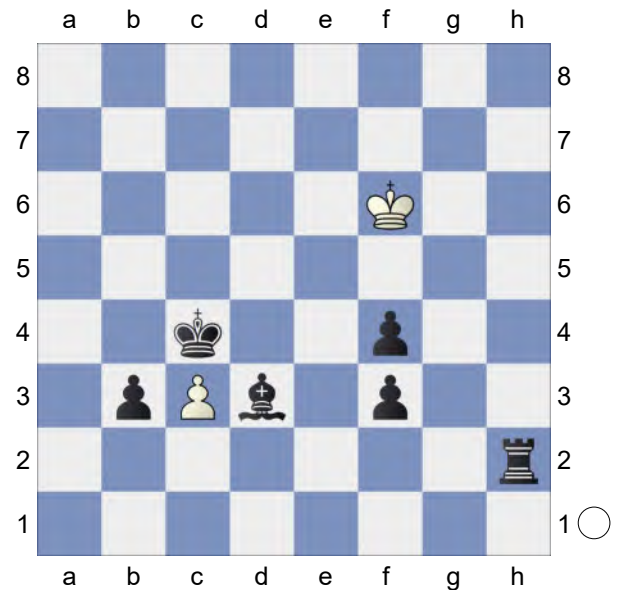
[51...Rxf2+ -#8/19 52.Kh3 Kxc4

53.Kg4 b2 54.Kxf4 b1Q 55.Kg5
Rg2+ 56.Kf6 Qb7 57.Ke6 Rg6+
58.Ke5 Qe4#]

**52.Ne5 Rxf2+ Black mates. 53.Kh3
Rg2 54.Kh4 Kd5 55.Kh5 Bf5**



**56.Nd3 Rh2+ 57.Kg5 Bxd3 58.Kf6
Kc4**



**Weighted Error Value: White=0.96/
Black=0.61**

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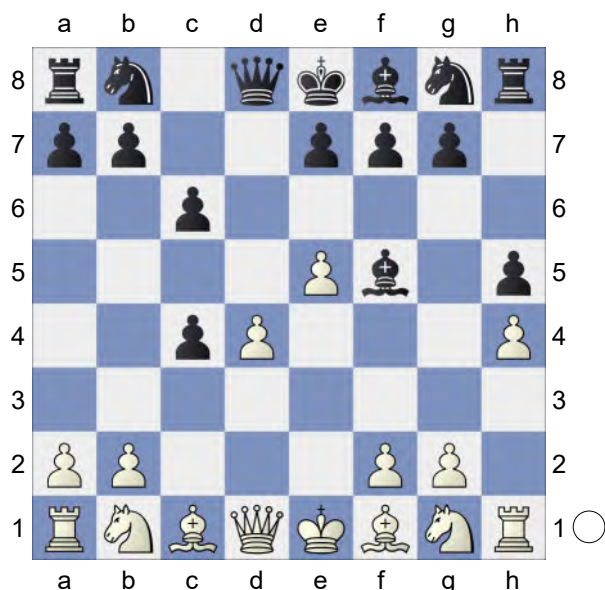
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.c4 dxc4



6.Nc3 e6 7.Bxc4 Nd7 8.Nge2 Be7
9.Ng3 Bg6 10.Nce4 -0.41/16

[10.Nge2= 0.22/17]

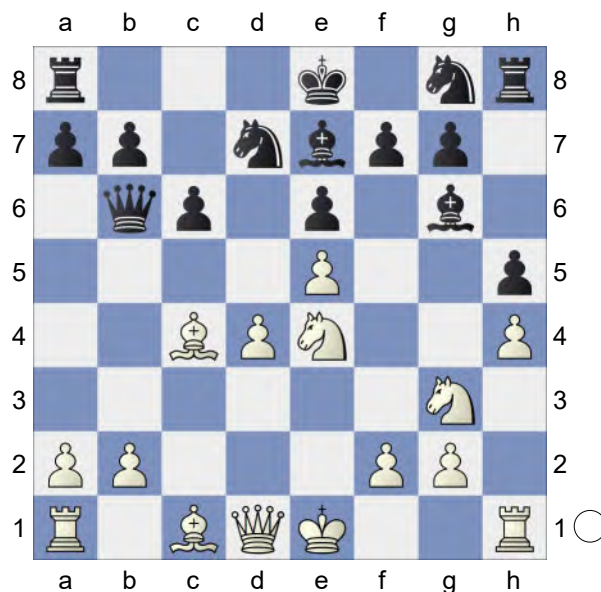
[10.Nge4 Nh6 11.Bxh6 Rxh6
12.Qd2 Nb6 13.Be2 Nd5 14.Bf3
Qb6 15.g3 0-0-0 16.0-0 Kb8
17.Rfd1 Rhh8 18.Rac1 Bxe4
19.Nxe4 g6 20.Rc4 Rd7 21.Nc5
Bxc5 22.dxc5 Qc7 23.Qe1 Qd8
24.b4 g5 Adams,M (2706)-Keymer,V
(2568) Karlsruhe GER 2020 [Daniel
Fernandez] 1-0 (45)]

[10.Be2 Qb6 11.a3 0-0-0 12.Na4
Qc7 13.Bf4 Nb6 14.Nc3 Nh6
15.Rc1 Qd7 16.Be3 f6 17.Qb3 Nd5
18.Nxd5 exd5 19.Bb5 Qc7 20.Bf4
fxe5 21.dxe5 Rdf8 22.Ne2 Ng4
23.Qa4 Kb8 24.Bxc6 bxc6

Kienboeck,B (2238)-Wong,Z (2406)
Stockholm 2025 0-1]

10...Qb6 0.52/15

[10...Nh6± -0.41/16]



11.Bg5N -1.38/17 Active counter play!

[11.0-0± 0.52/15 stays ahead.]

[11.Qb3 Bxe4 12.Nxe4 Qxd4
13.Nd6+ Bxd6 14.exd6 Nc5 15.Qc2
Qe4+ 16.Qxe4 Nxe4 17.Bf4 0-0-0
18.Rd1 Nh6 19.f3 Nf6 20.Bd3 Nd5
21.Bg3 Nf5 22.Bxf5 exf5 23.Kf2
Rhe8 24.Rd4 Kd7 25.b4 a6
Cisco,A (1279)-Luu,M (1610)
Chioggia 2018 ½-½ (43) 26.Rc1 Nb6
27.Rc5 g6 28.Bf4 Re6 29.Rc2 Rde8
30.Bh2 Re1 31.Bf4 f6 32.Rcd2 Nd5
33.Rc4 b5 34.Rcd4 Rb1 35.a3 Ra1
36.Rc2 Rxa3 37.Bh2 g5 38.Rb2 f4
39.g3 fxg3+ 40.Bxg3 Ree3
Ciric,P (2037)-Paszewski,M (2270)
Vrnjacka Banja 2023 0-1 (43)]

11...Qb4+±

[Resist 11...Qxb2 12.Rb1 Qa3
13.Rxb7±]

12.Nd2 Nb6 -0.42/18

[12...Qxb2± -1.24/16 Strongly
threatening ...Bxg5. 13.Be3 Nb6]

13.Qb3 -1.73/18

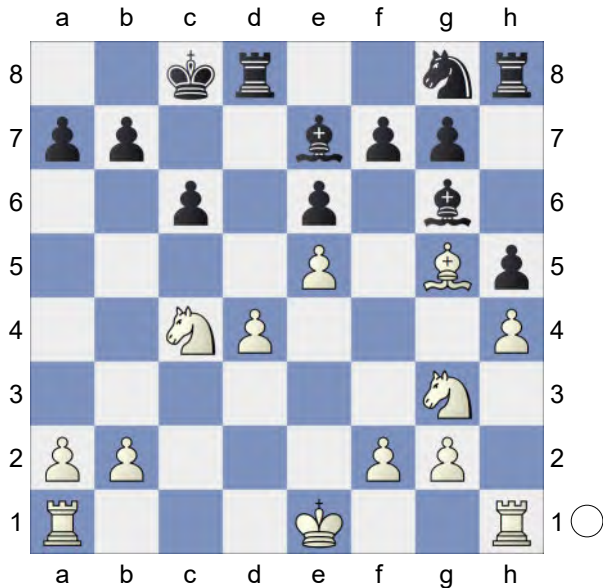
[13.Bxe7 ♖ -0.42/18 Nxe7 14.Qb3]

13...Nxc4+ 14.Qxc4 Qxc4 -0.37/16

[Black should play 14...Qxb2 ♜
-1.42/17 15.Nb3 Bxg5 16.hxg5 Ne7]

15.Nxc4 ♜ 0-0-0 0.10/19

[15...f6 ♜ -0.43/18 16.Bf4 Rd8]



16.0-0-0 Bxg5+ 17.hxg5 Ne7 18.Rh4 Kc7 19.Rdh1 -0.51/17

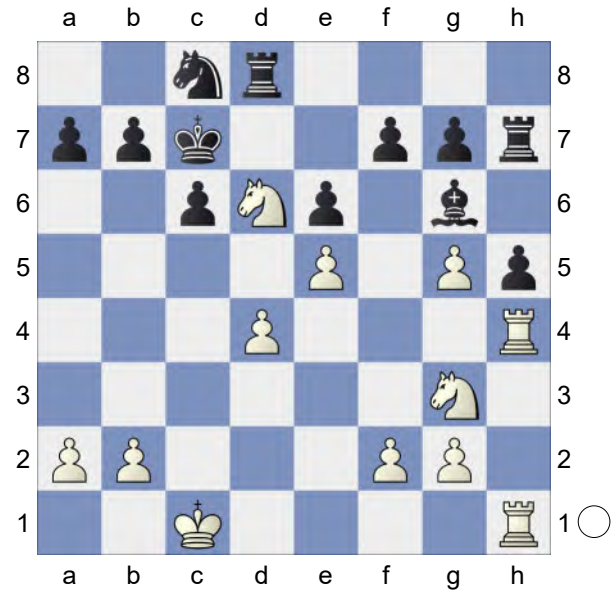
[19.Nd6= 0.11/18]

19...Rh7 0.53/16

[19...c5! ♜ -0.51/17]

20.Nd6 ♚ Nc8!

(Diagram)



21.Nxc8 Kxc8 22.b4 0.06/21

[22.Kd2± 0.54/22]

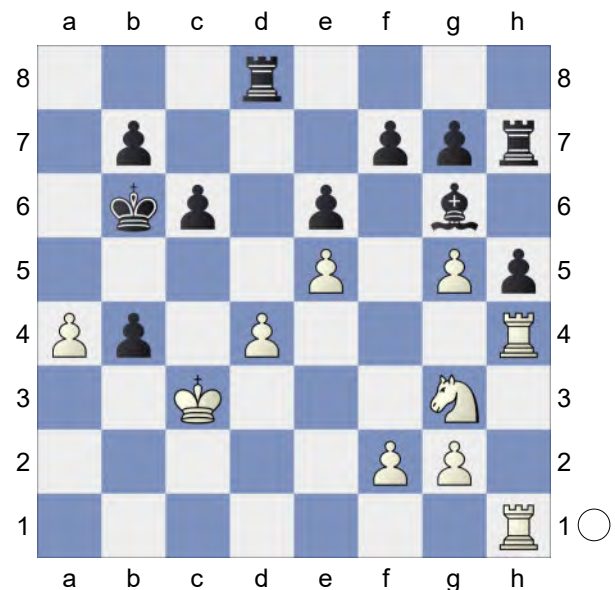
22...Kc7 23.Kb2 Kb6 0.32/20

[23...Rhh8= 0.00/17 is superior.]

24.Kc3 a5 25.a4 -0.23/21

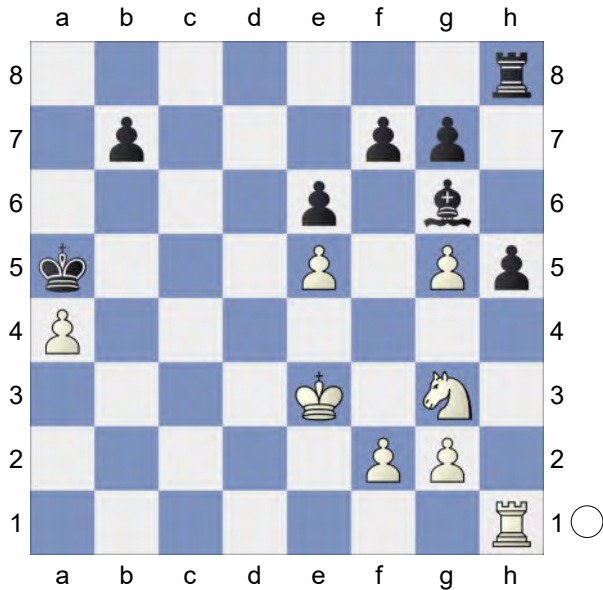
[♞25.bxa5+ 0.27/20 Kxa5 26.Ne4]

25...axb4+



**26.Kxb4 Rxd4+ 27.Rxd4 c5+ 28.Kc4 cxd4 29.Kxd4= Endgame KRB-KRN
29...Rh8 30.Ke3 Ka5**

(Diagram)



31.Rh4 b6 32.Ne2 -0.34/21

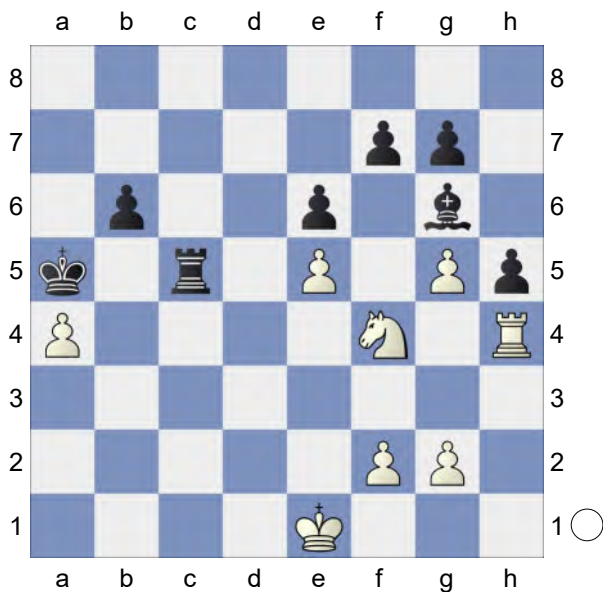
[32.f3= 0.00/24]

32...Rc8 $\bar{f}$ White must now prevent ...

Rc5. 33.Nf4! Rc3+ 0.00/25

[33...Bc2 $\bar{f}$ -0.33/19 deserves consideration.]

34.Kd2!= Rc2+ 35.Ke1 Rc5



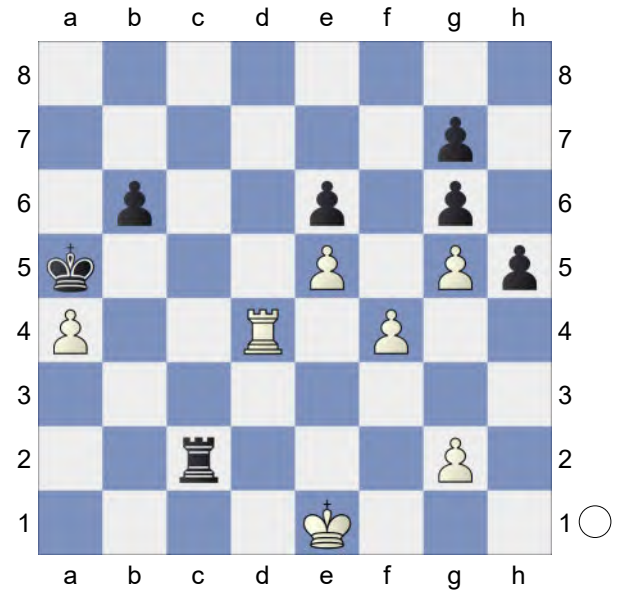
36.Nxg6 fxg6 KR-KR 37.Re4 Rc2

38.Rd4 And now Rd6 would win.

38...Rc5 39.f4 Rc2 1.27/23

[39...b5!= 0.10/23 40.axb5 Kxb5]

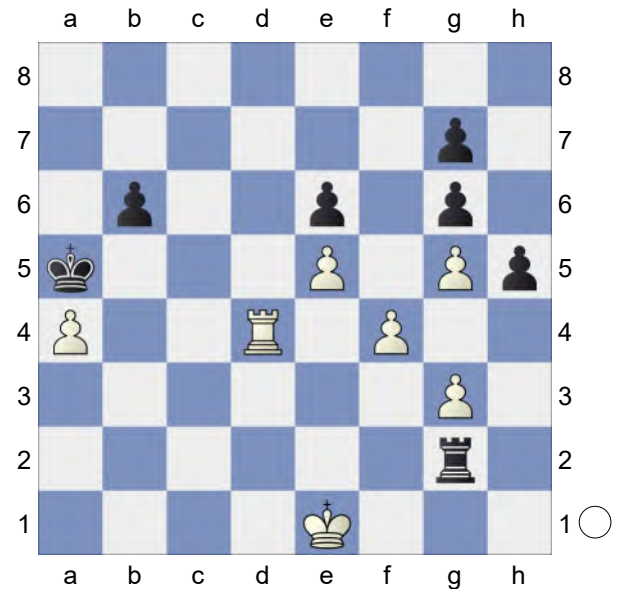
(Diagram)



40.g3!± aiming for Rd6. 40...Rg2

1.32/20

[40...Rh2 0.82/23]



41.Rd6 0.17/18

[Better is 41.Rd7!± 1.32/20]

41...Rxc3= 42.Rxe6 h4 0.34/23

[42...Rg4= 0.03/27]

43.Rxc3 h3? 2.50/20

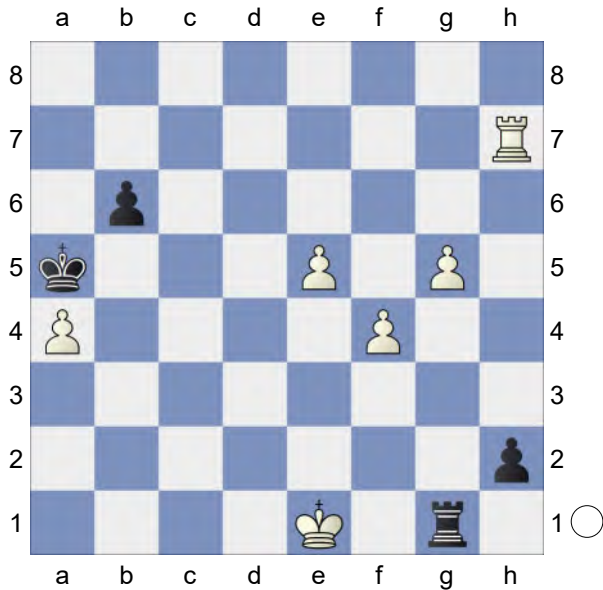
[43...Rg4= 0.05/25]

44.Rxc3+- h2? 7.24/19

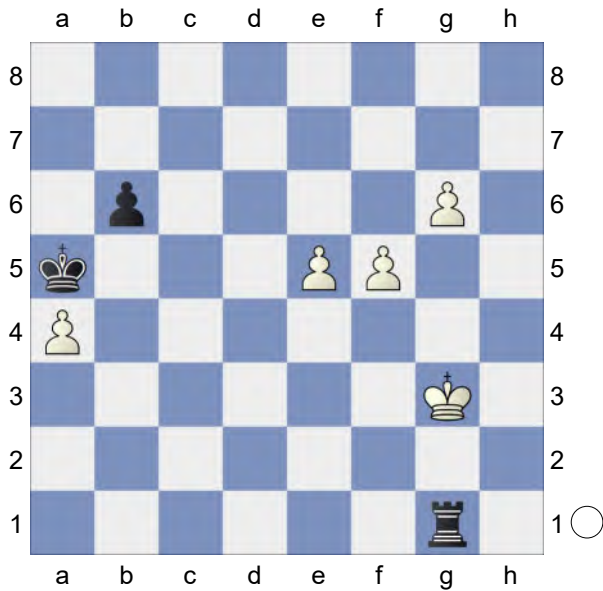
[44...Rf3 3.44/21 45.Ra7+ (45.Rh7 Rxf4 46.Rxh3 Rg4±) 45...Kb4]

45.Rh7
45...Rg1+

White is clearly winning.

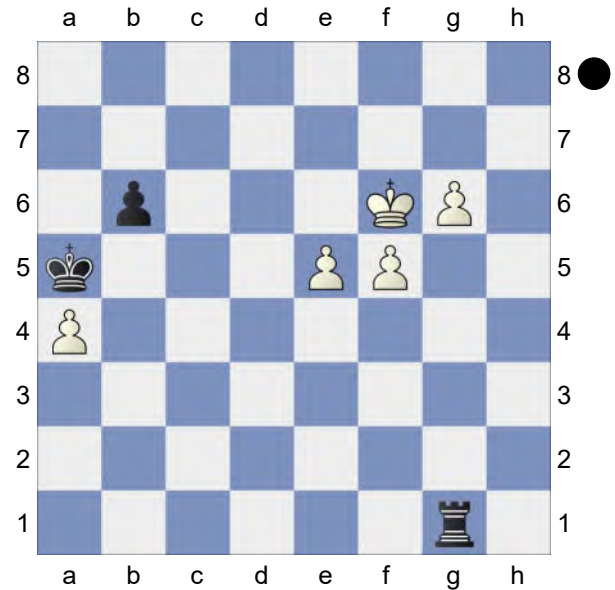


46.Kf2 h1Q 47.Rxh1 Rxh1 KR-KP
48.g6 Rh4 49.Kg3 Rh1 50.f5 Rg1+



51.Kf4 Rf1+ 52.Kg5 Rg1+ 53.Kf6

(Diagram)



What a bad dream for Black.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/
 Black=0.44

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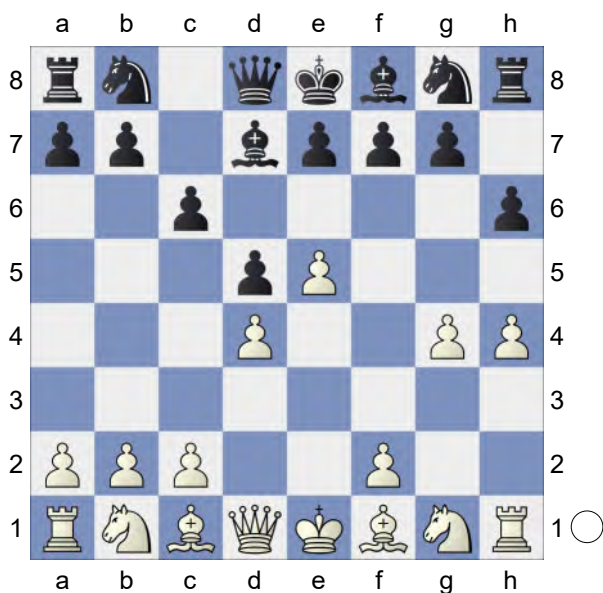
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

Okhotnik,V: 'Inf 31/171' Burmakin,V: 'Inf

66/90' 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4

h6 5.g4 Bd7

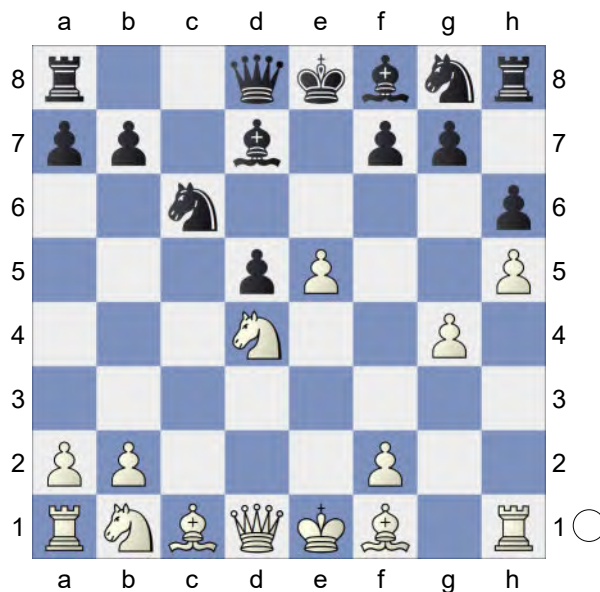


6.h5 e6 7.c4N -0.28/17

[7.f4± 0.76/21 c5 8.c3 Nc6 (8...Qb6 9.Nf3 Bb5 10.Bxb5+ Qxb5 11.Na3 Qb6 12.Qa4+ Nc6 13.Nc2 cxd4 14.cxd4 Qa5+ 15.Qxa5 Nxa5 16.Ke2 Ne7 17.b3 Rc8 18.Kd3 Nac6 19.Bd2 Rc7 20.Nh4 Nc8 21.f5 a5 22.Raf1 Rg8 23.Rh2 Caruana,F (2781)-L'Ami,E (2627) Wijk aan Zee 2013 CBM 153 [Postny,E] 1-0 (57)) 9.Nf3 Qb6 10.Kf2 0-0-0 (10...Rc8 11.Kg3 f5 12.gxf5 Nge7 13.Bh3 Nxf5+ 14.Bxf5 exf5 15.Rh2 Rg8 16.Kg2 cxd4 17.cxd4 Nxd4 18.Be3 Rc2+ 19.Kh3 Rxh2+ 20.Nxh2 Bc5 21.Nc3 Bc6 22.Rc1 Qxb2 23.Qd3 g5 24.Bxd4 gxf4 25.Rg1 Zelic,R

(2495)-Burmakin,V (2535) Graz 1996 C11-130 [Burmakin,Vladimir] 0-1) 11.Kg3 Nge7 12.a3 c4 13.Nbd2 Na5 14.Rb1 Nb3 15.Bxc4 Nxd2 16.Nxd2 dxc4 17.Nxc4 Qc7 18.Nd6+ Kb8 19.Nxf7 Rg8 20.Nxd8 Qxd8 21.c4 g6 22.hxg6 Okhotnik,V-Bereznoi,V USSR 31/171 1981 C11-130 [Okhotnik,Vladimir] 1-0 (41) Bc6 23.d5 exd5 24.f5 d4 25.Rh5 Be4 26.Ra1 Qb6 27.c5 Qxc5 28.Bf4 Nc6 29.Rc1 Qd5 30.e6+ Bd6 31.Qd2 Ne5 32.f6 Qxe6 33.Rxe5 Bxe5 34.f7 Rd8 35.Qxd4 Bxf4+ 36.Kxf4 Qe7 37.Qxe4 Pililian-Various Th Moves ICCF 1981 Telechess CBM 89 [Gelfand, Boris] 1-0 (41)] [7.Bd3 c5 8.c3 Qb6 9.Ne2 Nc6 10.Bc2 0-0-0 11.a3 c4 12.Nd2 Na5 13.b3 cxb3 14.Nxb3 Ba4 15.Nxa5 Bxc2 16.Qxc2 Qxa5 17.Bd2 Qa6 18.Nf4 Ne7 19.Nd3 Nc6 20.0-0 Na5 21.a4 Qc4 Nejanky,M (1928)-Ferreira, T (2074) Rio de Janeiro 2024 ½-½]

7...c5!= 8.Nf3 cxd4 Black is slightly better. 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Nxd4 Nc6



11.Nc3 Bc5! 12.Be3 -1.08/18

[12.Nxc6!= -0.17/18 Qb6 13.Qf3

(13.Nxd5 Bxf2+ 14.Ke2 Bxg4+
15.Kd2 Qxc6)]

12...Nxe5 13.Be2 -1.33/16

[13.Qe2 -1.02/19]

13...Nf6 14.Rg1 -1.90/17

[14.Nc6 -1.19/19 is a better defense.
Bxc6 15.Bxc5]

14...Qb6 -0.68/18

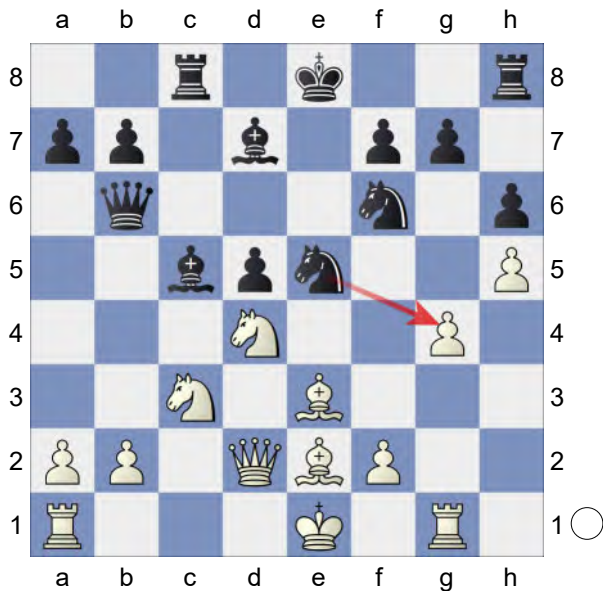
[14...0-0+ -1.90/17 15.g5 hxg5
16.Rxg5 Re8]

15.Qd2 -1.36/19

[15.g5! -0.68/18 Ne4 16.Rb1]

15...Rc8

[15...Bxg4 16.Na4 Bb4 17.Nxb6]



16.Rd1 -1.78/18

[16.f3 -1.22/18]

16...Bb4? 0.12/16

[16...Bxg4 17.Na4 Qb4 18.Nxc5
Qxd2+ 19.Kxd2 Rxc5 20.f3 Bxh5
21.Nf5]

[16...Nexg4 17.Bxg4 Bxg4 18.f3
Bxh5 19.Na4]

[16...0-0!+ -1.78/18 17.g5 hxg5
18.Rxg5 Nc4 19.Bxc4 dxc4]

17.f3 -1.72/18

[17.Nf5= 0.12/16 and White is okay.
Qa5 18.Bd4 Bxf5 19.gxf5]

17...Nc4 -0.73/20

[17...0-0+ -1.72/18 aiming for ...Rfe8.
18.Kf1 Rfe8]

18.Bxc4 Rxc4 19.Kf2

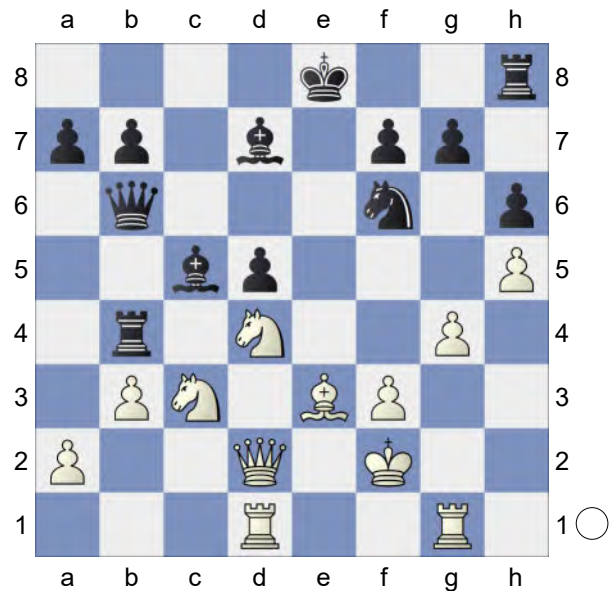
[Much weaker is 19.Nf5 Qc6 20.a3
(20.Nxg7+? Kf8+) 20...Bxc3
21.bxc3 Bxf5 22.gxf5 0-0 23.Bxh6
Re8+ 24.Kf2 Rxc3+]

19...Bc5? 1.32/18

[19...Qd8 -0.65/17 keeps the upper
hand. 20.Nc2 Bxc3 21.bxc3 Rxg4!
22.Rxg4 Bxg4]

20.b3± Rb4 2.13/17

[20...Rxc3± 1.31/18 21.Qxc3 Bb4]



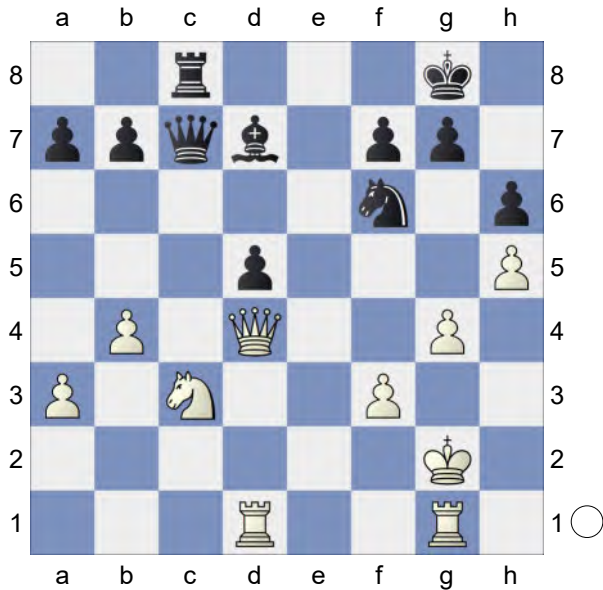
**21.a3!- Rxd4 22.Bxd4 0-0 23.b4
Bxd4+ 24.Qxd4 Qc7 25.Kg2 1.77/18**

[Not 25.Nxd5 Nxd5 26.Qxd5 Qh2+
27.Rg2 Qh4+ 28.Kg1 Bc6±]
[25.g5 3.20/20 hxg5 26.Rxg5]

25...Rc8 2.55/19

[25...Be6 1.77/18 26.Rc1 Qd7]

(Diagram)



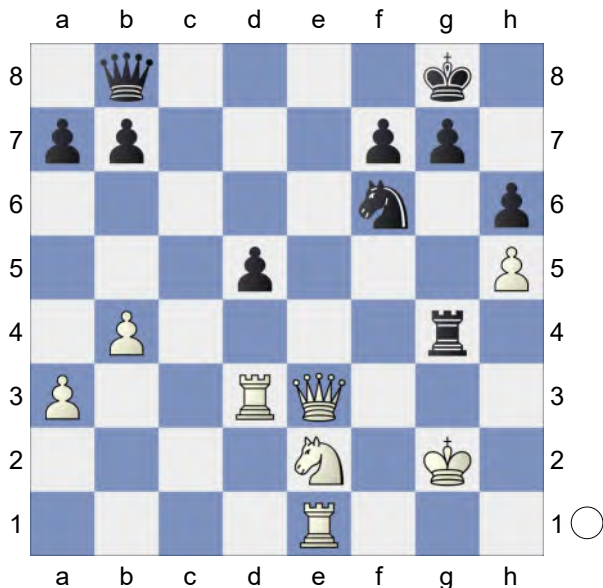
26.Rd3 1.48/19

[White should play 26.Nxd5+- 2.55/19
Nxd5 27.Qxd5]

26...Be6 27.Re1

[Worse is 27.Qxa7 Qe5 28.Re3
Qf4=]

**27...Qb8 28.Ne2 Rc4 29.Qe3 Bxg4
30.fxg4 Rxd4**

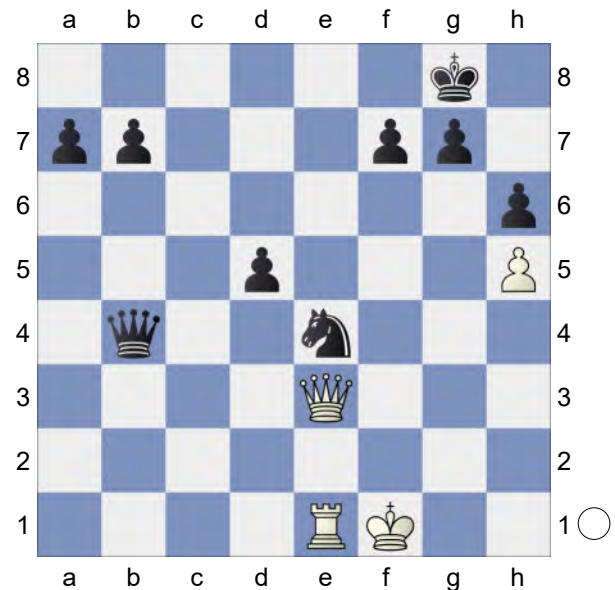


31.Ng3? -4.04/19

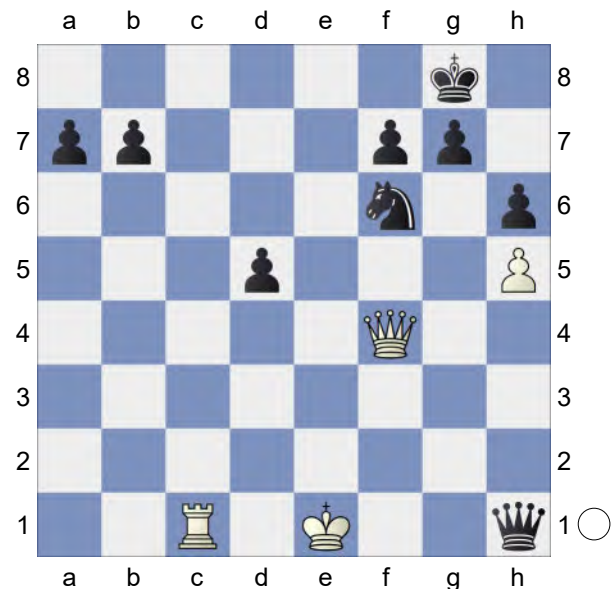
[31.Kf1!± 1.28/19 is necessary to
keep the advantage.]

**31...Ne4!-+ 32.Qe2 Rxd4 33.Rxd4
Qxd4** Endgame KQR-KQN 34.Kf1

Qxa3 35.Qe3 Qxb4



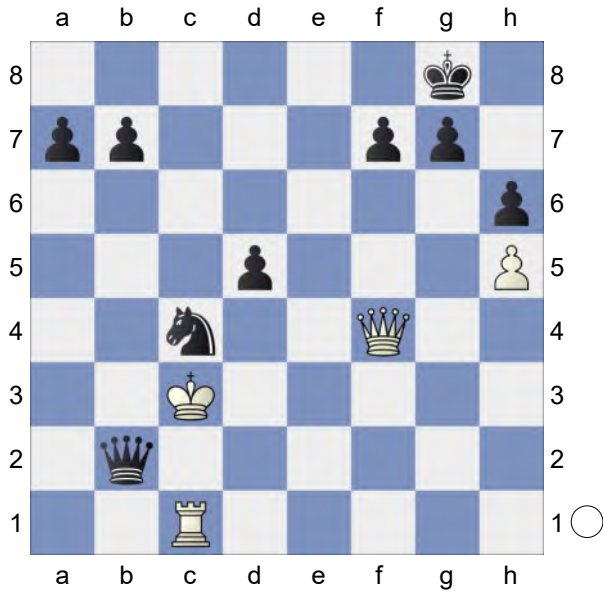
36.Rc1 Qb5+ 37.Kg2 Qd7 Strongly
threatening ...Qg4+. **38.Qf4** Inhibits
Qg4+. **38...Nf6 39.Kf1 Qh3+**
Black is clearly winning. **40.Ke1 Qh1+**



**41.Kd2 Ne4+ 42.Kc2 Qg2+ 43.Kb1
Rc8+ would kill now. 43...Nd2+ 44.Kb2**
-11.93/22

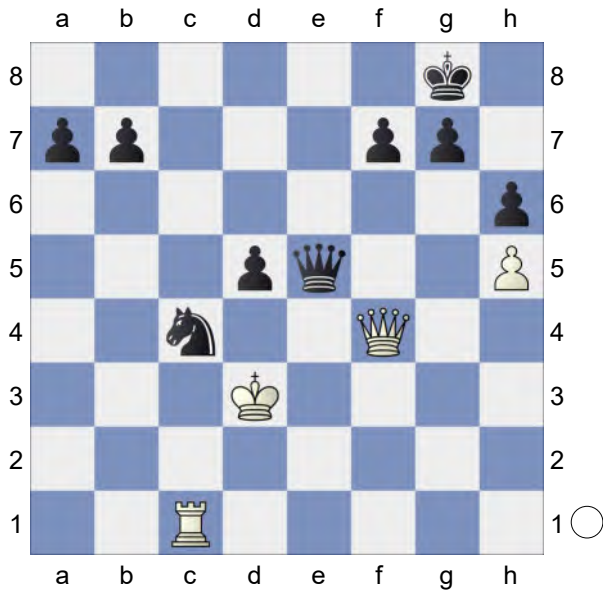
[⚠44.Kc2 -4.69/18 Nc4+ 45.Kd3]
44...Nc4+ 45.Kc3 Qb2+

(Diagram)



46.Kd3 Qe5? -0.06/23

[46...Ne5+-+ -11.26/18 47.Qxe5
Qxe5]



**Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/
Black=0.44. Loss on time!?**

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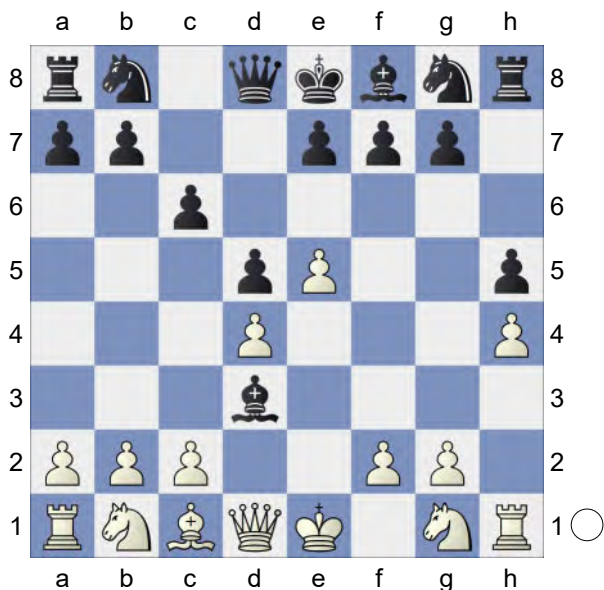
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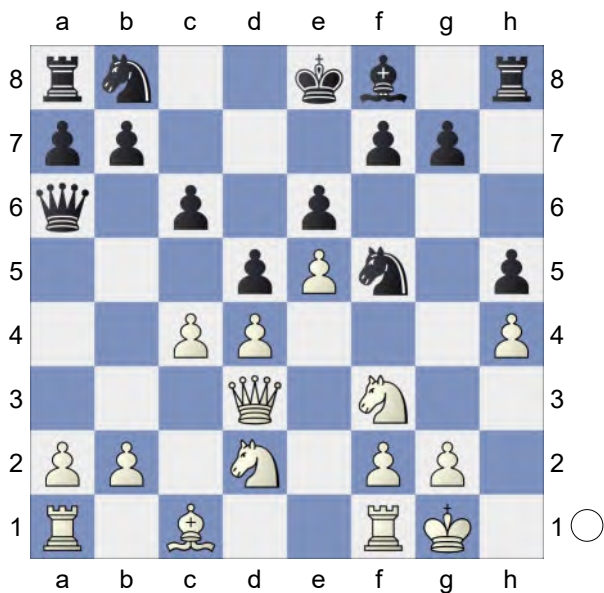
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 e6 7.Nf3 Qa5+ 8.Nbd2! Qa6
9.c4 Ne7 White is slightly better. 10.0-0
Nf5



11.Qc3 0.30/19

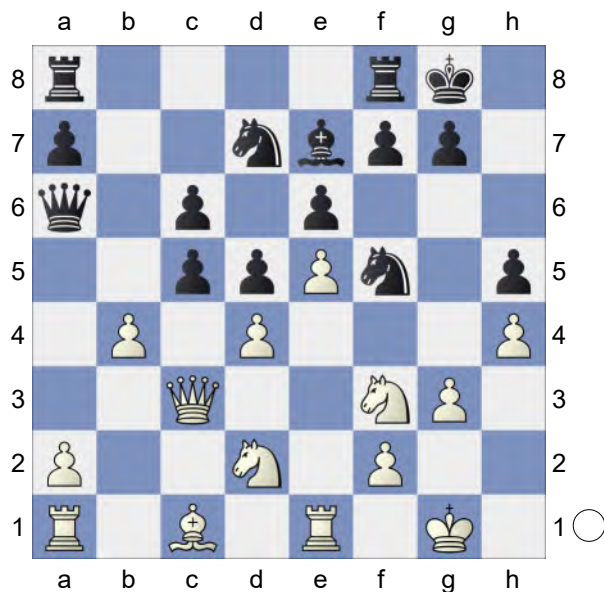
[11.b3± 0.65/18 Be7 12.a4 Bxh4
(12...Qa5 13.Rd1 Na6 14.Nf1 Nxh4
15.Nxh4 Bxh4 16.Ba3 Qd8 17.cxd5
cxd5 18.b4 Nb8 19.b5 Be7 20.Bxe7
Qxe7 21.Rac1 0-0 22.Qh3 f6
23.Re1 Nd7 24.Rc7 Rf7 25.Rxb7
g6 26.Qg3 Kg7 27.exf6+
Adams,M (2672)-Schuster,K (2307)
Krakow 2024 [Petrov,Marian] 1-0
(48)) 13.Ba3 Be7 14.Bxe7 Nxe7
15.a5 Nd7 16.Rfc1 Rd8 17.b4 dxc4
18.Nxc4 Nf5 19.Ng5 Nb8 20.Qf3
Qb5 21.Ne3 g6 22.Ne4 0-0 23.Nf6+
Kg7 24.Nxh5+ gxh5 25.Nxf5+ exf5
26.Qxf5 2 b4 and 2 a3 (2650)-Levitina,
I (2679) Vienna 2017 200 Traps In
The Opening [Shkurovich Khazin;
Harding] 1-0 (31)]

11...Nd7 12.c5N

[12.b3 Be7 13.g3 0-0 14.Bb2 c5
15.cxd5 exd5 16.Rfd1 Rac8 17.Qc2
Qg6 Chapter-Games Game 1]

12...Be7 13.g3 0-0 14.Re1 b6 15.b4
bxc5 0.37/20

[15...Qa4= 0.05/18]



16.bxc5 Rfb8 17.Nb3 Rb7 18.Bd2

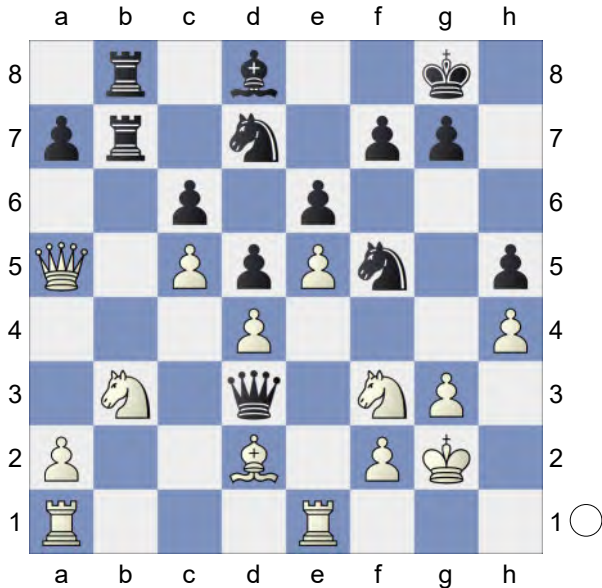
Rab8 19.Qa5 0.12/20

[19.Qc2± 0.53/20

deserves

consideration.]

19...Qd3= 20.Kg2 Bd8

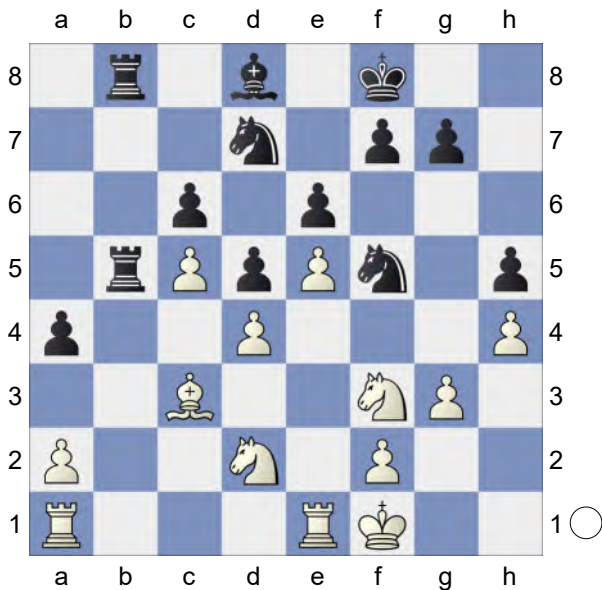


21.Qa4 Qb5 22.Qxb5 Rxb5 23.Bc3

a5 24.Kf1 a4 25.Nbd2 -0.36/24

[25.Nc1= 0.06/23]

25...Kf8



26.Ke2 -0.41/23

[26.Nb1= -0.05/22]

26...f6 27.Kd3 -0.91/20

[27.exf6!± -0.31/22 gxf6 28.Rab1]

27...fxe5? 0.78/20

[27...Kf7± -0.91/20]

28.Nxe5±

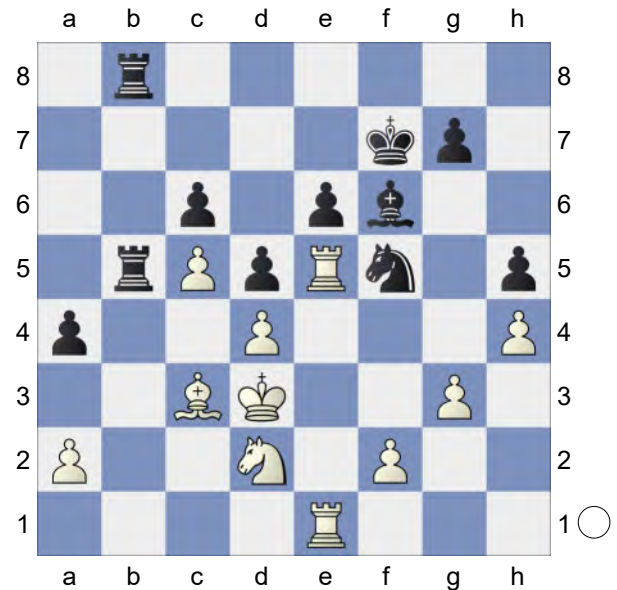
Nxe5+

29.Rxe5

Kf7

30.Rae1 Bf6 1.19/20

[30...R8b7 0.75/25]



31.Rxe6 Rc8 32.Nf3 g6 1.70/24

[32...a3± 1.03/24

might work better.

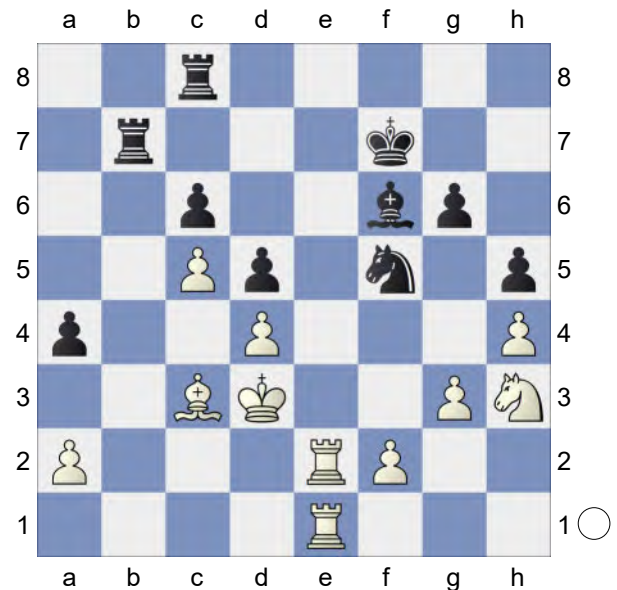
33.Ng5+ Kf8]

33.Ng5+ Kg7 34.R6e2 Rb7 35.Nh3

0.76/22

[35.Nf3 1.46/23]

35...Kf7



Against Re8 36.Nf4 Rcb8 37.Ne6

0.21/25

[37.Re6± 0.68/19 might be stronger.
Rc8 38.Rxf6+! Kxf6 39.Re6+ Kf7
40.Rxg6]

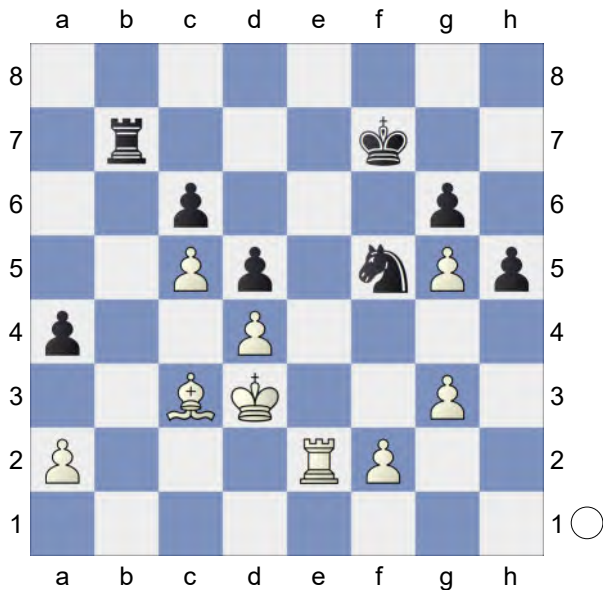
37...Re7 0.57/21

[37...Rb1!= 0.21/25]

38.Ng5+ 0.08/18

[38.Nf4± 0.57/21]

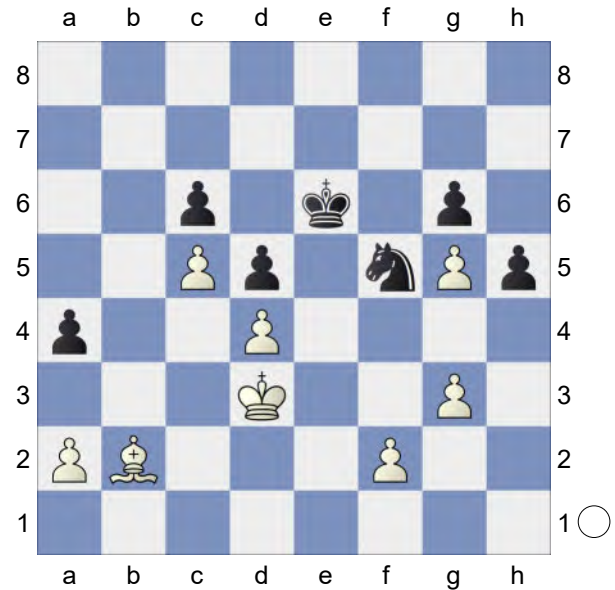
38...Bxg5= 39.hxg5 Rxe2 40.Rxe2
Endgame KRB-KRN 40...Rb7



41.Rb2 Rxb2 42.Bxb2 KB-KN 42...Ke6
1.25/29

[42...Ng7= 0.13/35]

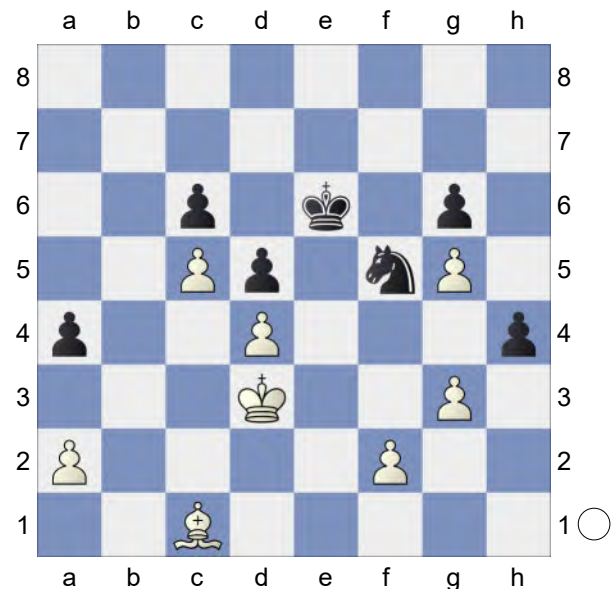
(Diagram)



43.Bc1!± Bf4 is the strong threat.

43...h4? 2.50/23

[43...Kd7± 0.99/24 44.Bf4 h4
45.gxh4 Nxh4]



44.g4!+-

[Don't do 44.gxh4?! Kd7 45.Bf4
Nxh4]

44...Ne7 4.99/28

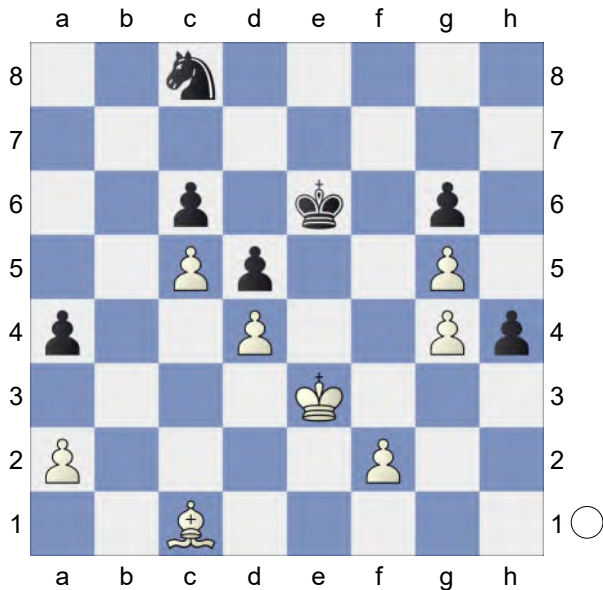
[44...h3 1.78/26 is more resistant.
45.Bf4 (45.gxf5+? Kxf5 46.Kc2
h2-+) 45...Nh4]

45.Ke3

[45.Bf4 Nc8 46.Ke2 Na7+-]

45...Nc8

[45...h3? 46.Kf3+-]



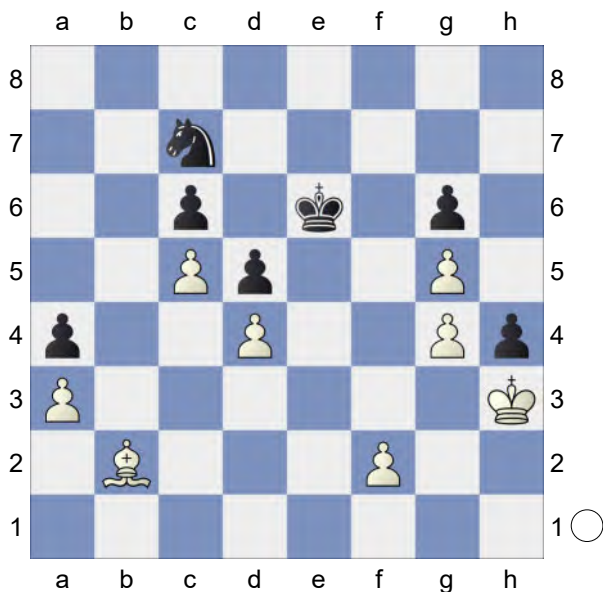
46.Kf3 Na7 47.a3? 0.03/42

[47.Be3+- 3.09/24]

47...Nb5= 48.Bb2 Kf7 49.Kg2 Ke6? 6.22/27

[49...Nc7= 0.13/34]

50.Kh3+- Nc7



51.Kxh4 Na6 7.77/24

[51...Kf7 4.32/24 52.f4 Ne8]

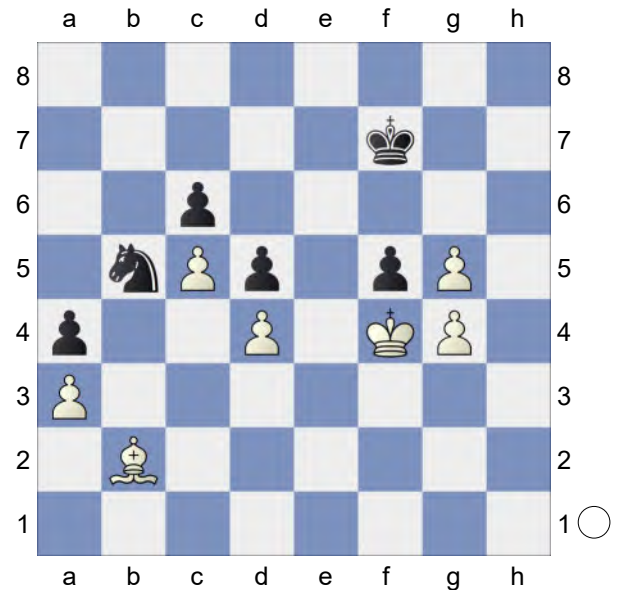
52.f4 Nc7 53.Kg3 And now f5+! would

win. 53...Nb5 7.63/25

[53...Ne8 4.18/23 54.Kf2 Ng7]

54.f5+ gxf5 55.Kf4 Kf7 10.77/21

[55...fxg4 5.18/20 56.Kxg4 Nc7]



56.gxf5 Kg7 57.g6 Kf6 58.Ba1? 3.54/17

[58.Kg4 11.75/20]

58...Kg7? 9.20/18

[58...Nxa3 3.54/17 59.g7 Kxg7]

59.Bc3?? -7.65/19 Nxd4?? #10/19

60.Bd2 7.86/18

[60.Kg5 #10/19 Kf8 61.Bxd4 Ke7

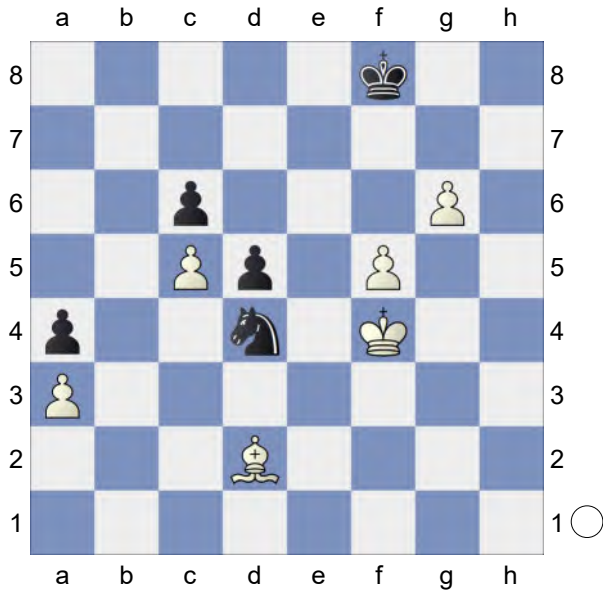
62.f6+ Kf8 63.f7 Ke7 64.Kf5 Kd8

65.f8Q+ Kc7 66.Qf7+ Kb8 67.g7

Kc8 68.g8Q#]

60...Kf8

(Diagram)



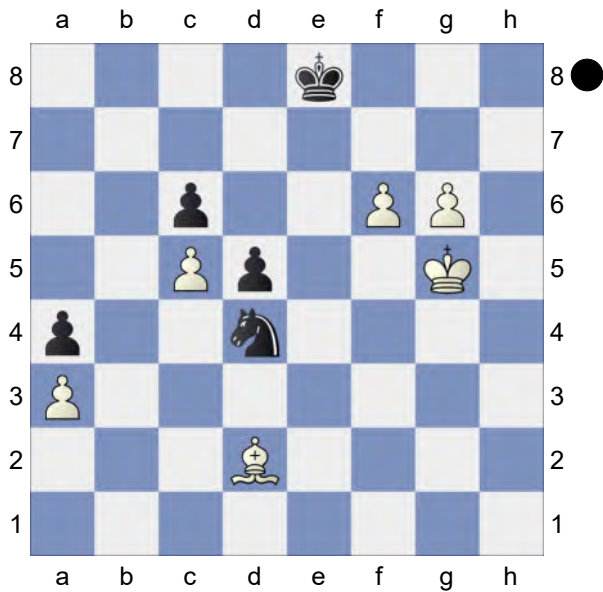
61.Kg5?? -5.99/20

[61.Be3+- 11.77/20 and life is good
for White. Nb3 62.Kg4]

61...Ke8?? 11.69/18

[61...Nf3+-+ -5.99/20 62.Kh6 Nxd2]

62.f6



Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/
Black=0.49

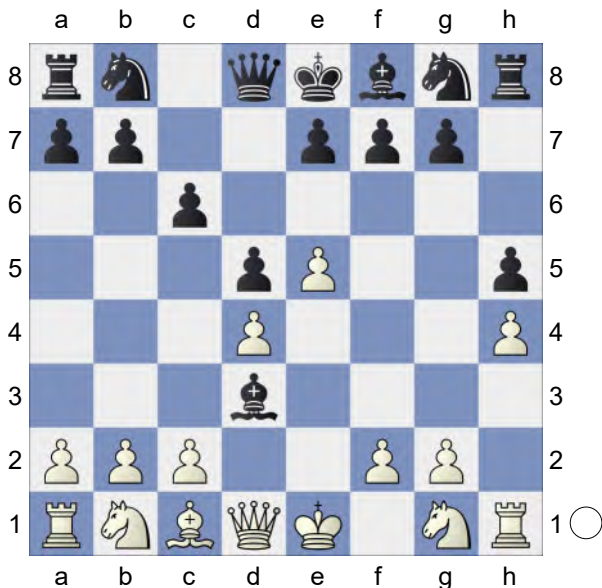
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16 **B12**
 □ **Dr_BlindPew** **2812**
 ■ **azeerf** **2748**
 Blitz 29.10.2024
 [Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
 5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 e6 7.Bg5 Qb6 8.Nd2
 Active counter play! 8...c5! 9.c3
 The position is equal.

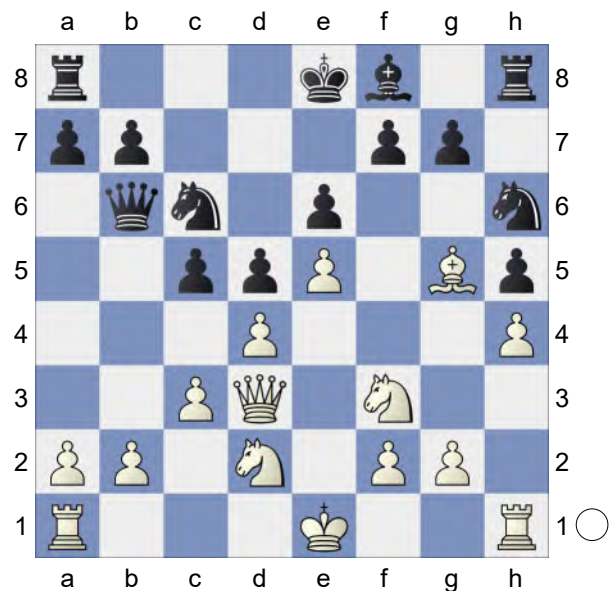
[9.c4 Nc6 10.Ngf3 Nb4 11.Qb3
 cxd4 12.0-0 Ne7 13.Rac1 Nbc6
 14.Qa4 Qb4 15.Qc2 0-0-0 16.a3 d3
 17.Qxd3 Qb6 18.b4 a6 19.b5 dxc4
 20.Nxc4 Rxd3 21.Nxb6+ Kc7
 22.bxc6 Kxb6 23.Rb1+ Kc7
 1-0 (101) Kollars,D (2919)-Makarian,R
 (2620) Titled Tuesday intern op1 4th
 Febr blitz 2020 (4)]

9...Nc6 10.Ngf3N

[10.Ne2 Nh6 (10...cxd4 11.cxd4
 Bb4 12.0-0 Nge7 13.Nf3 Ng6
 14.Rfd1 Be7 15.Bxe7 Ncxe7 16.Ng3
 Nc6 17.Nf1 Qd8 18.g3 Qb6
 19.Rac1 a5 20.Rc3 a4 21.Ne3

Nge7 22.b3 a3 23.Nc2 Nf5 24.Rb1
 0-0 25.b4 1-0 (80) Ledger,D (2191)-
 Banerjee,S (2141) BCF-chT 2425
 (4NCL) 2024 (2.56)) 11.f3 cxd4
 12.cxd4 Nf5 13.Nb3 Bb4+ 14.Bd2
 Be7 15.g3 a5 16.Rc1 a4 17.Nc5
 Nfxd4 18.Nxd4 Bxc5 19.Nxc6 bxc6
 20.Rh2 Bd4 21.Bc3 Bxc3+ 22.Qxc3
 Qg1+ 0-1 Rabiya,K (1778)-Schellen,S
 (1836) Heusenstamm Sparkassen op
 11th 2024 (6)]

10...Nh6



11.0-0 Nf5 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Nb3 Be7
 14.Nbd4 Ncxd4

[14...Qxb2? 15.Rab1 Qxa2 16.Nxf5
 (16.Rxb7 Ncxd4 17.Nxd4 0-0+-)
 16...exf5 17.Rxb7+-]

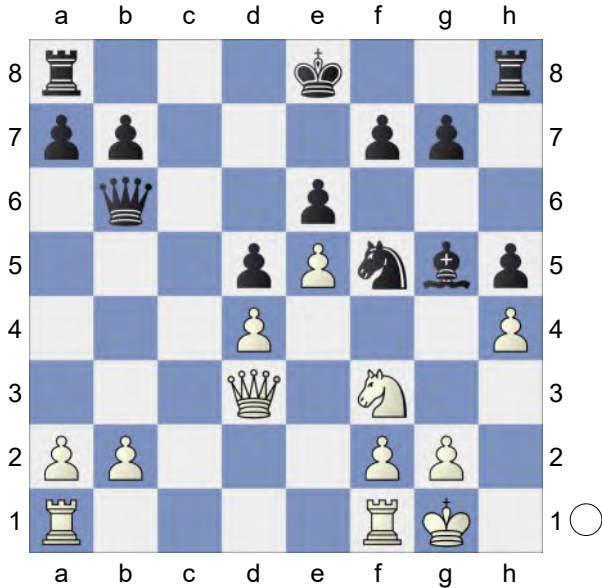
15.cxd4 -0.38/20

[15.Nxd4= 0.11/23 is superior. Nxd4
 16.cxd4]

15...Bxg5

[15...Qxb2? 16.Bxe7 Kxe7
 17.Rfb1+-]

(Diagram)



16.hxg5 Rc8

[16...Qxb2? 17.Rfb1+-]

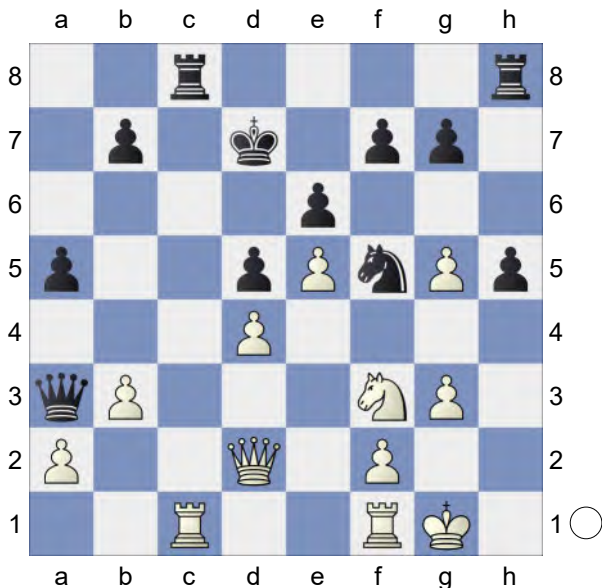
17.Rac1 Kd7 18.b3 -0.69/22

[18.b4= -0.19/20]

18...Qa6 -0.25/24

[18...Rc7♞ -0.69/22 was preferable.]

19.Qd2 Qa3 20.g3 a5



21.Kg2 Rc6 0.51/24

[21...Rh8♞ -0.41/21]

22.Rxc6± bxc6 23.Rc1 -0.10/24

[23.Rh1± 0.78/23]

23...Rb8

[23...Qb4 simplifies 24.Qxb4 axb4

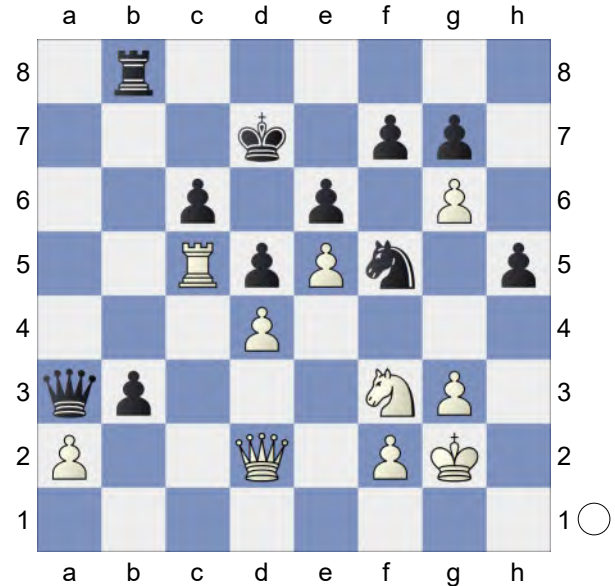
25.Rh1 g6]

24.Rc5 Black must now prevent g6.
24...a4? 2.70/21 This move loses the game for Black.

[24...Ra8= 0.10/21]

25.g6+- axb3? 5.71/19

[25...fxg6 2.46/17 26.Ra5 Rb7]



26.Ra5

[26.gxf7? bxa2 27.Rc3 a1Q+
(27...a1R? 28.Rxa3 Rxa3
29.Ng5+-)]

26...Qb4 27.Ra7+ 8.62/20

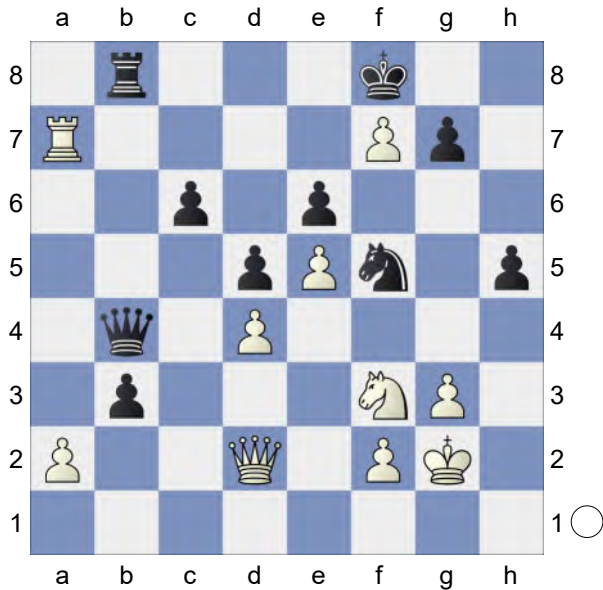
[♞27.Qxb4 #11/17 Rxb4 28.gxf7
bxa2 29.f8Q (29.f8R Ke7+-)
29...a1Q 30.Rxa1 Nh4+ 31.gxh4
Kc7 32.Ra7+ Skewer (32.Qxb4 Kc8
33.Ra8+ Kc7 34.Qd6+ Kb7
35.Qb8#) 32...Rb7 33.Qxg7+ Kc8
34.Qxb7+ Kd8 35.Qd7#]

27...Ke8 28.gxf7+

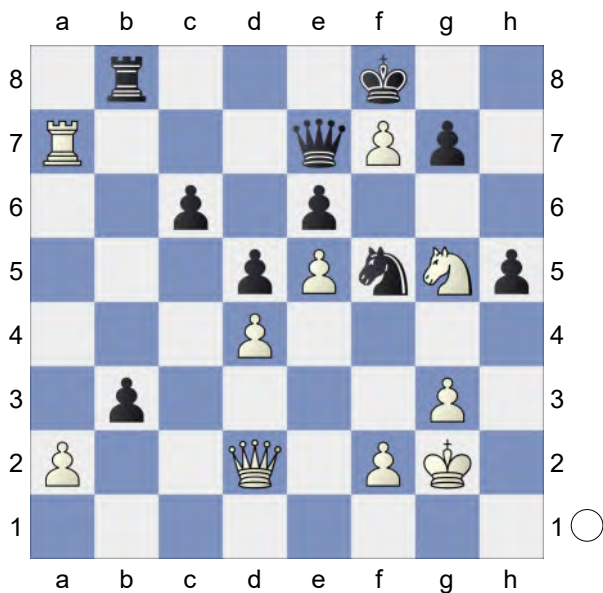
[28.Rxf7? Qxd2 29.Nxd2 bxa2+-
(29...Nxd4? 30.Nxb3 Nxb3
31.axb3+-)]

28...Kf8

(Diagram)

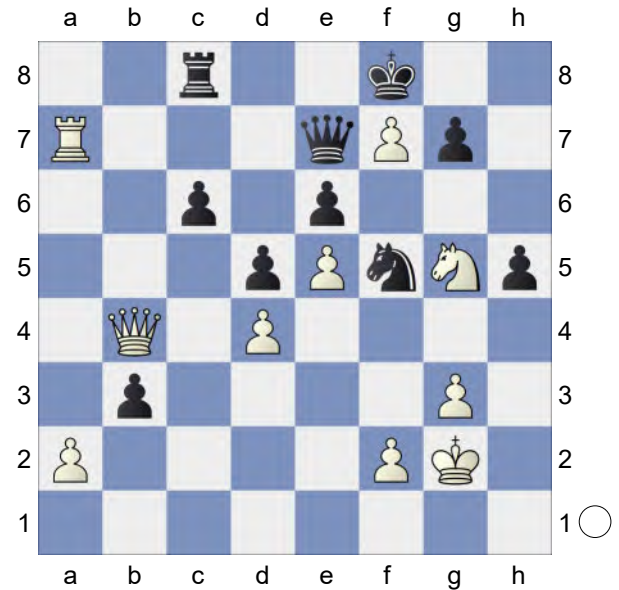


29.Ng5! 31.62/25 Qe7



30.Qb4!! White threatens mate multiple times, 30.Qb4 is a sac (Pin), Double attack on b3/b8/e7. Pin, Double Attack
30...Rc8

(Diagram)

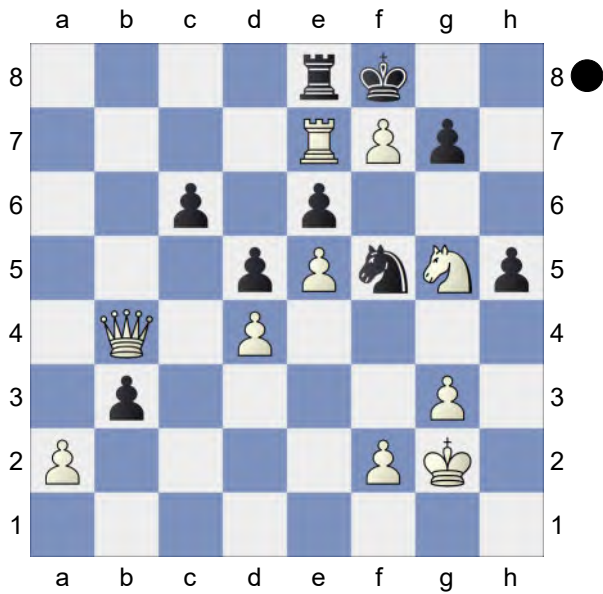


31.Rc7!! 17.19/21 is a sac (Pin) **31...Re8**
[31...Ra8 32.Qb7]

32.Rxe7 27.31/22

[32.fxe8Q+ #9/22 Kxe8 33.Rc8+ (33.Rxe7+ Nxe7 34.Qb8+ Kd7 35.Nf7 Nc8 36.Nd6 Nxd6 37.exd6 e5 38.Qc7+ Skewer Ke6) 33...Qd8 34.Qb8 (34.Rxd8+ Kxd8 35.Qf8+ Kd7 36.Qf7+ Ne7 37.Qxe6+ Ke8 38.Qd6 g6) 34...Ne3+ 35.fxe3 Qxc8 36.Qxc8+ Ke7 37.Qc7+ Skewer (37.Nxe6 g5 38.Nxg5 bxa2 39.Qc7+ Ke8 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Ne6+ Kc8 42.Qc7#) 37...Ke8 38.Qf7+ (38.Qxc6+ Kd8 39.Nf7+ Ke7 40.Nd6 Kd8 41.Qc8+ Ke7 42.Qe8#) 38...Kd8 39.Nxe6+ Kc8 40.Qc7#]

(Diagram)



White has a winning attack.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.99

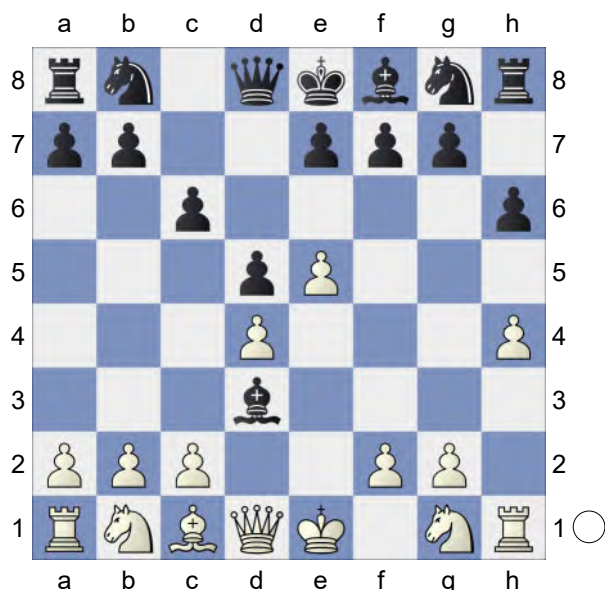
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17 **B12**
 □ **Forester_19** **2770**
 ■ **HaalandSmecherul** **2761**
 Blitz 28.10.2024
 [Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
 5.Bd3 Bxd3

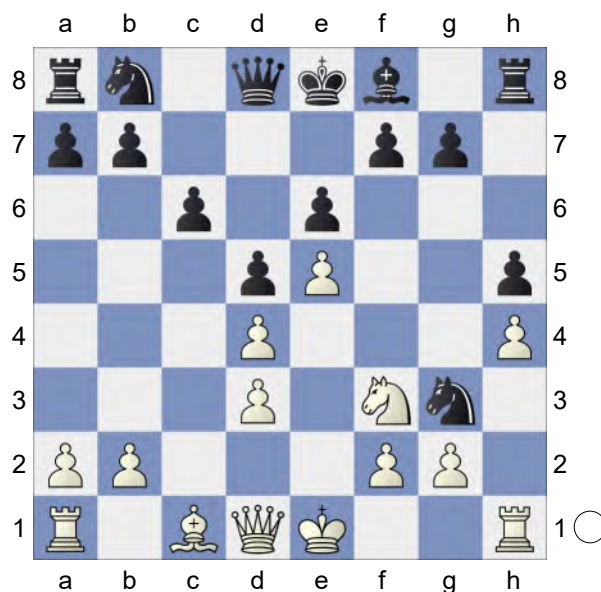


6.cxd3N

[6.Qxd3 e6 7.Ne2 (7.Nf3 Qa5+
 8.Nbd2 Qa6 9.c4 Bb4 10.b3 Nd7
 11.0-0 Ne7 12.a3 Ba5 13.b4 Bc7
 14.Bb2 dxc4 15.Nxc4 Nb6 16.Rac1
 Nxc4 17.Rxc4 Nd5 18.g3 Nb6
 19.Rc3 Qxd3 20.Rxd3 Nc4 21.Bc1
 a5 0-1 (39) Paiva,H (2078)-Ferreira,V
 (2128) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd
 Nov Late blitz 2022 (9); 7.Nd2 c5 8.c3
 Ne7 9.Ne2 Nec6 10.Nf3 cxd4
 11.cxd4 Qa5+ 12.Kf1 Qa6 13.Qd1
 Nd7 14.Kg1 Be7 15.h5 0-0-0
 16.Rh3 Kb8 17.Rg3 Rhg8 18.Be3
 Rc8 19.Nf4 Nb6 20.Qb1 Nb4
 21.Qh7 Nc2 1-0 (31) Charpentier,R
 (2492)-Perez Berenguer,V (2642)
 County match, UK 2004) 7...Ne7

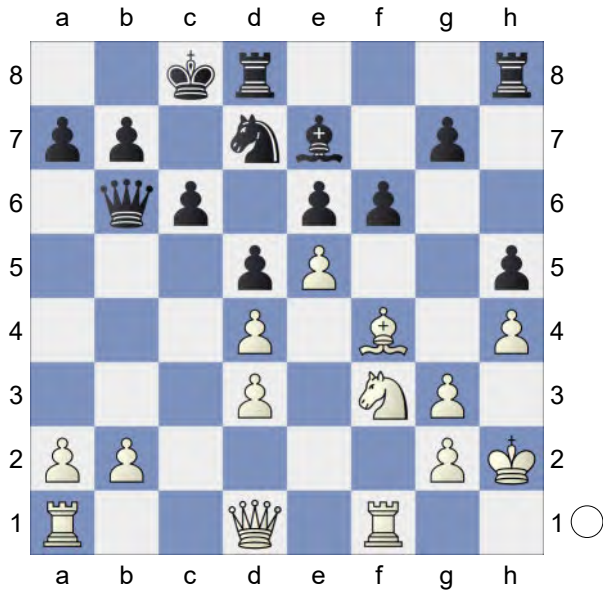
(7...c5 8.c3 Nc6 9.a3 a5 10.Nd2
 a4 11.h5 Nge7 12.0-0 Qa5 13.Nf3
 Nc8 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Nfd4 N8e7
 16.Be3 Nxe5 17.Qc2 Nc4 18.Bc1
 0-0 19.Qd3 Qc7 20.Bf4 e5 21.Bh2
 Qd7 22.Nc2 0-1 (35) Vaibhav,S
 (2597)-Anton Guijarro,D (2670) Chess.
 com Classic Play In rapid 2024 (6))
 8.Nd2 c5 9.dxc5 Nec6 10.Nf3 Nd7
 11.0-0 Ndx5 12.Nxe5 Nxe5 13.Qg3
 Nc6 14.c3 Be7 15.Qxg7 Bf6 16.Qg4
 h5 17.Qa4 Bxh4 18.Nd4 Be7
 19.Nxc6 Qd7 20.Qd4 1-0 Olbrich,L
 (2192)-20.Rhf1 (2385) Astrakhan
 FIDE GP 2010 (7)]

6...e6 7.Nc3 h5 8.Nf3 White is slightly
 better. 8...Ne7 9.Ne2 Nf5 10.Ng3
 Nxc3 0.82/22
 [10...Na6= 0.03/21 keeps the
 balance.]



11.fxg3± Nd7 12.0-0 Be7 13.Bg5
 0.70/20
 [13.Qe2± 1.12/18]
 13...f6± 14.Bf4 Qb6 15.Kh2 0-0-0

(Diagram)



16.a4 0.58/23

[16.exf6± 1.03/17 gxf6 17.Rb1]

16...a5 17.Qc2 0.00/22

[White should play 17.Qe2± 0.72/20]

17...g5 0.59/19 **18.hxg5** -0.65/19

[18.exf6± 0.59/19 gxf4 19.fxe7 fxf3+ 20.Kxg3]

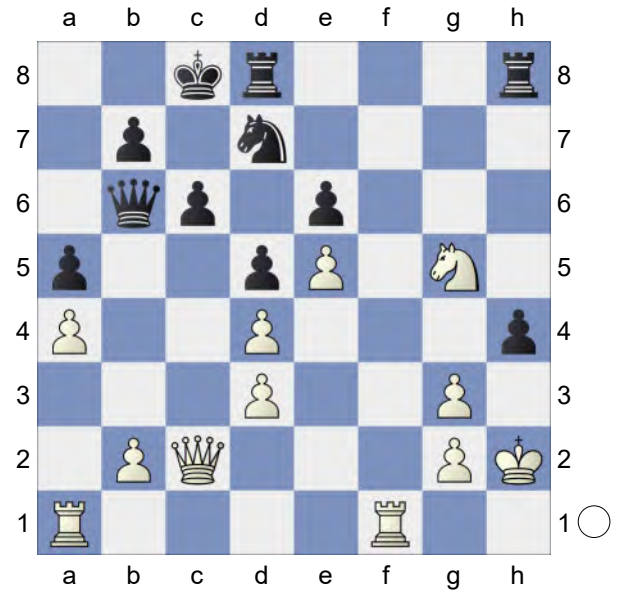
18...fxg5 19.Bxg5 -1.10/21

[19.Nxg5± -0.65/18 Rdg8 20.Nxe6]

19...Bxg5 20.Nxg5 h4 -0.97/18

[20...Qxd4 -1.33/21 Threatens to win with ...h4. 21.Nxe6 Qg4 22.Nxd8 h4 23.gxh4 Qxh4+ 24.Kg1 Qh2+ 25.Kf2 Rf8+ 26.Ke1 Qg3+ 27.Rf2 Nxe5]

(Diagram)



21.Nxe6? -4.35/19

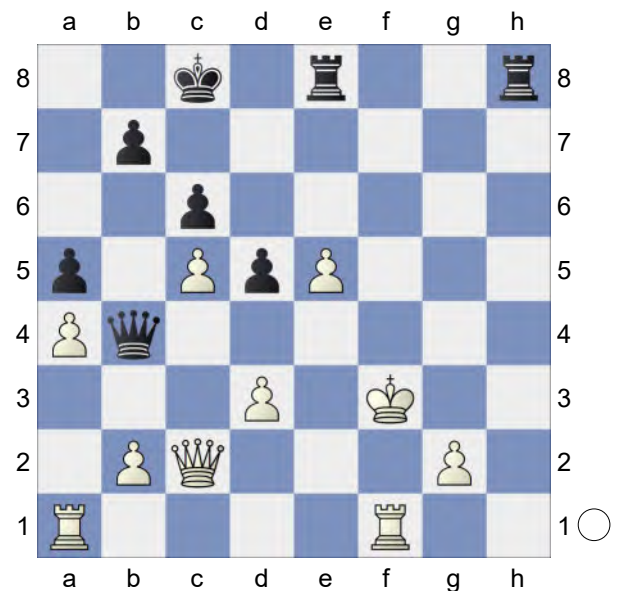
[21.g4± -0.97/18 Qxd4 22.Nf7 Nxe5 23.Qe2 Nxg4+ 24.Kh1]

21...hxg3+-+ 22.Kxg3 Rdg8+ 23.Kf3

Re8 24.Nc5 Nxc5 25.dxc5

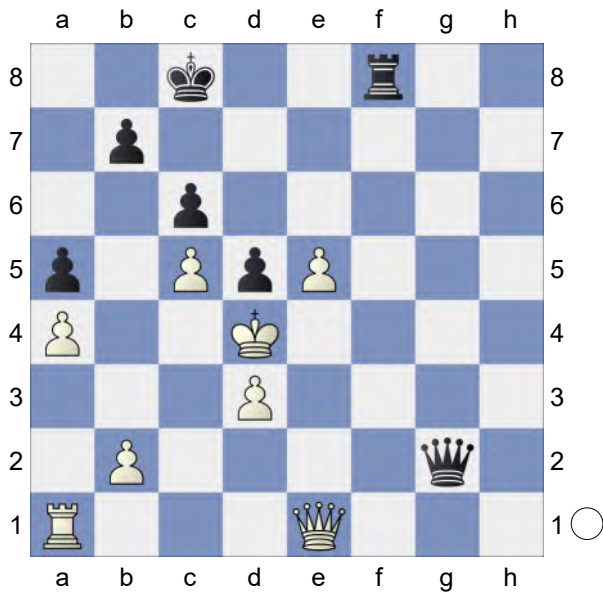
[And not 25.Qxc5 Rhf8+ 26.Ke2 Rxe5+ (26...Qxb2+? 27.Ke3±) 27.dxe5 Qxc5]

25...Qb4

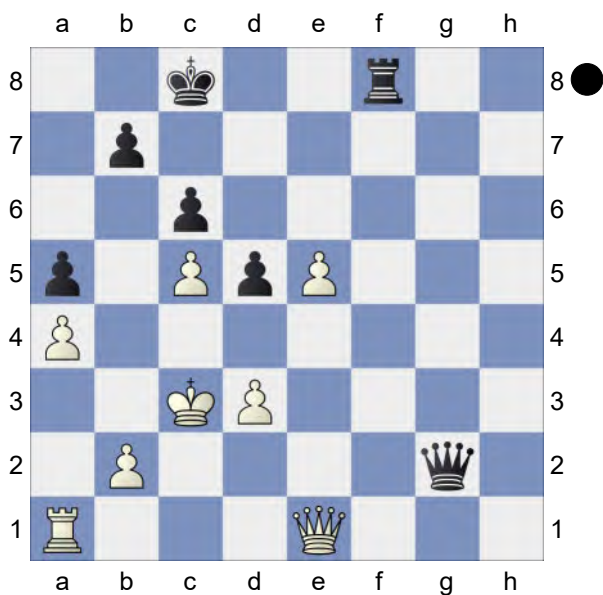


26.Qc3 Ref8+ 27.Ke3 Qg4
 (-> ...Qg5+) **28.Qe1 Qg5+ 29.Kd4**
Qxg2 30.Rxf8+ Rxf8

(Diagram)

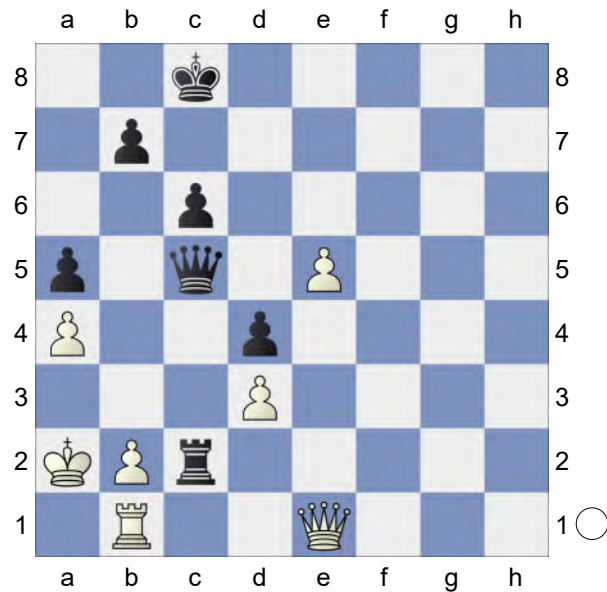


Endgame. KQR-KQR 31.Kc3

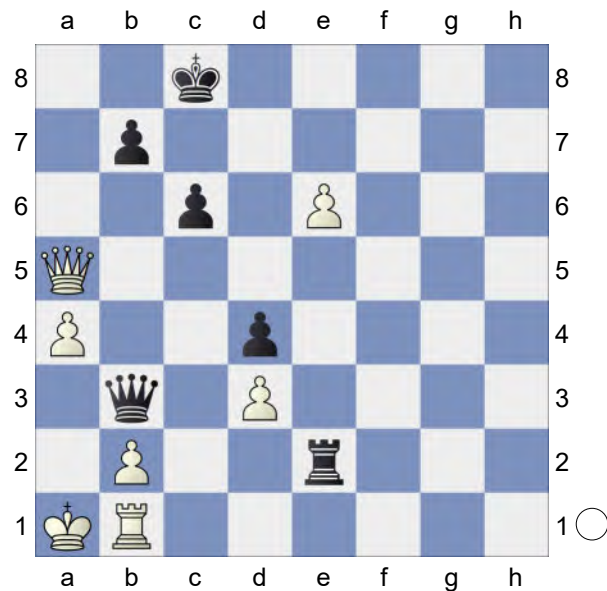


d4+! -0.55/23 **32.Kb3!** ♗ **Rf2** -0.06/27
 [32...Qd5+ ♗ -0.45/26 deserves
 consideration. 33.Kc2 Qxc5+ 34.Kb3
 Rf3]
33.Rb1 Qd5+ **34.Ka3** Qxc5+ **35.Ka2!**
Rc2

(Diagram)

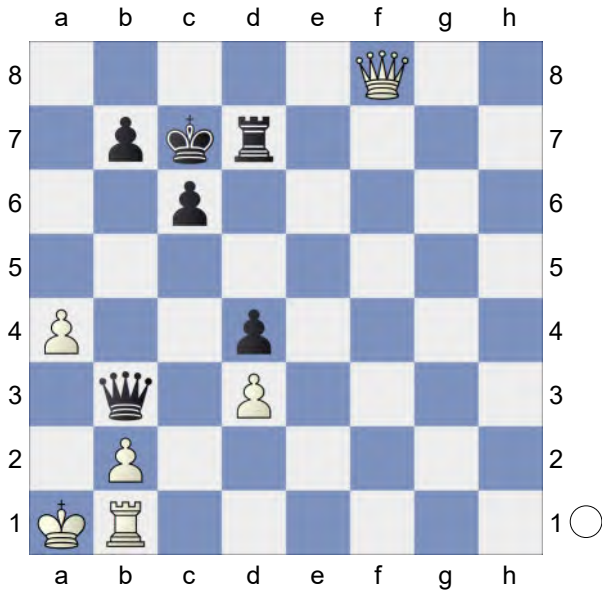


36.e6 Strongly threatening e7. **36...Qd5+**
37.Ka1 Hoping for e7. **37...Qb3**
38.Qxa5 White wants to mate with e7.
38...Re2 **39.Qa8+** Kc7 **40.Qa5+** Kc8

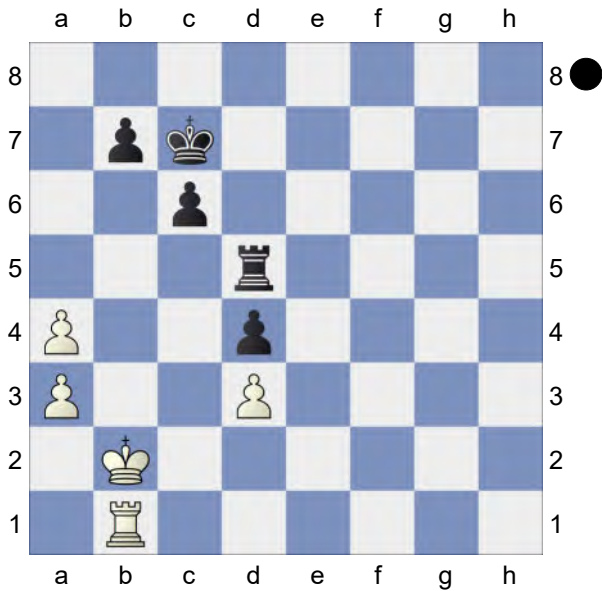


41.e7 Rxe7 **42.Qa8+** Kc7 **43.Qa5+**
 Kc8 **44.Qf5+** Rd7 **45.Qf8+** Kc7

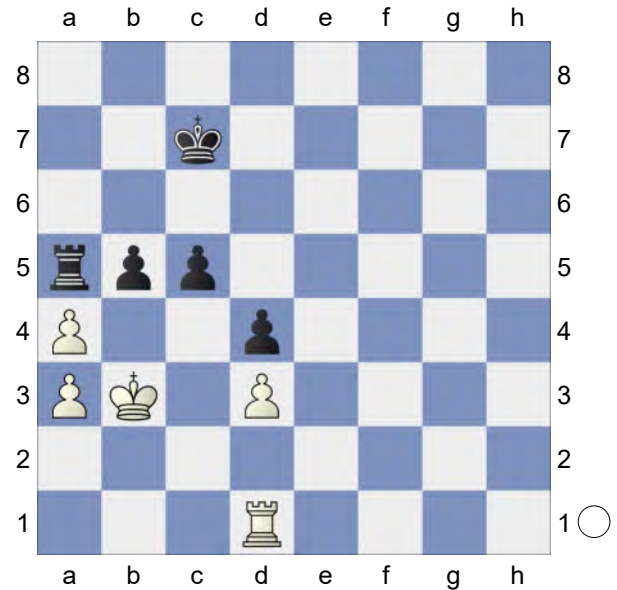
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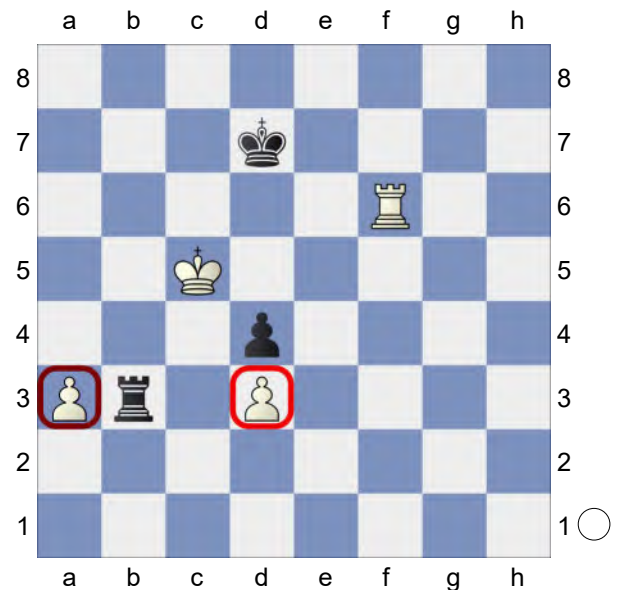
46.Qa3 Qxa3+ 47.bxa3= KR-KR
47...Rd5 48.Kb2? -2.50/27
 [48.Rh1= -0.06/31]



48...Ra5? -0.04/28
 [Black should try 48...Rc5!-+ -2.50/27
 ...Rc3 would now be deadly. 49.Rf1
 Rc3]
49.Kb3 -0.59/24
 [49.Rh1= -0.04/28]
49...c5 0.00/45
 [49...Rc5!-+ -0.59/24 50.Kb4 Rc3]
50.Rd1 b5

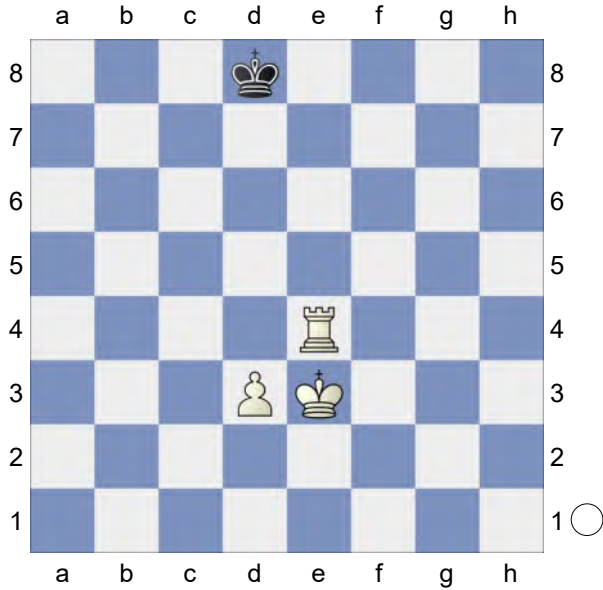


51.axb5 Rxb5+ 52.Kc4 Kc6 53.Rf1
Rb2 ...Rc2+ is the strong threat. 54.Rf6+
Kd7 55.Kxc5 Rb3

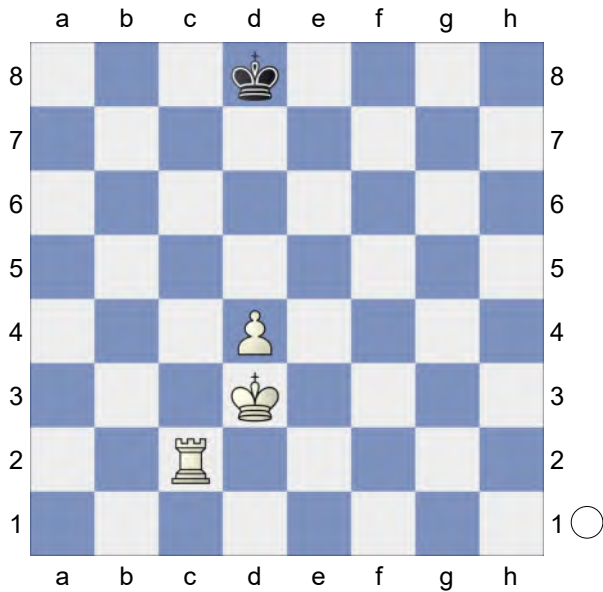


56.Kxd4 Rxa3 57.Rf4 Ra4+ 58.Ke3
Ke8? #19/18 59.Rxa4 KR-K. White
mates. 59...Ke7 60.Re4+ Kd8

(Diagram)

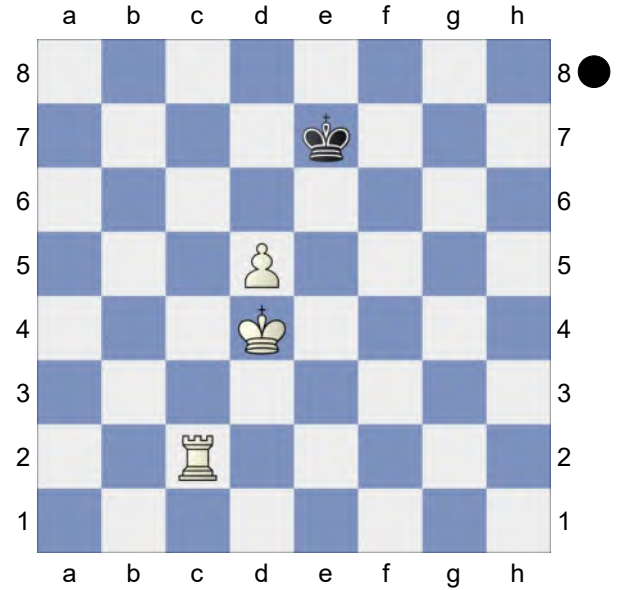


**61.d4 Kc8 62.Kd3 Kb7 63.Re3 Kb8
64.Re2 Kc8 65.Rc2+ Kd8**



66.Ke4 Kd7 67.d5 Ke7 68.Kd4

(Diagram)



What a bad dream for Black.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/
Black=0.50

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B12

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Blitz

24.10.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 f6N

[4...h5

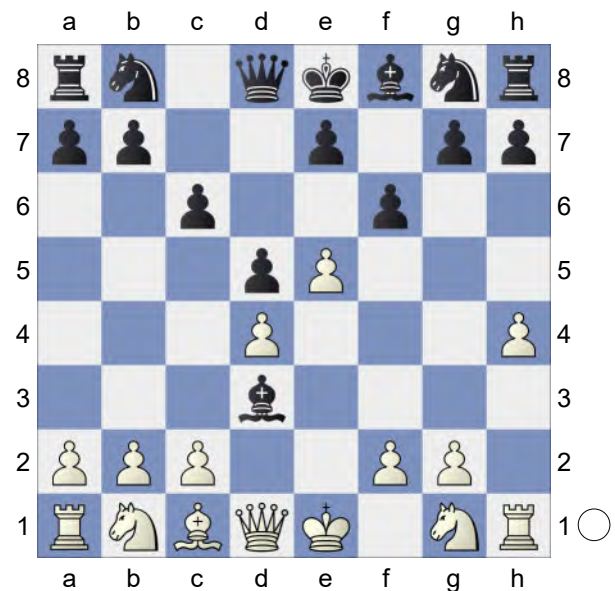
A) 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.Nd2 e6 8.Ne2 Qa6 (8...Ne7 9.b4 Qa6 10.Qb3 Nf5 11.Nf3 Nd7 12.a4 Qc4 13.Bd2 Qxb3 14.cxb3 f6 15.0-0 Be7 16.g3 Kf7 17.Rfe1 fxe5 18.dxe5 Rac8 19.Nf4 d4 20.Rac1 c5 21.Nd5 cxb4 22.Nxe7 Nxe7 23.Ng5+ (54) Chapter-Games Chapter 11 Game 3) 9.c4 Ne7 10.b3 Nd7 11.0-0 Nf5 12.Nf3 Nb6 13.Ng3 dxc4 14.Qe2 c3 15.Qc2 g6 16.Bg5 Nd5 17.Ne4 Qa3 18.Bf6 Rg8 19.Nxc3 Nxc3 1-0 (52) Zherebtsova,A (2239)-Pham,L (2380) Olympiad Women-45 2024 (5.15);

B) 5.c4 e6 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Bg5 Nd7 (7...dxc4 8.Bxc4 Nd7 9.Nge2 Nb6 10.Bb3 Qd7 11.0-0 Ned5 12.Ng3 Bg6 13.Nce4 a5 14.a3 a4 15.Ba2 Nc7 16.Qe2 Nb5 17.Rac1 Be7 18.Rfd1 Bxg5 19.Nxg5 Rd8 20.N3e4 0-0 21.Nc5 Qe7 22.Qe3 1-0 (41) Miles,E (2610)-Maksimovic,D (2470) Nice ol (Men) qual-G 1974) 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.Nb5 Qa5+ 10.Bd2 Qb6 11.Nd6+ Kd8 12.Nxf7+ Ke8 13.Nxh8 Qxd4 14.Bc3 Qe4+ 15.Qe2 Qf4 16.Qxh5+ g6 17.Qg5 Qe4+ 18.Qe3 Qa4 19.h5 1-0 (29) Feldman,S (1898)-Karma,P (1637)

CCOL11 fin-02 9298 1992 (7)]

[4...h6 5.g4 Bh7 6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Na6 9.Nf3 Qb6 10.Qg6+ Kd8 11.Ne5 Kc7 12.Nf7 Nb4 13.Bf4+ Kd7 14.c3 Na6 15.Nd2 c5 16.Nxh8 cxd4 17.Nf7 Nc7 18.Ne5+ Kd8 19.Qf7 1-0 Perez Candelario,M (2474)-Hazarabedian,G Olympiad-36 Mallorca 2004 (1)]

5.Bd3 Bxd3



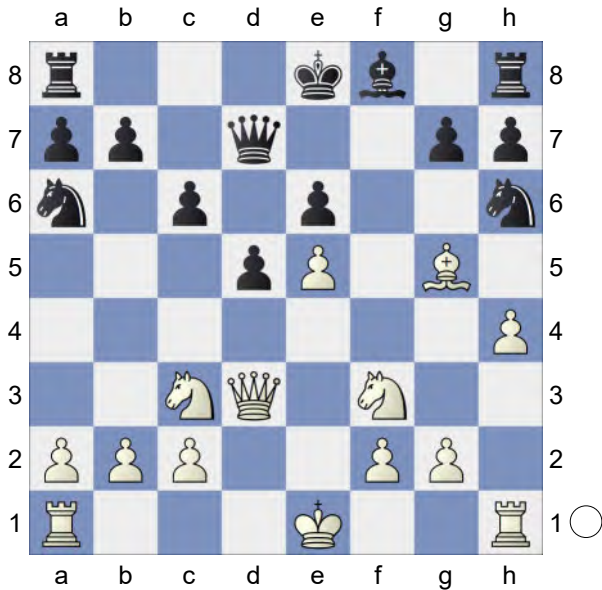
6.Qxd3 fxe5 7.dxe5 e6 8.Nf3

White is better. 8...Na6 9.Bg5 0.19/20

[9.a3± 0.63/19]

9...Qd7 10.Nc3 Nh6

(Diagram)



11.Ne2 -0.18/18

[11.0-0-0± 0.62/18]

11...Nf7 0.42/19

[Black should try 11...Nc5= -0.18/18
12.Qd1 Nf5]

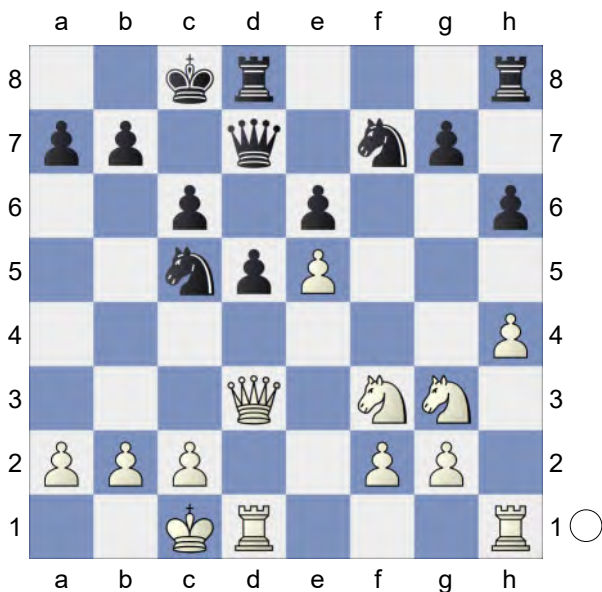
12.Ng3 h6 0.89/19

[12...Be7= 0.25/18]

13.Be3 Bc5 14.0-0-0 0.58/19

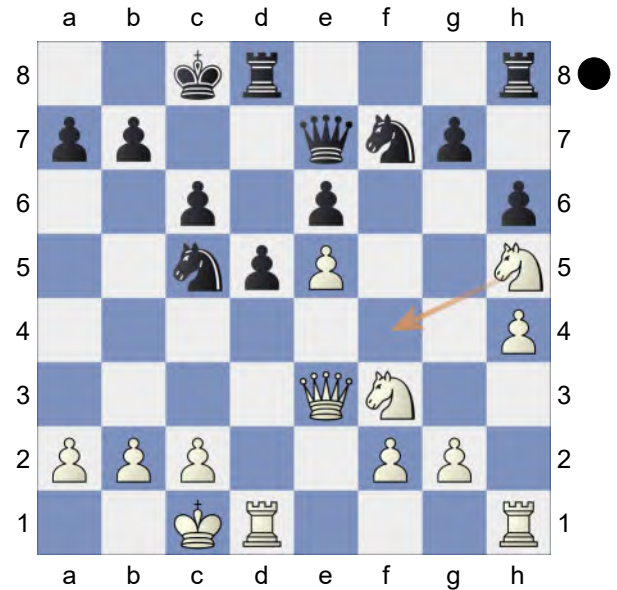
[14.c3± 0.96/17]

14...0-0-0± 15.Bxc5 Nxc5



16.Qe3 Qe7 17.Nh5

(Diagram)



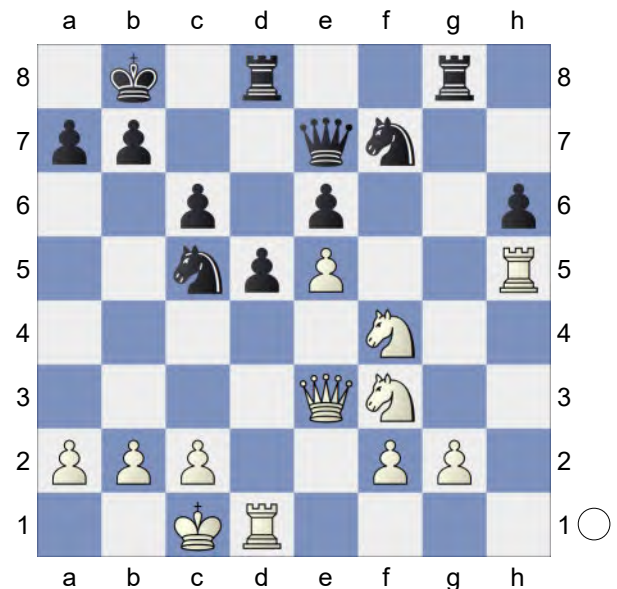
Threatens to win with Nf4! **17...Rhg8**

18.Nf4 g6 0.74/19

[18...g5= 0.27/22 19.Nh5 Nd7]

19.h5↑ White is really pushing. **19...gxh5**

20.Rxh5 Kb8



21.g3 Ne4 **22.c3** Neg5 **23.Nd4** 0.30/20

[23.Nd2± 0.66/19]

23...Rde8 24.Rdh1 0.21/21

[24.Nb3± 0.59/20 feels stronger.]

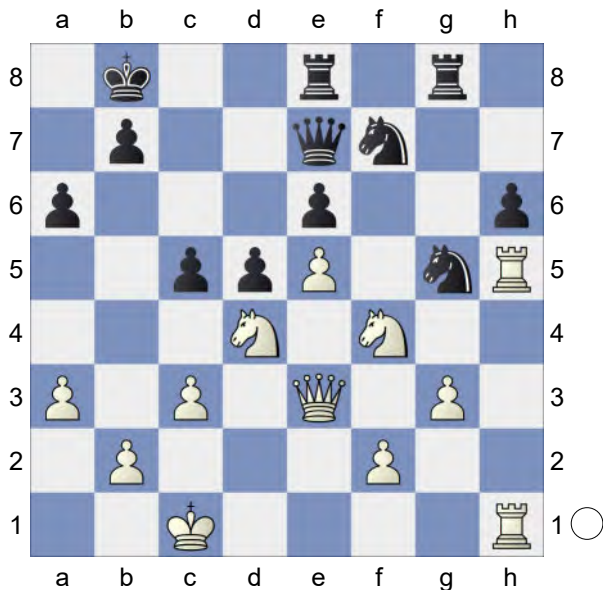
24...a6 1.05/21

[24...c5= 0.21/21 25.Nb3 Rc8]

25.a3 -0.15/24 White is much more active.

[25.Nb3± 1.05/21]

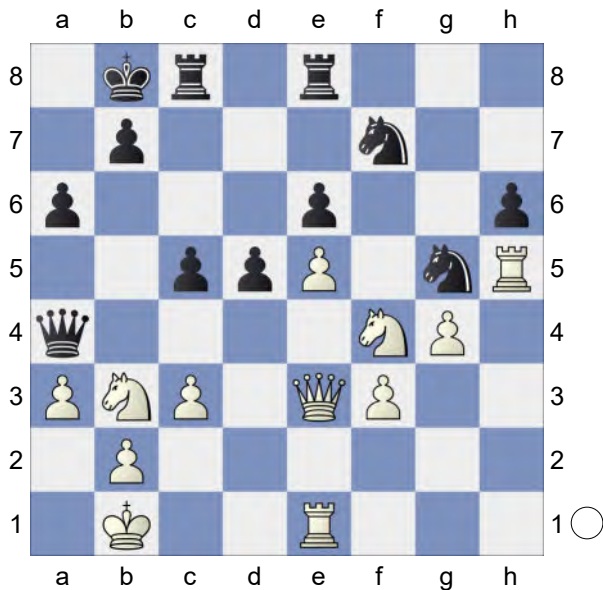
25...c5



26.Nb3 Rc8 27.Kb1 Qc7 28.Re1
Rge8 29.f3 Qc6 30.g4 0.00/27

[30.Rh2± 0.51/20]

30...Qa4



31.Ka2 -0.51/21

[31.Nxc5? Rxc5 32.Ne2 Rc7-+]

[31.Nc1= 0.00/21]

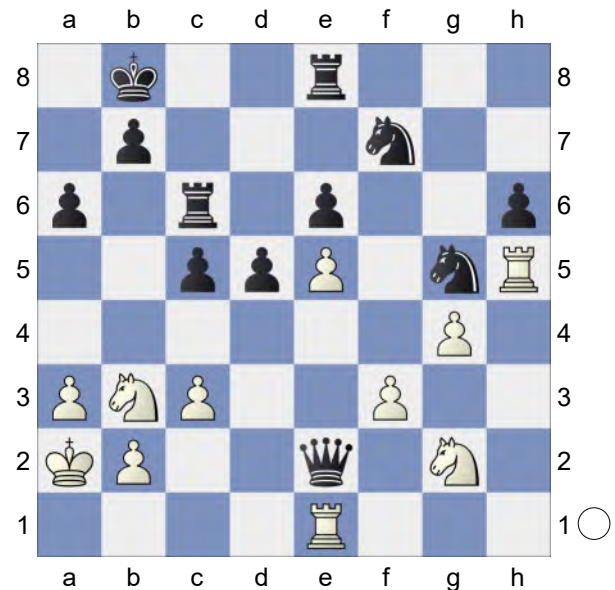
31...Qc4♣ And now ...a5 would win.

32.Ng2 -0.81/23

[32.Nh3!♣ -0.34/22]

32...Rc6 aiming for ...Rb6. 33.Qe2

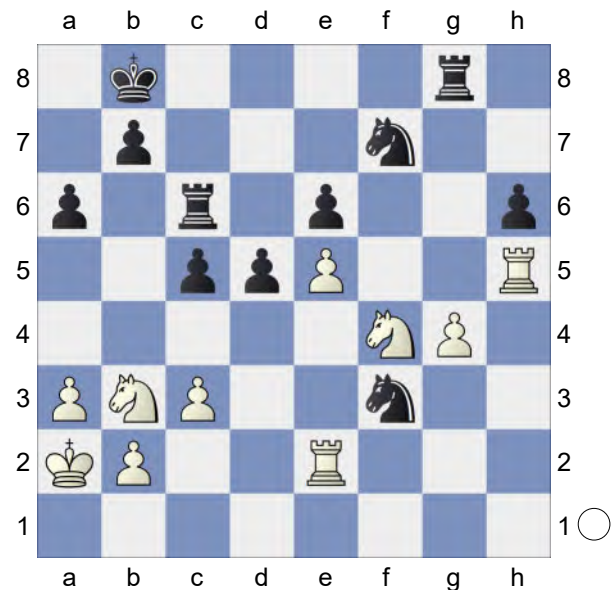
Qxe2



Remove Defender 34.Rxe2

Nxf3

35.Nf4 Rg8



36.c4? -2.52/21 d4? -0.90/18

[36...Rxc4 37.cxd5 exd5 38.e6 Rxf4
39.e7±]

[36...dxc4-+ -2.52/21 37.Na5 Rcc8]

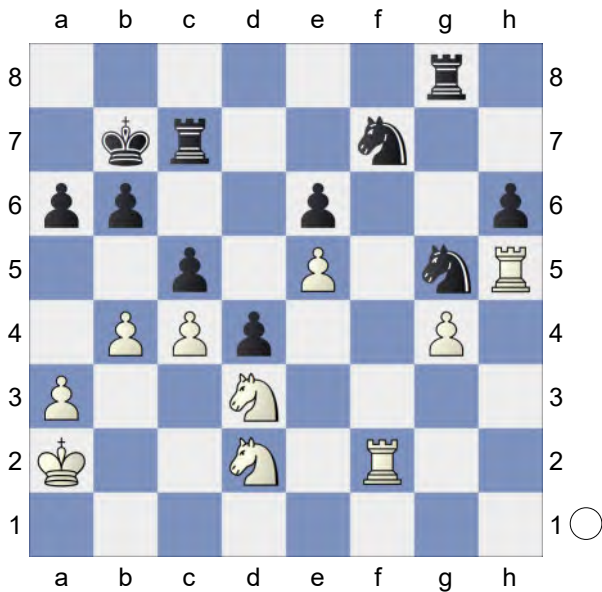
37.Nd3♣ b6 -0.20/22

[37...Rxc4♣ -1.00/24 White must now
prevent ...b6. 38.Nbxc5 Rg5 39.Rxc5
N7xc5 (39...hxc5 40.b3♣)]

38.Rf2= N3g5 39.Nd2 Kb7 0.27/22

[39...a5 -0.19/21 might be stronger.]

40.b4 Rc7

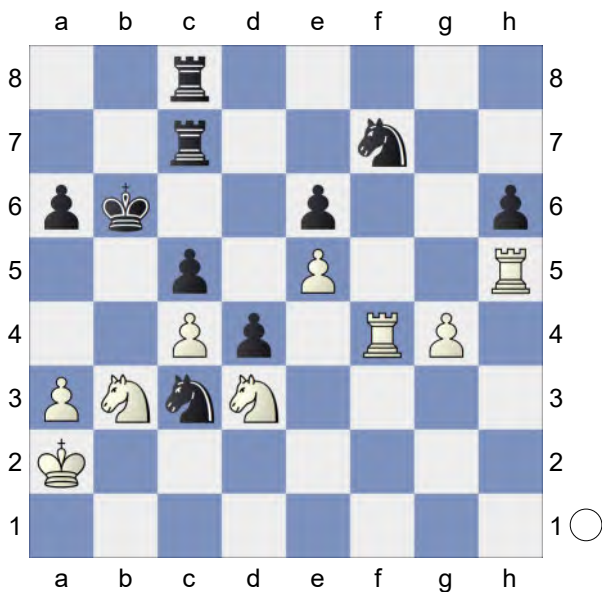


41.bxc5 bxc5 42.Nb3 Rgc8 0.38/20
[42...Ne4= 0.00/20 43.Rf4 Nc3+
44.Kb2 Na4+ 45.Kc2 Ka7]

43.Na5+ -0.10/20

[43.Rf4± 0.38/20 is superior.]

43...Kb6 44.Nb3 Ne4 45.Rf4 Nc3+

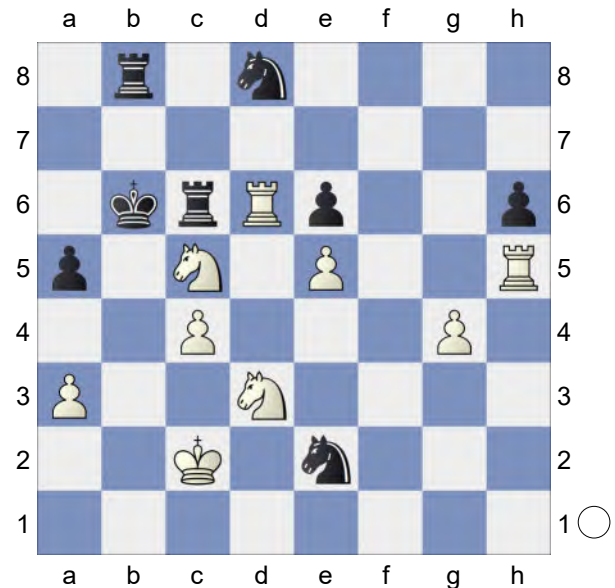


46.Kb2 Rb8 47.Kc2 a5 48.Nbxc5
Nd8 4.10/22

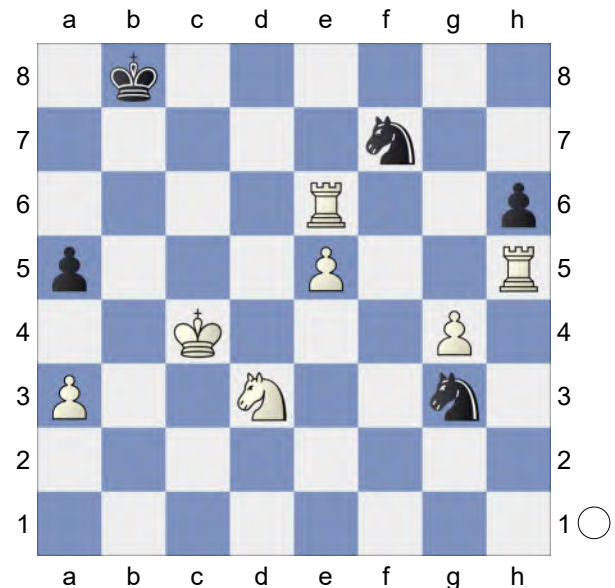
[48...Rxc5= 0.12/19 and Black stays
safe. 49.Nxc5 (49.Rxf7 Rxc4 50.Nf4
Ne2+ 51.Kd3 Nxf4+ 52.Kxc4
Nxf5) 49...Kxc5 50.Rxf7 Kxc4

51.Rc7+ (51.Rxh6? is the wrong
capture. d3+ 52.Kd2 Rb2+ 53.Ke3
Nd1+ 54.Ke4 Re2+ Skewer 55.Kf3
Rf2+ Skewer 56.Kg3 Rxf7-+)
51...Kd5]

49.Rxd4+- Ne2 50.Rd6+ Rc6

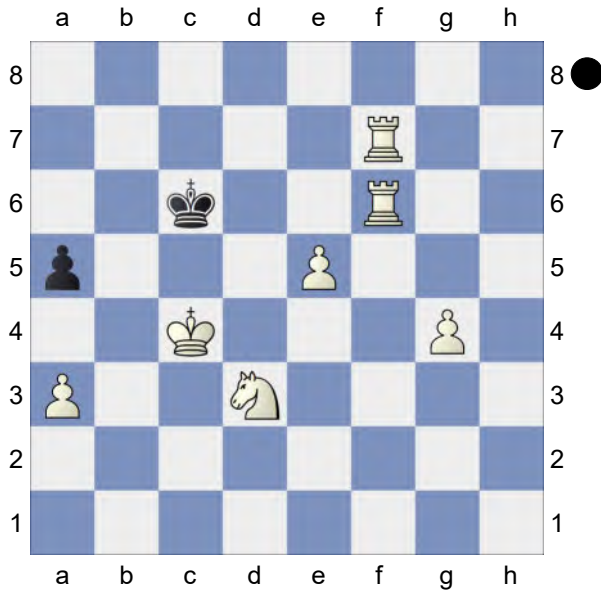


51.Nd7+ Kc7 52.Nxb8 Rxc4+ 53.Kb3
Ng3 54.Kxc4 Nf7 55.Rxe6 Kxb8



56.Re8+ Kc7 57.Re7+ Kc6
White mates. 58.Rxf7 Ne4 59.Rxh6+
Nf6 60.Rhxf6#

(Diagram)



Quite a comeback for White.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.22
(precise) /Black=0.34

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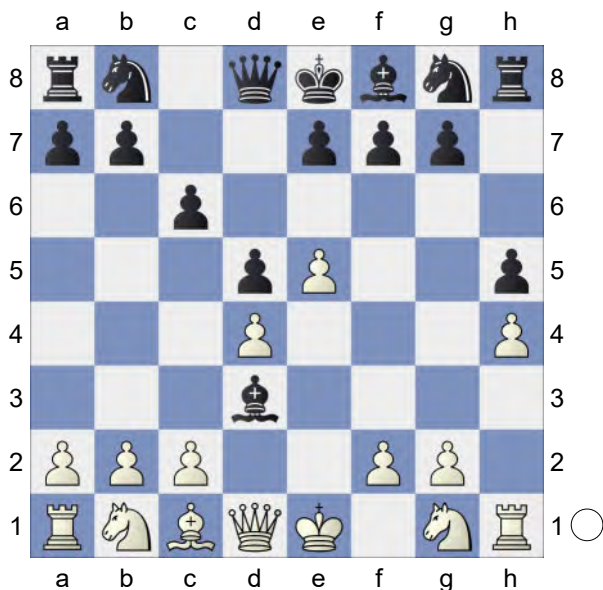
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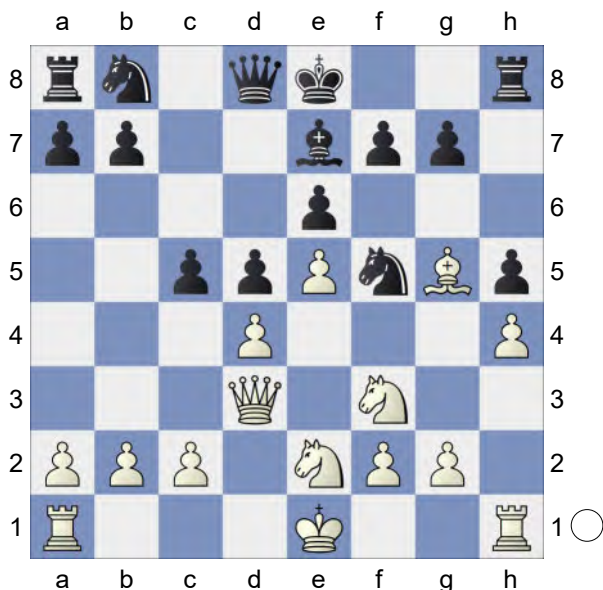
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



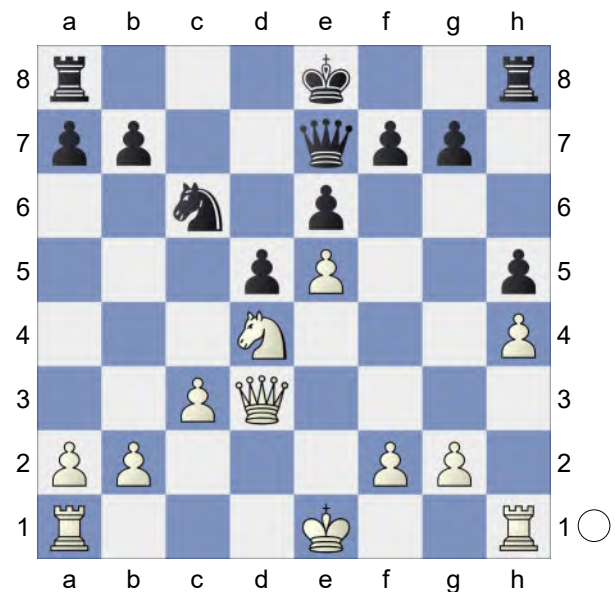
6.Qxd3 e6 7.Bg5 Be7 8.Nf3 Nh6
9.Nc3 White is slightly better. 9...Nf5
10.Ne2 White is more active. 10...c5



11.dxc5 Qa5+ 12.c3 Qxc5 13.Ned4N

[13.Bxe7 Kxe7 (13...Qxe7 14.Ng3
Nxg3 15.fxc3 Nc6 16.0-0 0-0-0
17.b4 f6 18.Rae1 f5 19.a4 Kb8
20.Kh2 Rc8 21.a5 Nd8 22.a6 b6
23.Rc1 Nf7 24.c4 dxc4 25.Rxc4
Rxc4 26.Qxc4 Rc8 27.Qb3 Nh6
28.Nd4 1-0 (47) Drewes,T (2277)-
Schwarz,M (2433) Petrov Memorial op
2000 (3)) 14.Ned4 Nxd4 15.Nxd4
Nc6 16.0-0 Nxe5 17.Qe3 Nd7
18.Rfe1 Kf8 19.Rad1 Rh6 20.Rd3
Kg8 21.Qd2 Rg6 22.Nf3 Rg4
23.Nh2 Rxh4 24.Qg5 Re4 25.Ree3
Nf6 26.b4 Qb6 27.Rg3 Re1+
0-1 (32) Ellithorpe,G (2761)-Wohl,R
(2741) corr 141/39 2018 (10)]
[13.0-0 Bxg5 (13...Nc6) 14.hxg5 g6
15.b4 Qc7 16.Ned4 Nc6 17.Nxf5
gxf5 18.Rac1 Rd8 19.Rfe1 Ne7
20.Nd4 Sevian,S (2585)-Hernandez
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Chicago 2017]

13...Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Bxe7
Qxe7

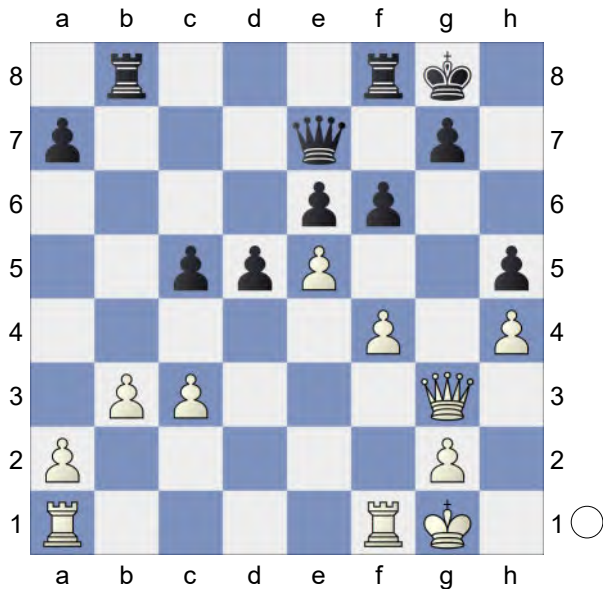


16.Nxc6 -0.34/18

[16.Nf3± 0.34/19]

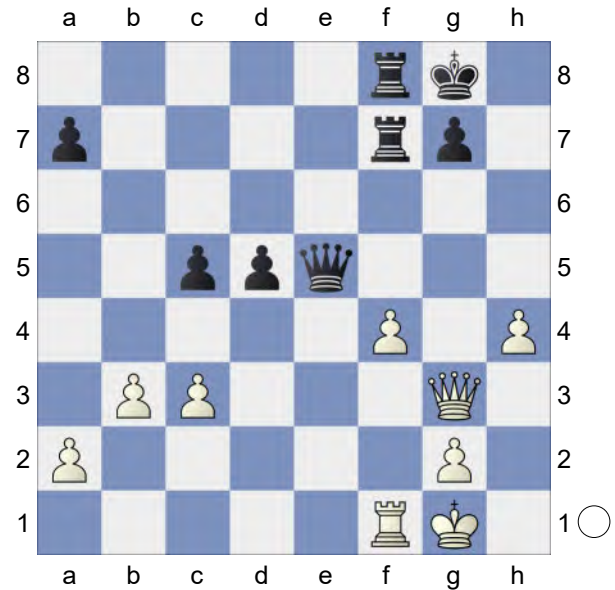
16...bxc6 17.Qg3 0-0 0.08/18

[17...g6 $\bar{=}$ -0.37/18]
18.0-0 -0.48/19
 [White should try 18.Qg5!= 0.08/18
 Qxg5 19.hxg5]
18...Rab8 19.b3 c5 20.f4 f6 0.14/21
 [Δ 20...c4 -0.25/20]

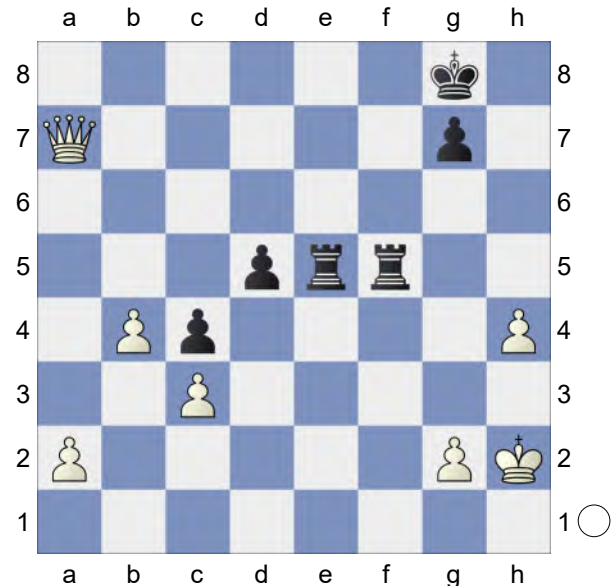


21.exf6 Qxf6 22.Rae1 Rb7 1.11/17
 [22...c4= 0.22/21]
23.Re5 $\pm$ Rbf7 1.92/18
 [23...Rc7 $\pm$ 1.08/19 was worth a try.]
24.Rxh5+- e5 2.83/24
 [Δ 24...c4 1.85/17 25.bxc4 dxc4]
25.Rxe5 $\rightarrow$ White is out for blood.
 [25.fxe5? Qxf1+ 26.Kh2 Qf4+-]
25...Qxe5

(Diagram)

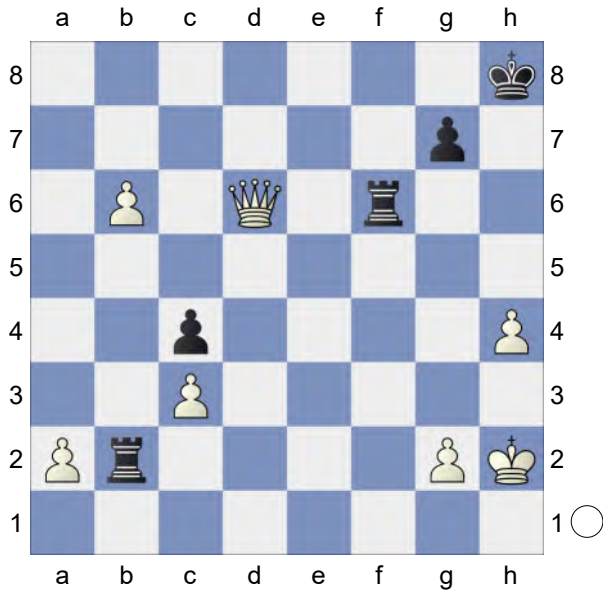


26.fxe5 Rxf1+ Endgame. KQ-KRR
27.Kh2 R1f5 3.14/22
 [Δ 27...c4 2.19/22 28.Qe3 R8f4]
28.Qe3 c4 29.b4
 [29.Qxa7 cxb3 30.axb3 Rxe5 $\pm$]
29...Re8 30.Qxa7
 [30.e6 Re7 31.b5 Kh7+-]
30...Rxe5



31.b5 Re2 32.b6 Rb2 33.Qa8+ Rf8
34.Qxd5+ Kh8 35.Qd6 1.12/19
 [35.Qxc4 Rxb6 36.Kh3 Rbb8 $\pm$]
 [35.Qh5+- 2.91/22 Kg8 36.Qd5+
 Kh8 37.Qb7 (37.Qxc4 Rxb6 38.Kh3

Rbb8±]
35...Rf6±



36.Qd8+ Kh7 37.a4 Black must now prevent a5. **37...Rfxb6 1.62/24**

[37...Rbxb6± 0.91/22 is a better defense. 38.Qc8 Rbc6]

38.Qd5+- Rg6? 3.47/23

[38...Rh6± 1.42/23]

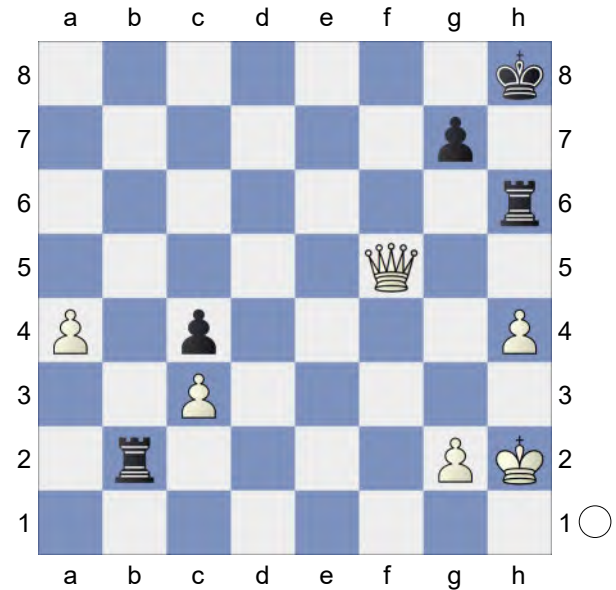
39.Qh5+ 1.41/17

[39.Qxc4 Rbxg2+ (39...Rgxcg2+ 40.Kh3±) 40.Kh1 R2g4]

[39.Qe4+- 3.47/23 has better winning chances. Kh6 40.Kh3 (40.Qxc4? Rbxg2+ 41.Kh1 R2g4 42.Qe2 Rxh4+-+)]

39...Rh6± 40.Qf5+ Kh8

(Diagram)



41.Qg4 0.63/23

[41.Qc8+± 1.37/24 Kh7 42.Qxc4]

41...Kh7 1.21/21

[41...Rb8± 0.63/23]

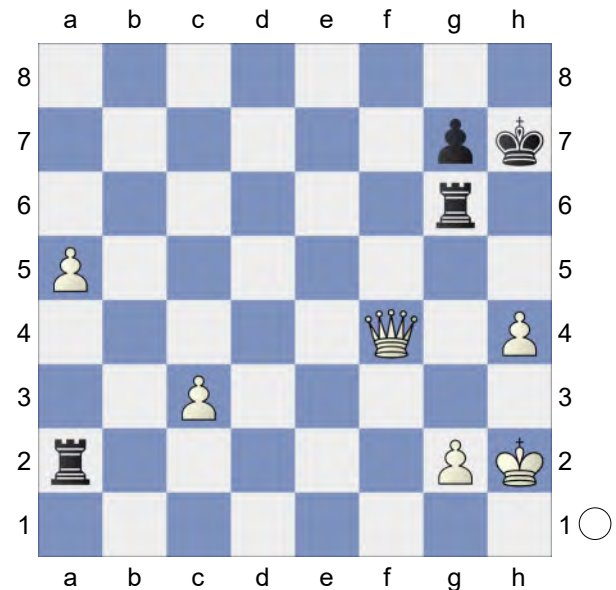
42.Qxc4 aiming for a5. **42...Rg6? 4.37/18**

[42...Rb8± 0.91/21 43.g3 Kh8]

43.Qe4+- Threatens to win with h5.

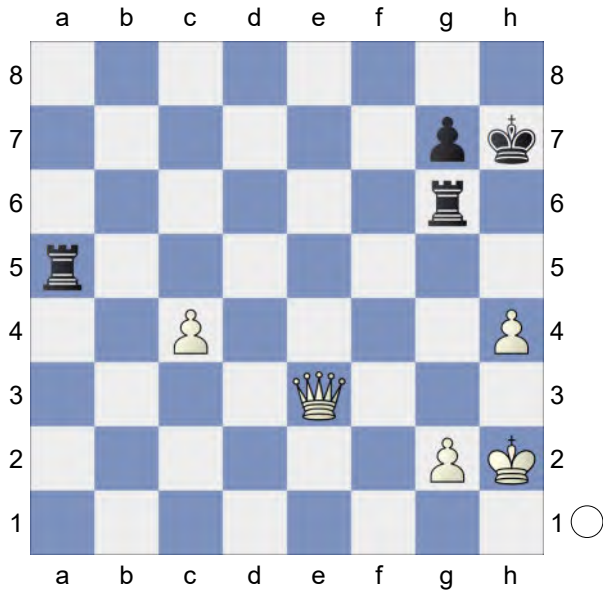
43...Kh6 44.a5 Dodges Rbb6 **44...Ra2**

45.Qf4+ Kh7

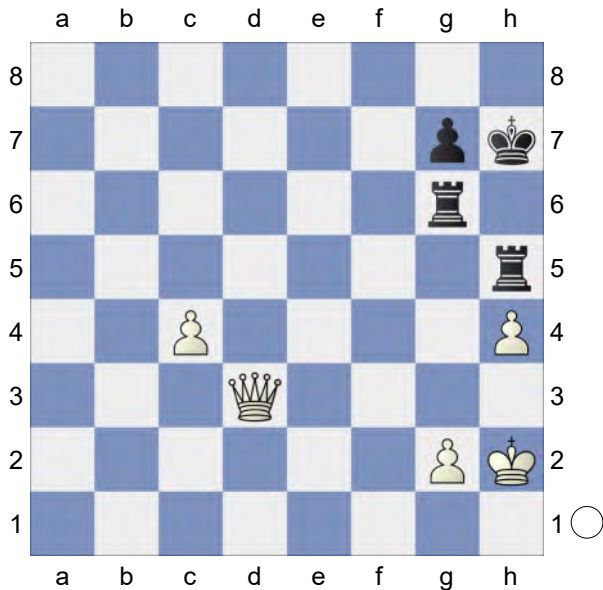


46.Qe4 Kh6 47.c4 Rxa5 48.Qe3+ Kh7

(Diagram)

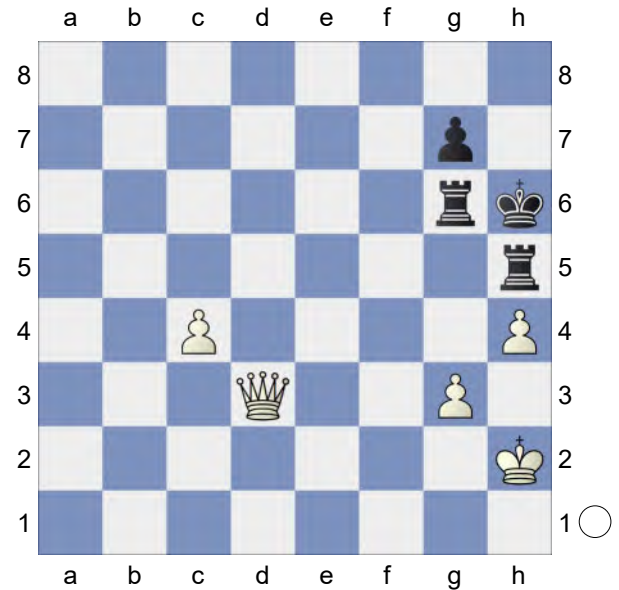


49.Qd3! *g4 would now be deadly.*
49...Rh5

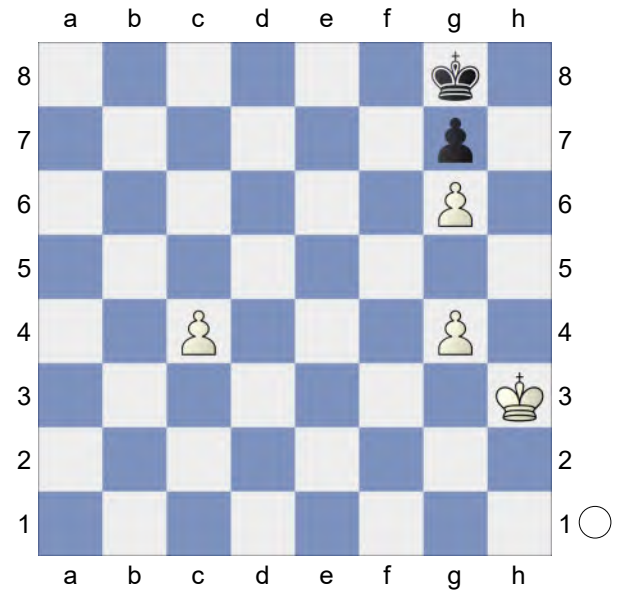


50.g3 0.36/16
 [White has to play 50.Kh3!+- 2.99/24
 Hoping for g4. Rhh6 51.c5]
50...Kh6? 7.92/20
 [50...Rhh6± 0.36/16]

(Diagram)

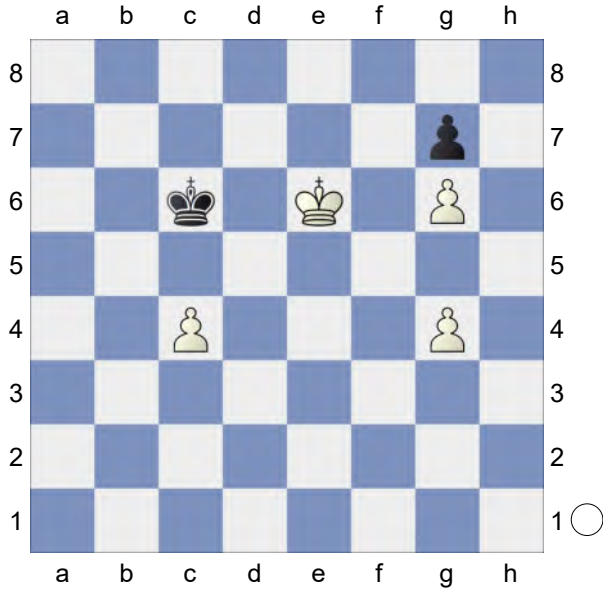


51.Kh3 **Kh7** **52.g4** **Rhh6** **53.h5** *Pin*
53...Kh8 **54.Qxg6** **Rxg6** **55.hxg6**
KP-KP **55...Kg8**

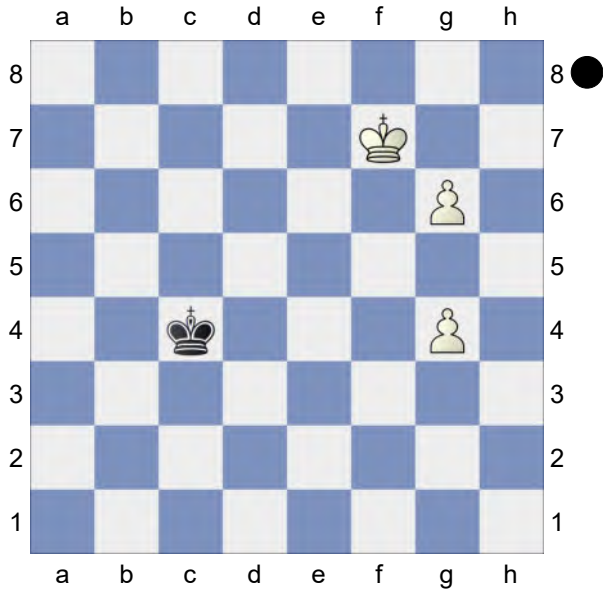


56.Kg3 **Kf8** **57.Kf4** **Ke7** **58.Ke5** **Kd7**
59.Kd5 **Kc7** **60.Ke6** **Kc6**

(Diagram)



61.Kf7 Kc5 62.Kxg7 Threatening mate with Kf6. **62...Kxc4 63.Kf7**



Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/
Black=0.55

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[Kitty Kat]

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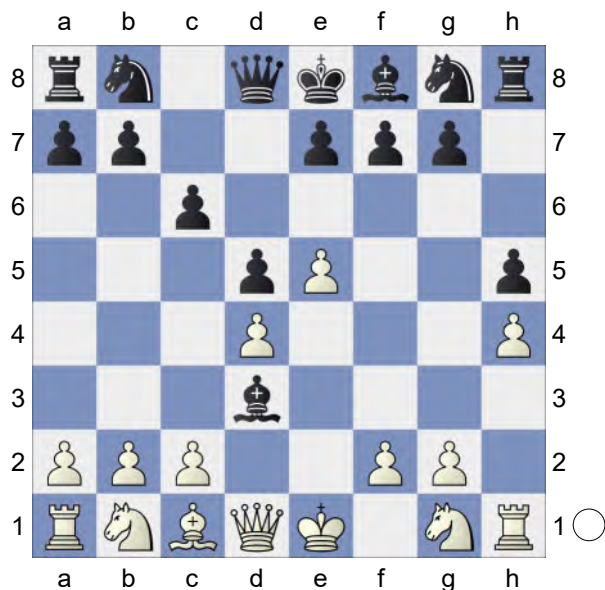
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

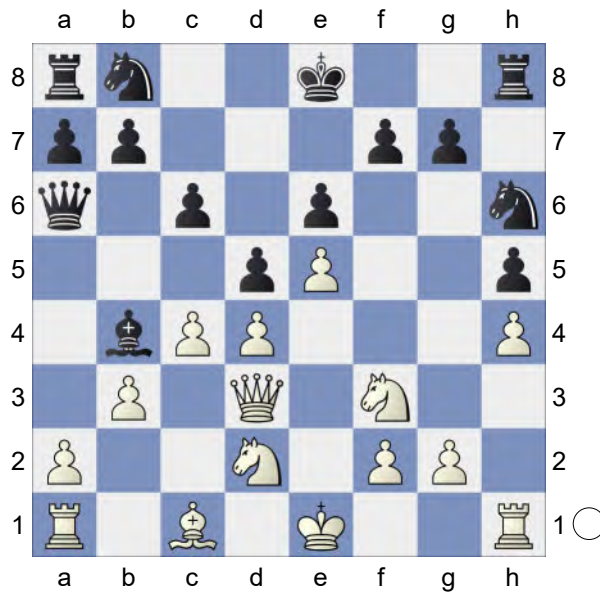
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
 5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 e6 7.Nf3 Qa5+ 8.Nbd2 Qa6
 9.c4 Bb4 White is slightly better. 10.b3
 Nh6 0.65/21

[10...Ne7= 0.25/20 is superior.]

(Diagram)



11.0-0± Nf5 12.a3 0.31/17

[12.Qc2 0.69/19

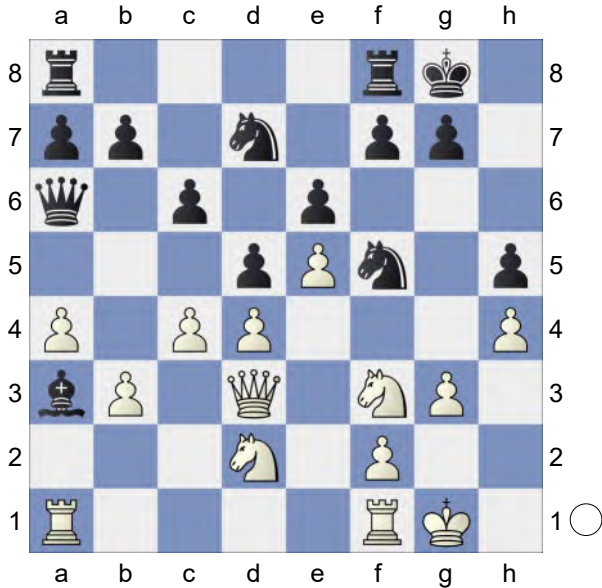
should be
considered.]

12...Nd7 13.g3 Be7 14.a4 0-0N

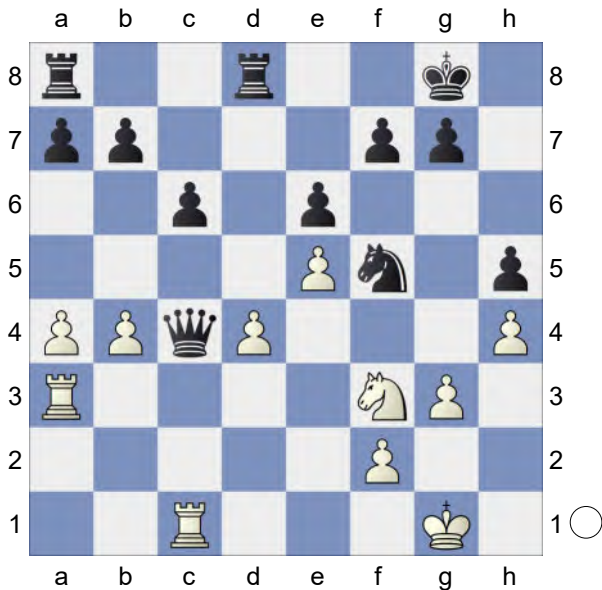
[14...c5 15.Qc3 cxd4 16.Nxd4 Nxd4
 17.Qxd4 Qb6 18.Qxb6 Nxb6 19.a5
 Nd7 20.cxd5 exd5 21.Nf3 Rc8
 22.Rd1 Rc3 23.Kg2 Nc5 24.Nd4
 Nxb3 25.Bb2 Nxd4 26.Bxc3 Ne6
 27.Rxd5 Bxh4 28.Rb5 Bd8
 29.Rxb7 1-0 (41) Eswaran,A (2365)-
 Foisor,S (2203) USA-ch (Women)
 2022 (7)]

15.Ba3 Bxa3

(Diagram)

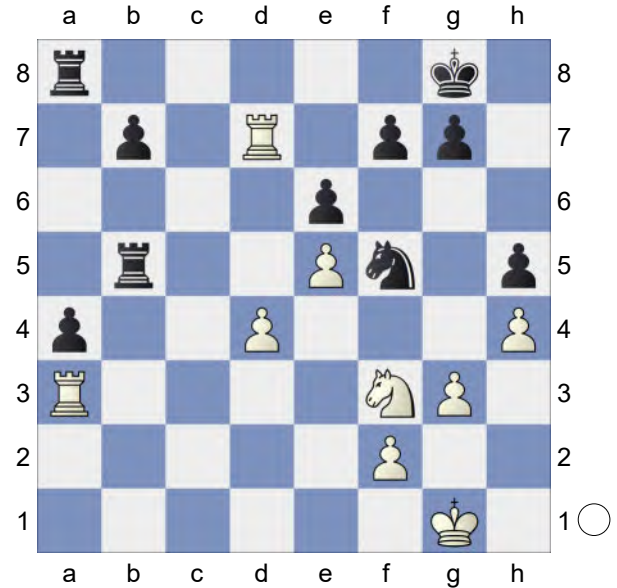


16.Rxa3 Rfd8 17.b4 dxc4 18.Nxc4 Nb6 19.Rc1 Nxc4 20.Qxc4 Qxc4



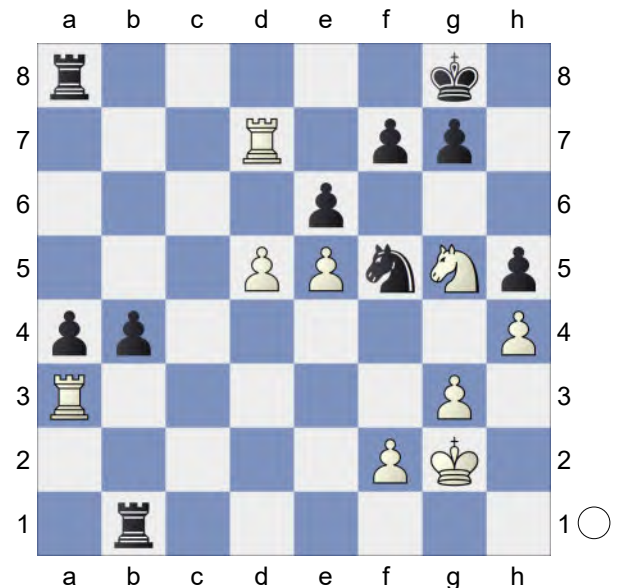
21.Rxc4 Rd5 22.b5 cxb5 23.axb5 Rxb5 24.Rc7 a5 25.Rd7 a4

(Diagram)



...Rb1+ is the strong threat. 26.Ng5 Rb1+ 27.Kg2 b5 And now **...Rb3** would win. **28.d5! b4? 1.82/23**

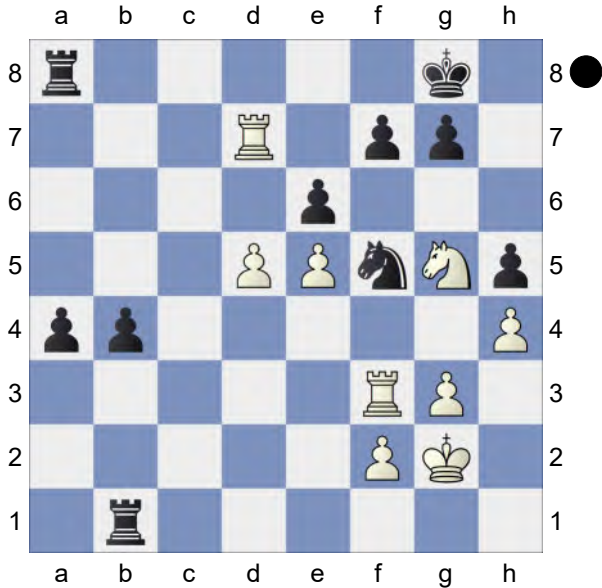
[28...Re1= -0.14/23 29.Rd3 Rxe5 30.dxe6 Rxe6 31.Nxe6 fxe6 32.Rd8+ (32.Rb7? a3+-) 32...Rxd8 33.Rxd8+ Kf7]



29.Rf3?? -2.84/22

[29.Rxa4!+- 1.82/23 Rf8 30.dxe6 fxe6 31.Rc7 (31.Nxe6 Re8+-)]

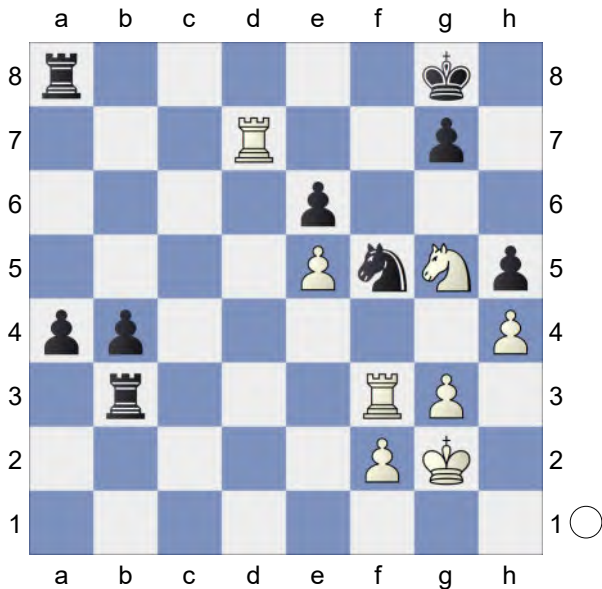
(Diagram)



29...Rb3? 0.12/32

[29...Rd1 30.dxe6 Rxd7 31.exd7+-]
 [29...a3!-+ -2.84/22 30.dxe6 fxe6]

30.dxe6 fxe6



31.Rxb3 axb3= Endgame. KRN-KRN

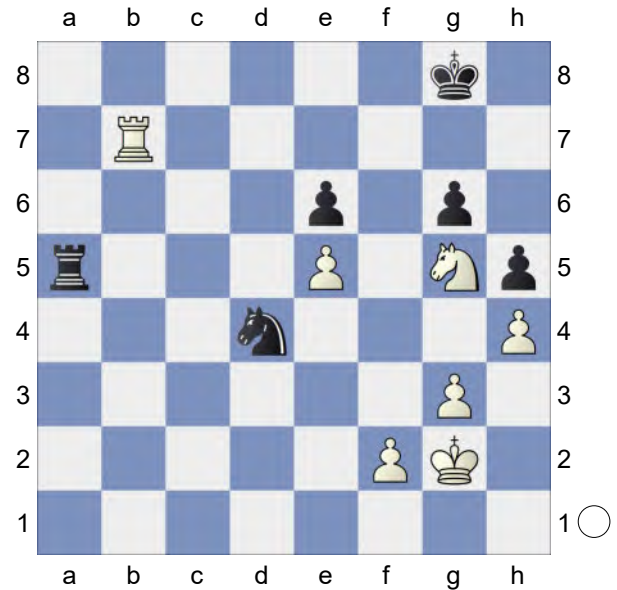
32.Rb7 g6? 2.31/28

[32...Ne7= 0.15/22 and Black has nothing to worry. 33.Rxb4 (33.Rxe7? is the wrong capture. b2-+) 33...Nc6 34.Rxb3 Nxe5]

33.Rxb4+- Ra6 34.Rxb3 Rb8+ would now be deadly. **34...Nd4** 3.07/26

[34...Nh6 2.12/20 35.Rb8+ Kg7]

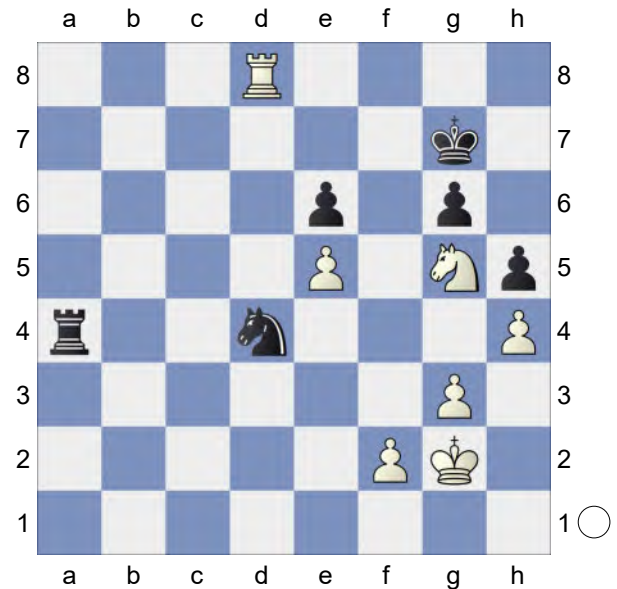
35.Rb7 Ra5



36.Rd7 Ra4 6.92/21

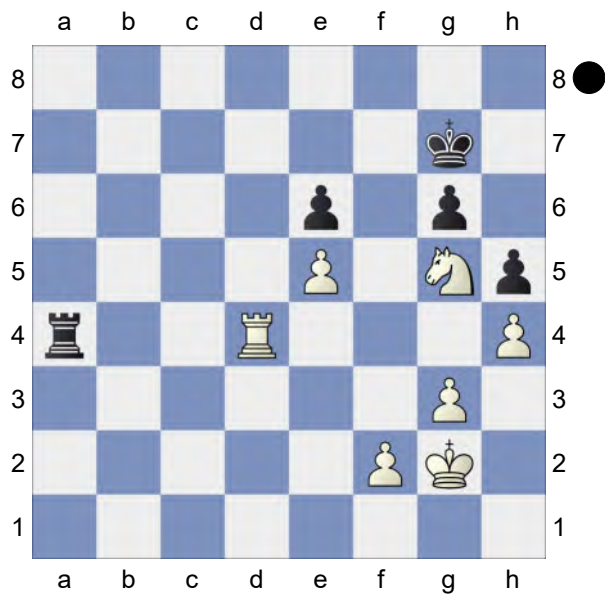
[36...Rd5± 1.46/21 37.Rd6 Rxd6 38.exd6 Kf8]

37.Rd8+ Kg7



38.Rxd4!

(Diagram)



White threatens mate multiple times, 38.
 Rxd4 is a sac. Remove Defender, Decoy.
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.29
 (precise) /Black=0.74

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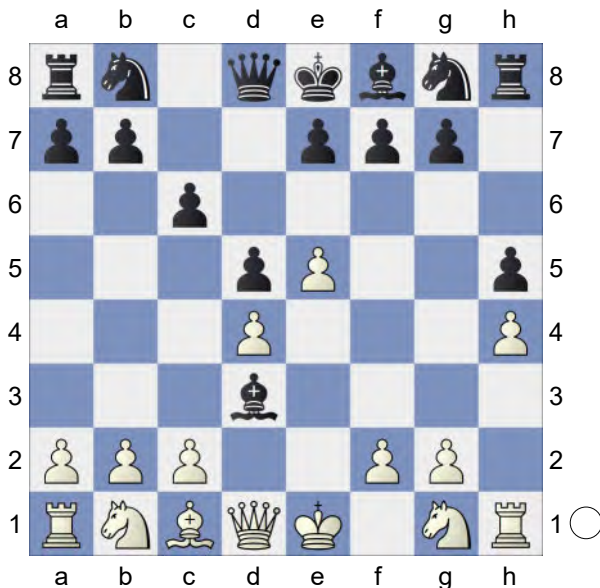
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 e6 7.Nf3 c5 8.dxc5 Bxc5
9.Qb5+N -0.19/17

[9.0-0± 0.44/20]

[9.c4 Nc6 10.0-0 Nge7 (10...Nb4
11.Qe2 dxc4 12.Rd1 Nd3 13.Nc3
Qc7 14.Ne4 Nh6 15.Rxd3 cxd3
16.Qxd3 Qb6 17.Bxh6 Rxh6 18.Rd1
Be7 19.Nd6+ Bxd6 20.exd6 a5
21.d7+ Ke7 22.Qc3 Rd8 23.Rd4 e5
24.Nxe5 Rd6 25.Rf4 (33) 39. Caro-
Kann 4.h4 h5 – 7.N-Caro-Kann 4.h4
h5 – 7.Nf3 c) 11.Nc3 Bb4 (11...0-0
12.cxd5 Nxd5 13.Ne4 Be7 14.Neg5
Bxg5 15.Nxg5 g6 16.Nxe6 Nxe5
17.Qh3 Nf3+ 18.gxf3 fxe6 19.Qxe6+
Kh7 20.Rd1 Rf5 21.Rd4 39. Caro-
Kann 4.h4 h5 – 7.N-Caro-Kann 4.h4
h5 – 7.Nf3 c) 12.Bg5 dxc4 13.Qxc4

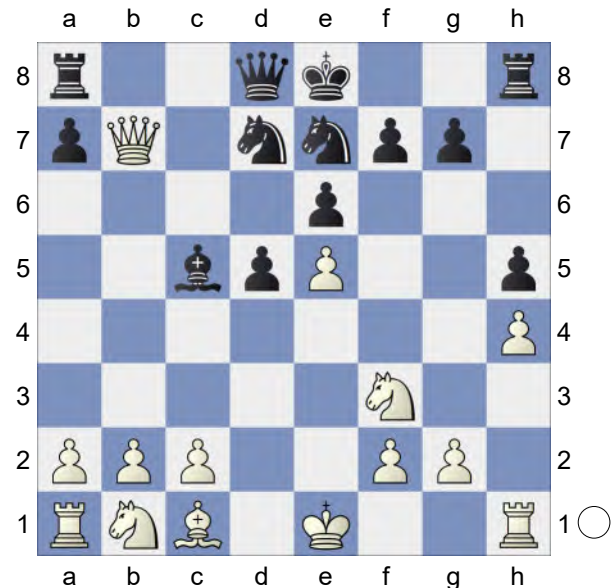
Bxc3 14.bxc3 0-0 15.Rab1 Qc7
16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.Qe4 39. Caro-
Kann 4.h4 h5 – 7.N-Caro-Kann 4.h4
h5 – 7.Nf3 c]

[9.Nc3 Nc6 10.0-0 a6 11.Ne2 Qc7
12.Qc3 Bb6 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Qxe3
Nh6 15.Qg5 Ng4 16.Nf4 Ngxe5
17.Nxe5 Qxe5 18.Qxe5 Nxe5
19.Nxd5 Rc8 20.Ne3 Ke7 21.g3
Rhd8 22.Rfd1 f5 23.Kg2 b5
½-½ (60) Santos Ruiz,M (2596)-Anton
Guijarro,D (2669) ESP-chT CECLUB
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9...Nd7= The position is equal. 10.Qxb7
-0.91/22

[10.c4= -0.19/21]

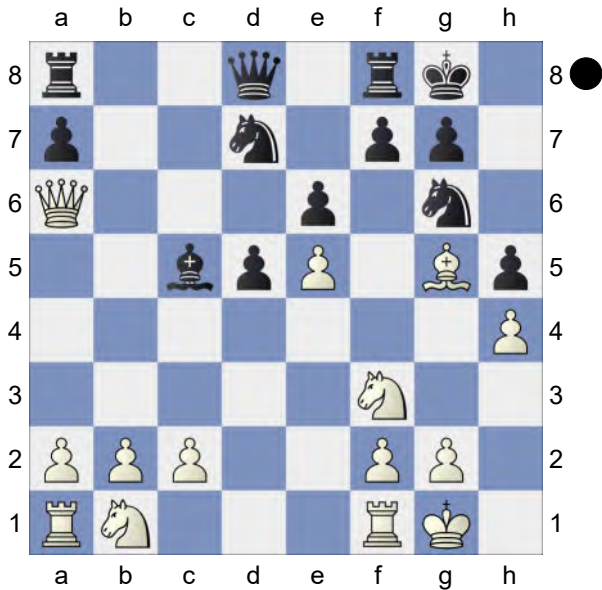
10...Ne7±



11.0-0 0-0 12.Qa6 Ng6 13.Bg5
-1.74/23

[13.Qe2± -0.80/20]

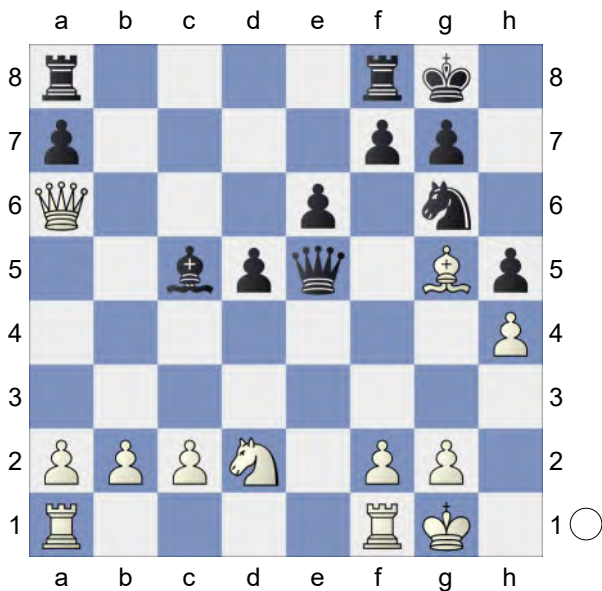
(Diagram)



13...Qc7 -1.23/21

[Black should try 13...Qb8!-+ -1.74/23
14.Nbd2 Ndx5 (14...Ngxe5
15.c4 $\bar{f}$; 14...Qxb2 15.Qc6 $\bar{f}$)]

14.Nbd2 Ndx5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5



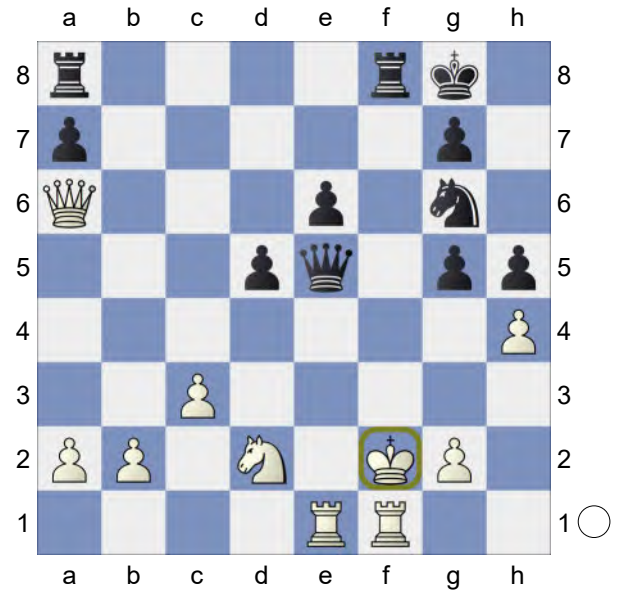
16.c3 -1.44/19

[Δ 16.c4 -1.08/19]

16...f6 Black is more active. **17.Rae1?**
-3.28/24

[17.Nf3 $\bar{f}$ -1.43/22 was worth a try.
Qf5 18.Bd2 (18.Be3 Bxe3 19.fxe3
Qe4 $\bar{f}$)]

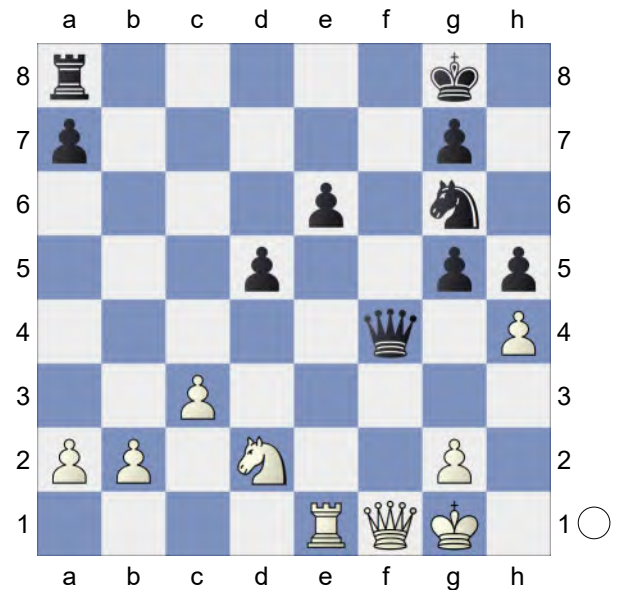
17...Bxf2+-+ 18.Kxf2 fxe5+



Discovered Attack (Check) 19.Kg1

Rxf1+ 20.Qxf1 Qf4 -0.04/21

[20...Qg3-+ -2.99/20 21.Qf2 gxe4
(21...Qxe4 22.Qxe4 Nxe4
23.Rxe6 $\bar{f}$) 22.Rxe6 Nf4 23.Qxe3
hxe3]



21.Rxe6? -4.05/21

[21.Qxf4= -0.04/21 Nxf4 22.hxe5]

21...Qxd2

[21...Nxe4 22.Qxf4 gxf4 23.Re5=]
[21...gxe4 22.Rxe6 Qxd2 23.Qf5 $\pm$]

22.Rxe6= -6.88/21 KQR-KQR

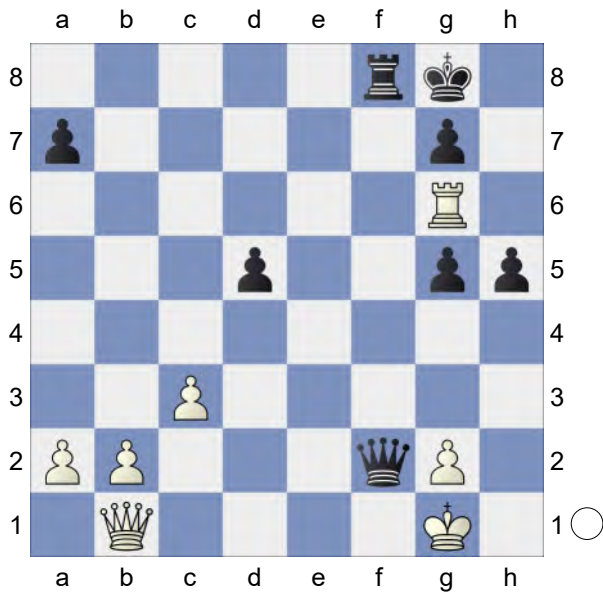
[Δ 22.Re2 -4.24/18 Qf4 23.Qxf4 gxf4
(23...Nxf4? 24.Rf2-+) 24.Rd2]

22...Rf8-+ (-> ...Qe3+)

[22...gxh4 23.Qf5 Rf8 (23...Qxb2?
is the wrong capture. 24.Qxd5+ Kf8
25.Qf3+ Kg8 26.Qxa8+-) 24.Qe5
Qf2+ (24...Qxb2 25.Qxg7#) 25.Kh2
Qf4+ (25...Qxb2 26.Qxg7#) 26.Qxf4
Rxf4 27.b3=]

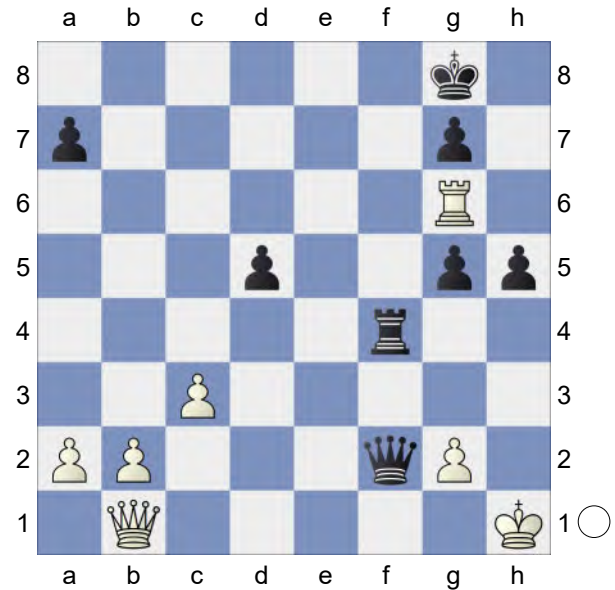
[22...Qxb2 23.Rxg5 Qxc3
24.Rxd5=]

**23.Qb1 Qf2+ 24.Kh1 Qxh4+ 25.Kg1
Qf2+**



26.Kh1 Rf4

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=1.06/
Black=0.31

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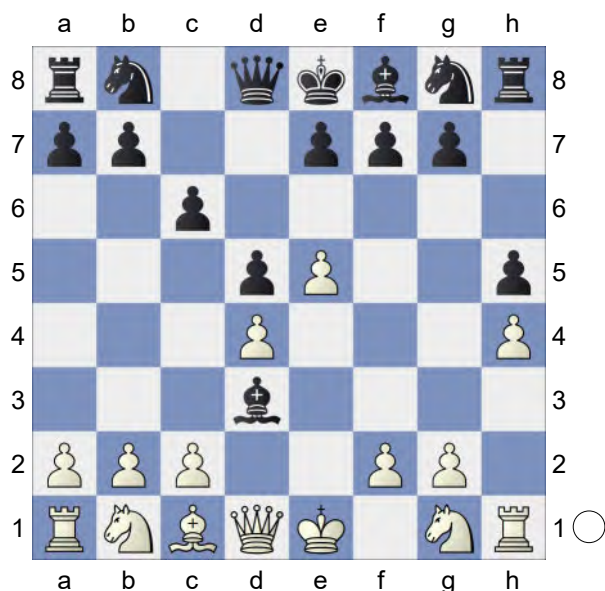
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

MH: 'B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

RR: 'Inf 63/(104)" 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5

3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.Nc3 0.06/21

[7.Nd2± 0.47/20 e6 8.Ngf3 Nh6
9.0-0 Nf5 10.a4 Nd7 11.Nb3 Qc7
12.Bg5 Rc8 13.Rac1 Nb6 14.Nc5
Bxc5 15.dxc5 Nd7 16.b4 0-0
17.Rfe1 b6 18.Qc3 a5 19.cxb6
Nxb6 20.bxa5 Nc4 21.Bd2 Ra8
22.Nd4 ½-½ (67) Kantane,A (2248)-
Kliashtornyi,A (2132) Rilton Cup 52nd
2024 (9)]

7...e6= 8.Bg5 White has an edge.

[8.Nf3 Nh6 9.0-0 Nf5 10.Ne2 Qa6
11.Qd1 c5 12.c3 Nc6 13.Bg5 Qb6
14.Rb1 cxd4 15.cxd4 Be7 16.Bxe7
Nfxe7 17.Qd2 Nf5 18.b4 a6 19.Rfd1
Qd8 20.g3 0-0 21.Kh2 Rc8 22.a3
Nce7 0-1 (61) Mittag,L (2619)-

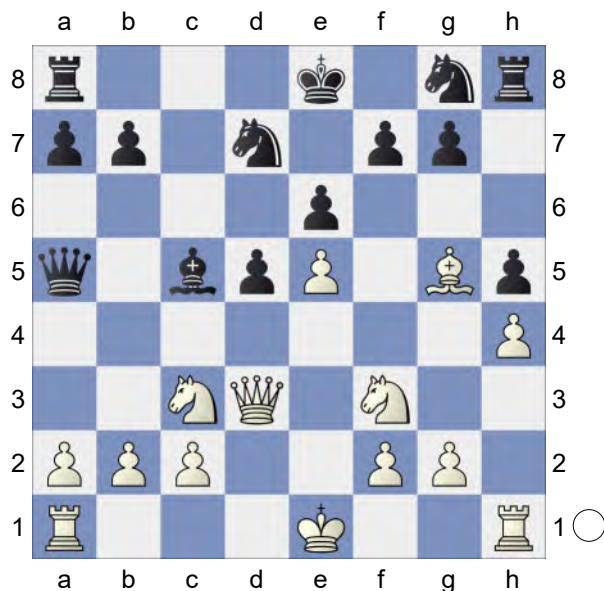
Farionov,A (2684) 65/352 Belgrad 1995 (5)]

8...c5 9.dxc5N

[9.Qb5+ Qxb5 10.Nxb5 Kd7 11.c4
a6 12.Nc3 cxd4 13.Na4 Ra7
14.Rc1 dxc4 15.Nb6+ Kc7 16.Nxc4
Nc6 17.Nf3 Nh6 18.Ke2 a5 19.Bxh6
gxh6 20.Rhd1 Bc5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3
Bxd3 6.Qxd3 Qa5-7.c3 and 7.Nc3
2023]

9...Nd7 10.Nf3 Bxc5 0.55/19

[10...Nxc5= 0.19/20 might be
stronger. 11.Qb5+ Qxb5 12.Nxb5
Kd7]



11.0-0!± Threatens to win with Nxd5!

11...Ne7 12.a3 b4 is the strong threat.

12...Qa6! 13.Qd2 -0.10/20

[White should try 13.Nb5± 0.46/17
Qc6 14.Nbd4]

13...Nf5 0.38/22

[13...Ng6!= -0.10/20 feels stronger.]

14.Qf4 -0.08/20

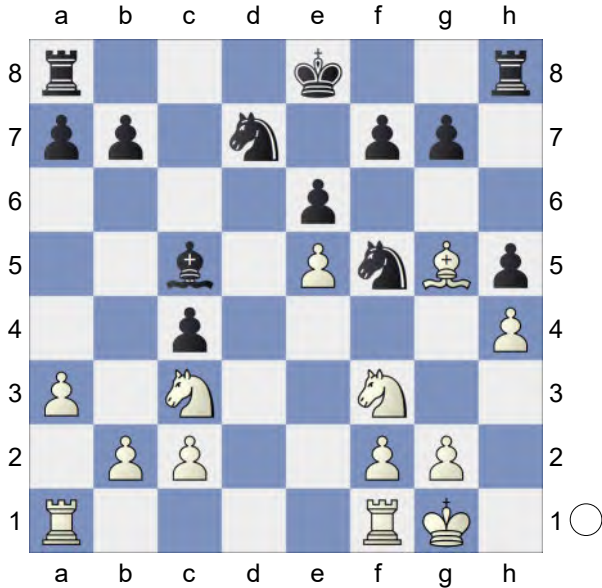
[14.Rfe1± 0.38/22]

14...Qc4 0.44/20

[Black should play 14...g6= -0.08/20]

15.Qxc4 dxc4

(Diagram)



16.Ne4 Be7 17.Rad1↑ White has good play. **17...Bxg5** 0.72/20

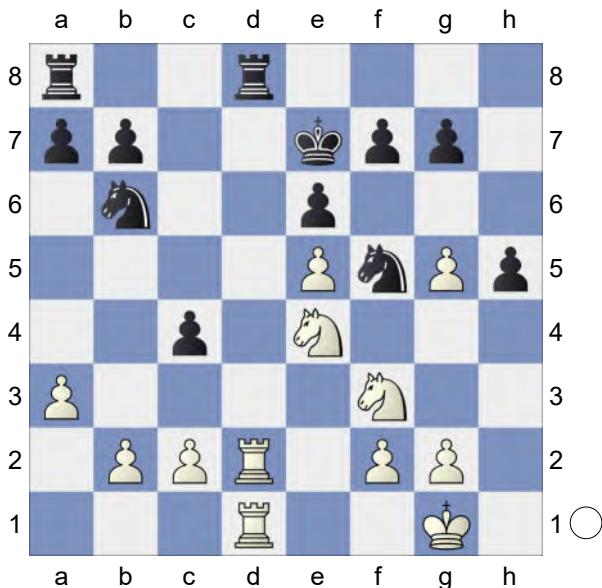
[17...Nc5= 0.27/21 deserves consideration. 18.Nfd2 Nxe4

19.Nxe4 Bxg5 20.hxg5 Rd8]

18.hxg5± Ke7 19.Rd2 0.16/22

[19.Nd6± 0.74/20]

19...Rhd8= 20.Rfd1 Nb6



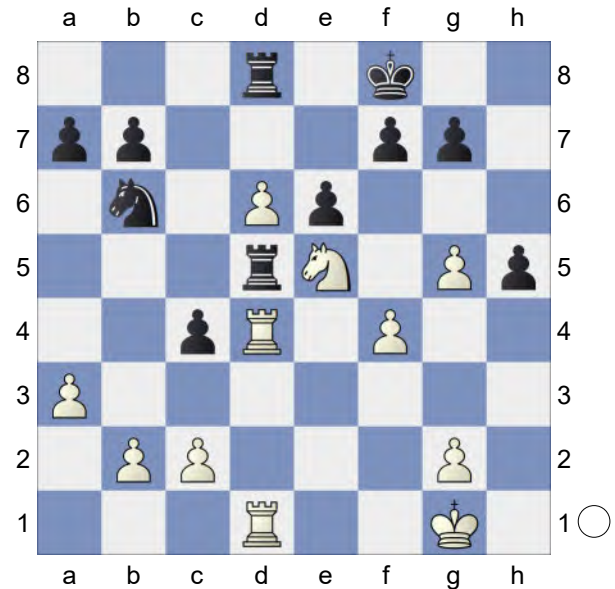
21.Nd6 Nxd6 1.33/20

[21...c3± 0.46/22 22.bxc3 Nxd6 23.exd6+ Ke8]

22.exd6+± Black is weak on the dark squares **22...Kf8 23.Ne5** 0.00/24

[Better is 23.g6± 1.00/20 Hoping for Ng5. c3 24.bxc3]

23...Rac8 24.Rd4 Rc5 25.f4 Rd5



26.d7

[26.Nxc4? Nxc4 27.Rxd5 exd5-+]

26...f6 27.Rxd5

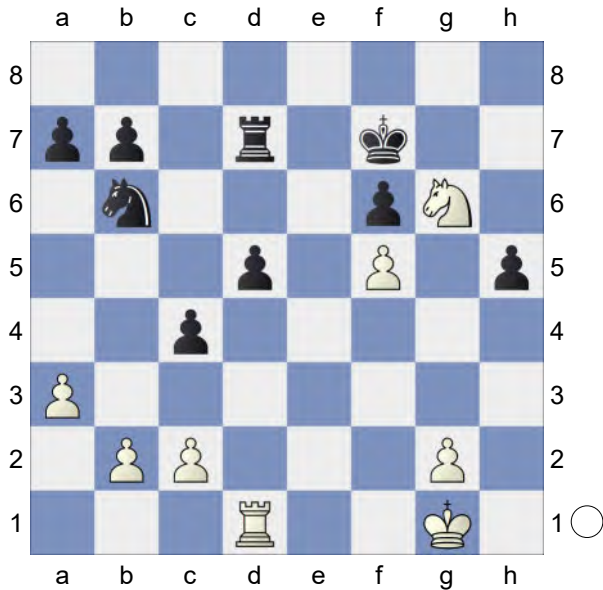
[27.Nxc4? Nxc4 (27...fxg5 28.Nxb6 Rxd4 29.Rxd4±; 27...R5xd7 28.Rxd7 Rxd7 29.Rxd7=) 28.Rxd5 exd5-+]

27...exd5 28.gxf6 gxf6= Endgame.

KRN-KRN 29.Ng6+ Kf7 30.f5 Rxd7

[And not 30...Nxd7 31.Rxd5 Ke8 32.Nf4±]

(Diagram)



31.Nf4 -1.44/20

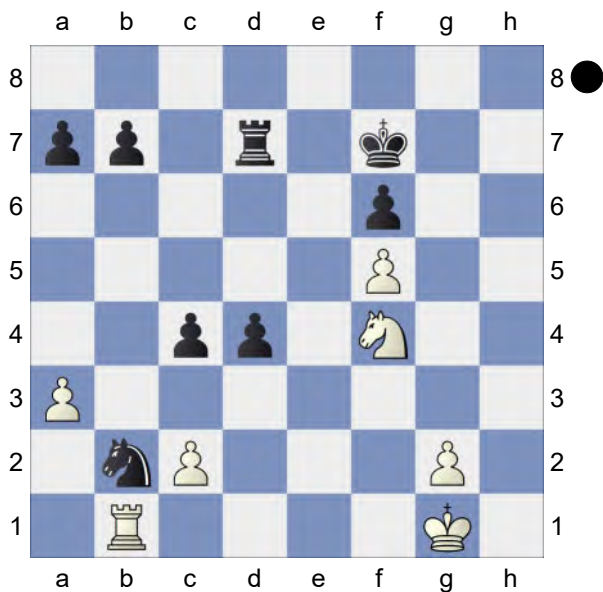
[31.Rd4 ♖ -0.59/24]

31...d4 ♜ And now ...Na4 would win.

32.Nxh5? -3.81/20 Loses the game.

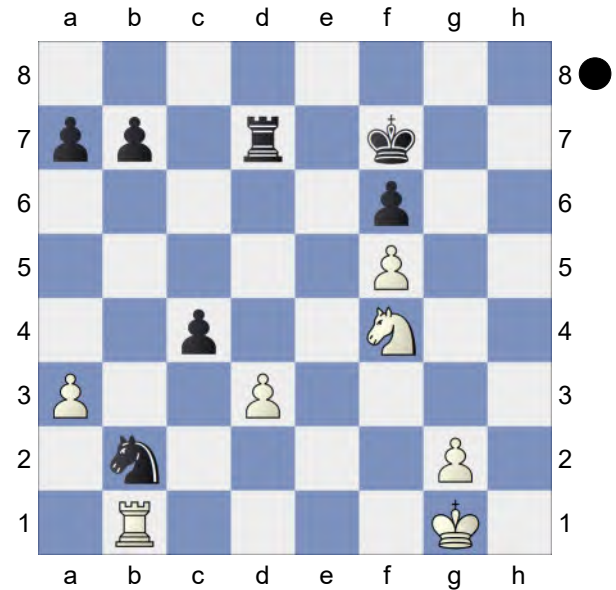
[32.b3 ♜ -1.40/20 keeps fighting.]

32...Na4-+ 33.Nf4 Nxb2 Black is clearly winning. **34.Rb1**

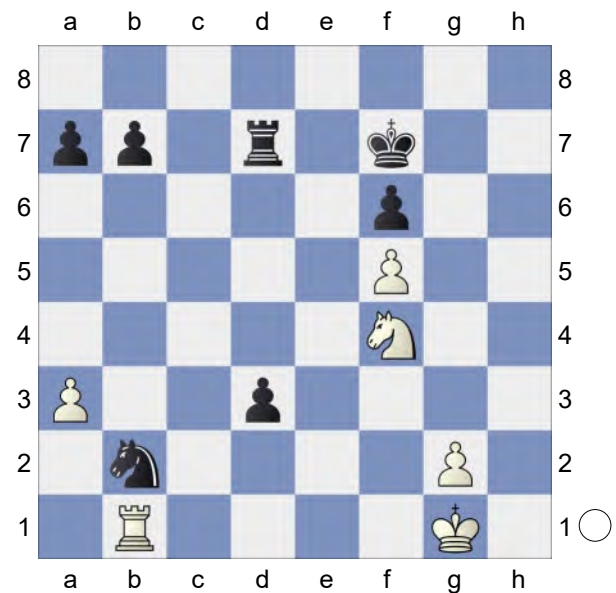


d3! 35.cxd3

[Much weaker is 35.Rxb2 d2 36.Rb1 d1Q+ (36...d1R+? 37.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 38.Kf2-+) 37.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 38.Kf2 Rd2+ 39.Ke3 Rxc2]



35...cxd3!



Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.15 (very precise)

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■ Duda, Jan Krzysztof

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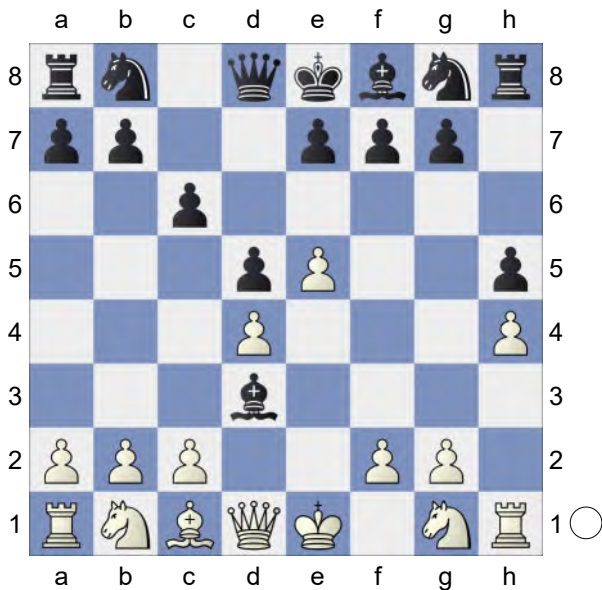
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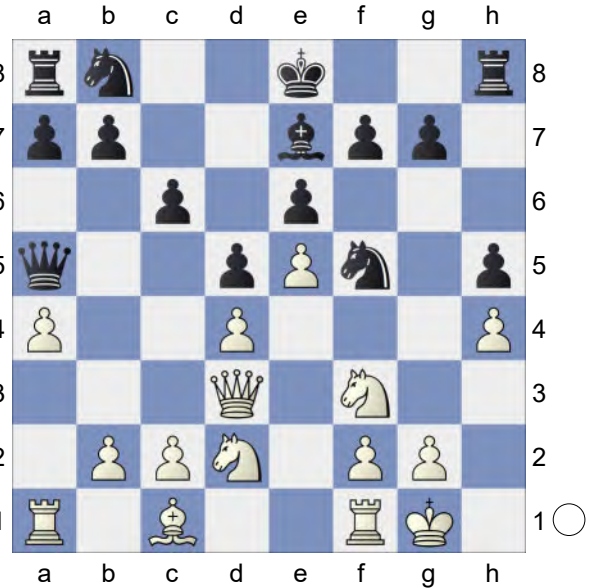
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.Nd2 e6! 8.Ngf3
White has an edge. 8...Nh6
8...Nh6 scores better than 8...Qa6.
8...Sh6 punktet besser als 8...Da6. 9.0-0
Nf5 10.a4 Be7

(Diagram)



11.g3

[11.Nb3!? Qc7 12.g3=]

11...0-0 12.Nb3 Qa6 13.Qd1 Nd7

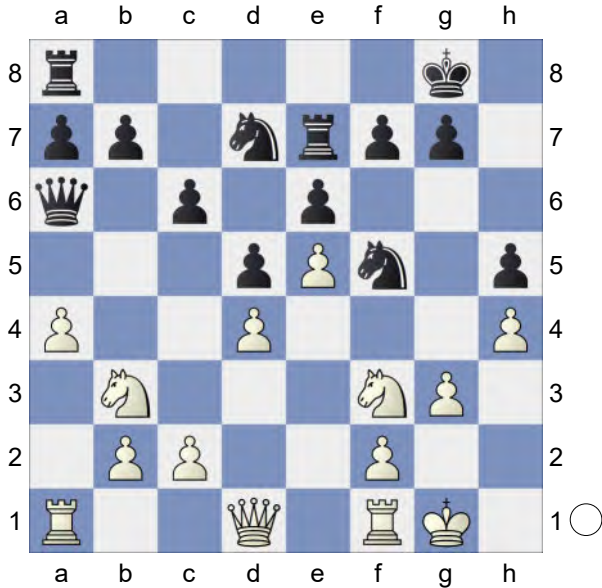
14.Bg5 Rfe8N

[14...Rac8 15.Bxe7 Nxe7 16.c3 c5
17.dxc5 Nxc5 18.Nxc5 Rxc5 19.Nd4
g6 20.Qd2 Nc6 21.Nf3 Threatens to
win with Qh6. Qb6? 4.77/22
(21...Ne7!= -0.01/23) 22.Qh6+-

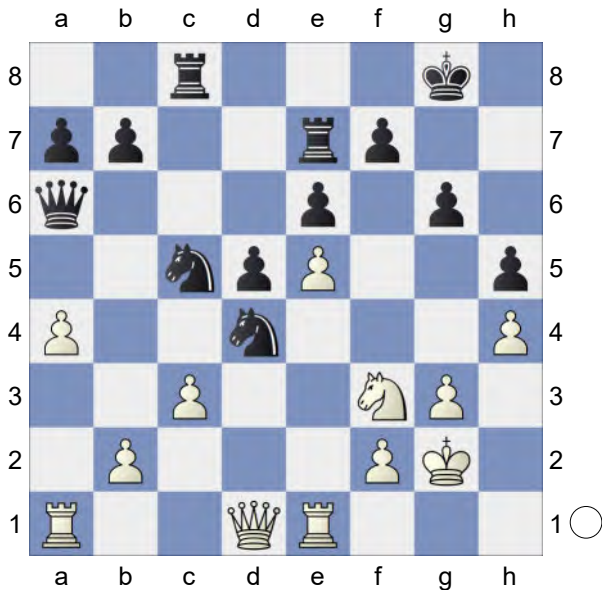
White wants to mate with Ng5. Qc7
8.70/23 (22...Nxe5 4.96/24 23.Ng5
Nf3+ 24.Nxf3 Rc7) 23.Ng5+- Re8
24.Rae1 Nh7 would kill now. Rc8
25.Nh7 f6 26.Nxf6+ 1-0 (26) Goumas,
G (2454)-Silva, M (1900) Leba da
Palmeira 2023 1-0 Goumas, G (2454)-
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15.Bxe7 Rxe7

(Diagram)

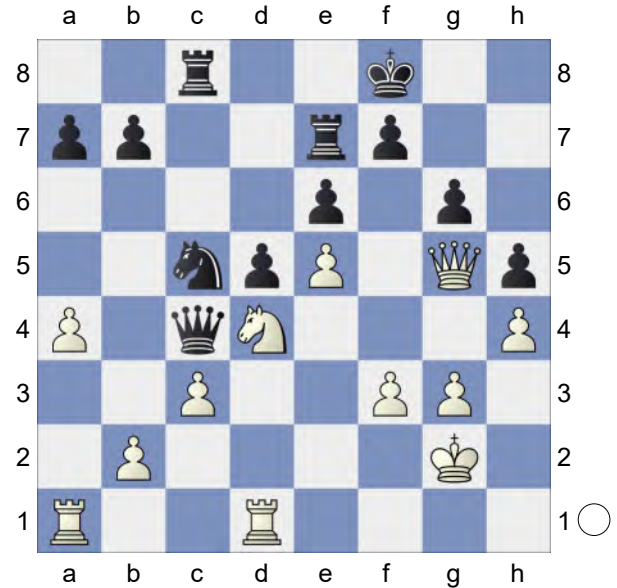


16.c3 Rc8 17.Kg2 g6 18.Re1 c5
19.dxc5 Nxc5 20.Nbd4 Nxd4



21.Nxd4 Qd3 0.60/22
[21...Qb6= 0.21/19 feels stronger.]
22.Qc1!± Ne4 23.Rd1 Qc4 24.f3 Nc5
25.Qg5 Kf8

(Diagram)



26.Ra3 a6 27.Rd2 Ke8 0.65/22

[27...Ree8 0.34/20
is more appropriate.]

28.a5 Nd7 29.Qe3→ 0.42/19

White attacks.

[White should try 29.Rb3± 0.73/22]

[29.Rf2± 0.59/21]

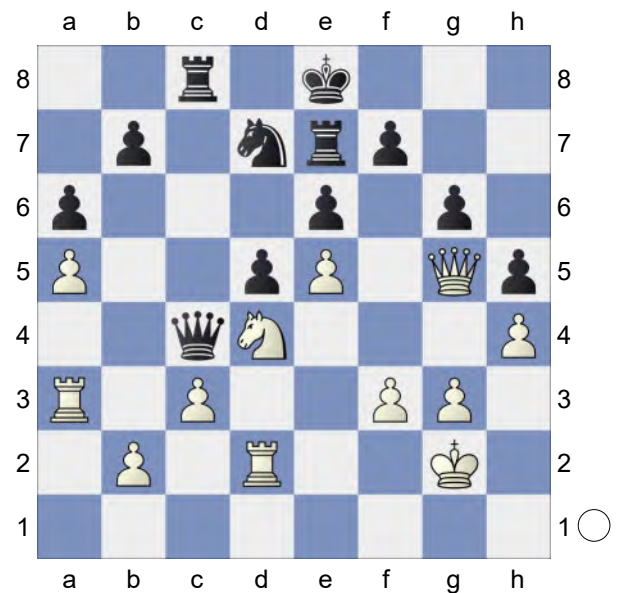
29...Kd8 0.63/21

[29...Kf8= 0.25/20 deserves
consideration.]

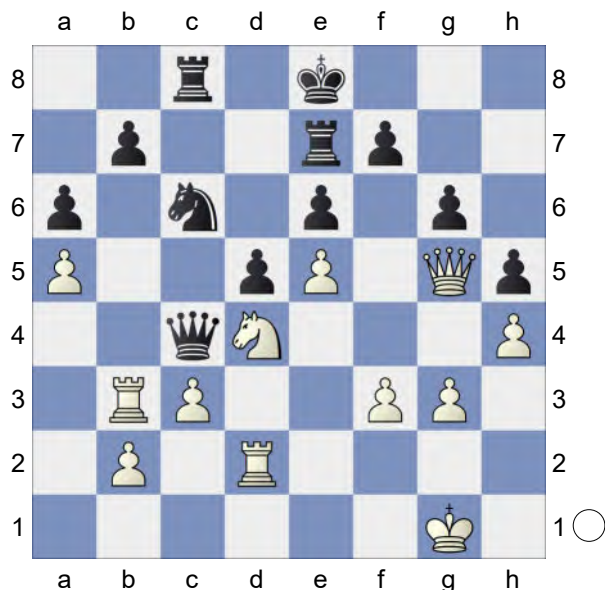
30.Qg5 -0.01/19 & Bianco is more active.

[30.Qh6± 0.61/20]

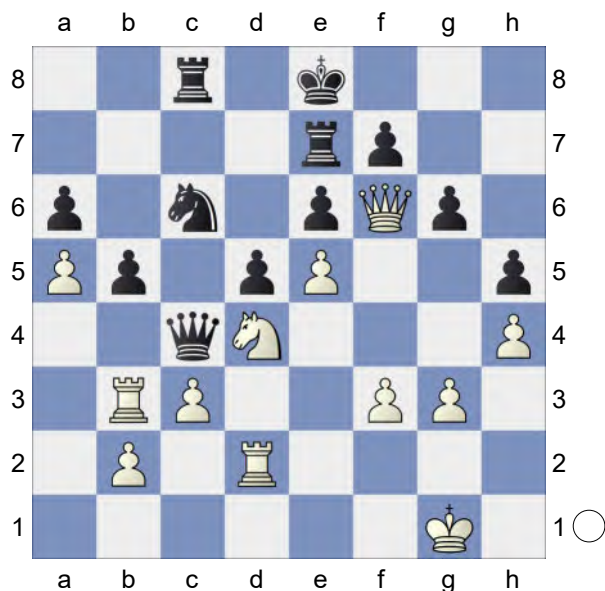
30...Ke8=



31.Kg1 Nb8 32.Rb3 &Bianco is more active. **32...Nc6**

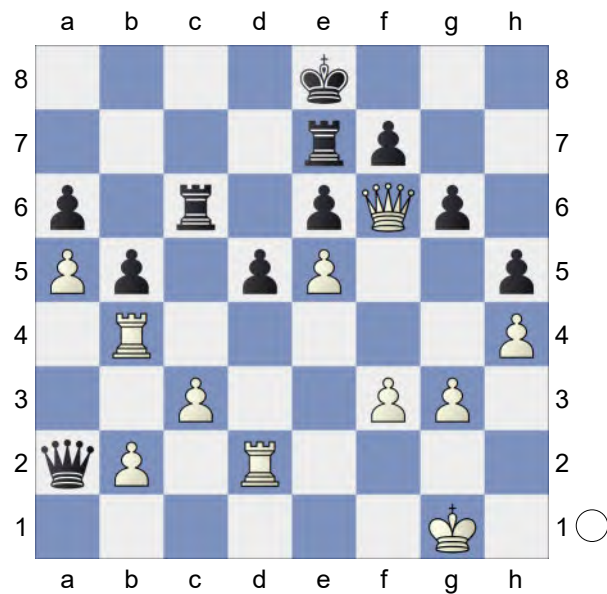


33.Qf6 0.01/20 Hoping for Qh8+.
[33.Nxc6!± 0.56/22 Rxc6 34.Ra3]
33...b5



34.Nxc6! Rxc6 0.53/22
[34...Qxc6= 0.15/21 35.Kg2 Qc5]
35.Rb4± Qa2

(Diagram)

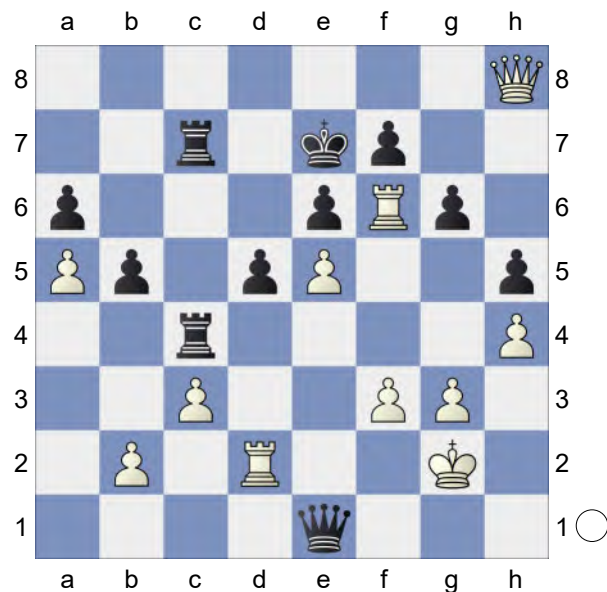


36.Rbd4 aiming for Rxd5! **36...Rec7?**
4.14/25

[36...Qb1+± 0.45/20 37.Kh2 Rc8]
[Black should try 36...Kd7± 0.55/23]

37.Qh8+- Ke7 38.Rf4 Rc4? 9.32/22
[38...g5 3.50/22]
[38...Qb1+ 3.89/23 39.Kf2 Rc4]

39.Rf6! Qb1+ 40.Kg2 Intending Qg8 and mate. White threatens Qg8 and mate. **40...Qe1**



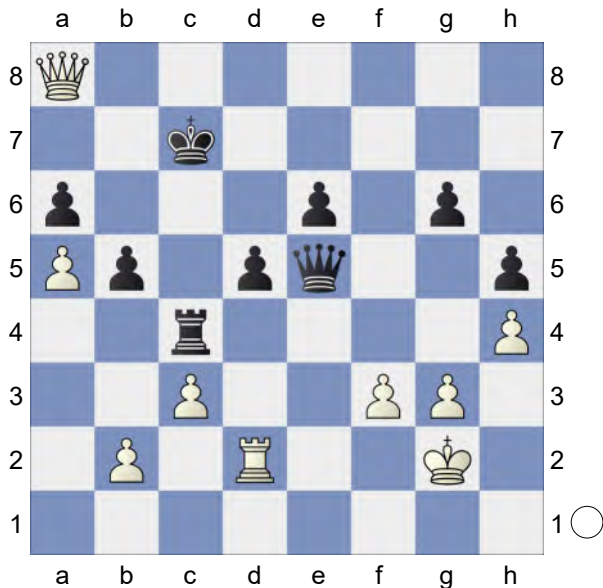
41.Qg8! Qxe5 42.Rxf7+ Kd6
43.Qd8+? 3.08/5
[43.Qf8+- 11.60/25 and White stays

clearly on top. Kc6 44.Qb8]

43...Kc6 44.Qa8+ Kd6 45.Rxc7?
2.50/24

[45.Qf8+ 10.97/23 Kc6 46.Qb8 Rxf7
47.Qxe5]

45...Kxc7



Endgame KQR-KQR 46.Qa7+ Kd8
47.Qxa6 g5? 2.77/21

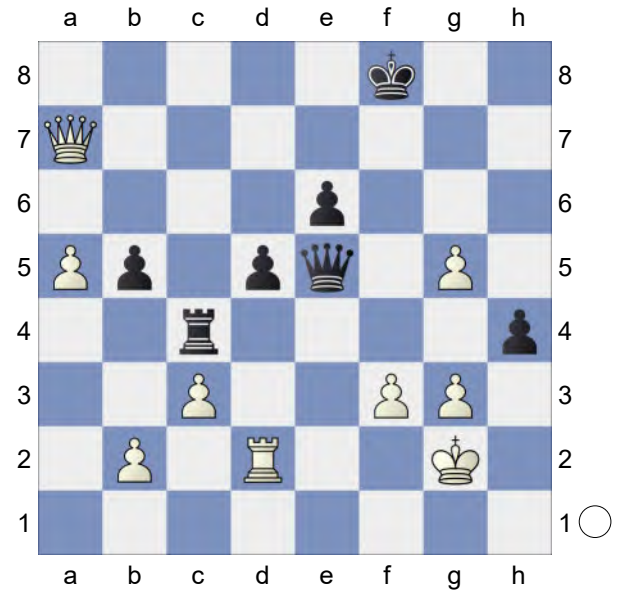
[47...Qe1± 1.51/23 48.Qb6+ Kc8
49.Qa6+ Kc7 50.Qa7+ Kc8 51.Qa6+
Kc7 52.Qb6+ Kc8]

48.Qb6+ Ke7 49.hxg5

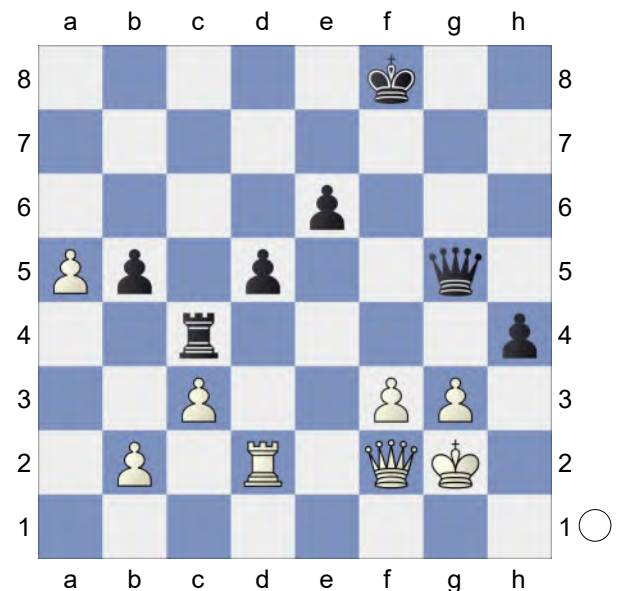
[Not Worse is 49.Qxb5 gxh4
50.Qb7+ Kf6=]

49...h4 50.Qa7+ Kf8

(Diagram)



51.Qf2 Qxg5



52.Re2 1.05/20

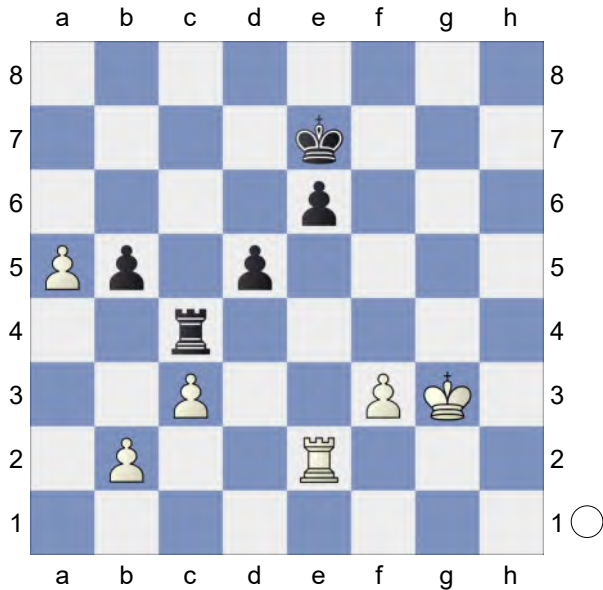
[52.g4!+- 2.14/22]

52...hxg3± 53.Qxg3

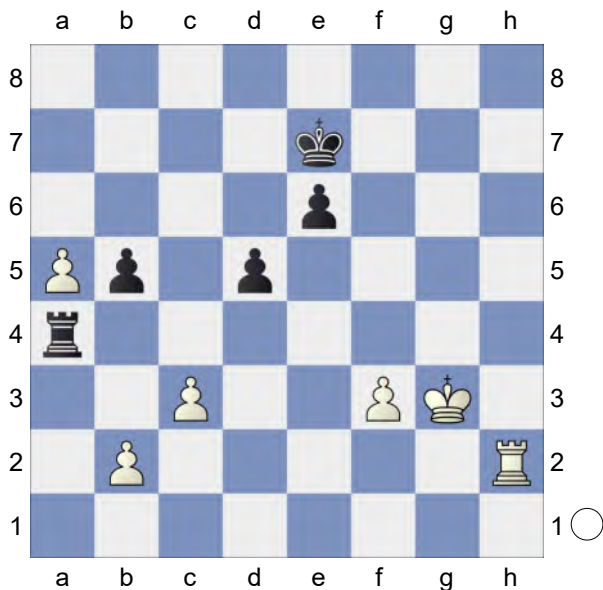
[53.Qb6 keeps more tension. Qh4
54.Qd6+ Kg7 55.Qe5+]

53...Qxg3+ 54.Kxg3 KR-KR 54...Ke7

(Diagram)

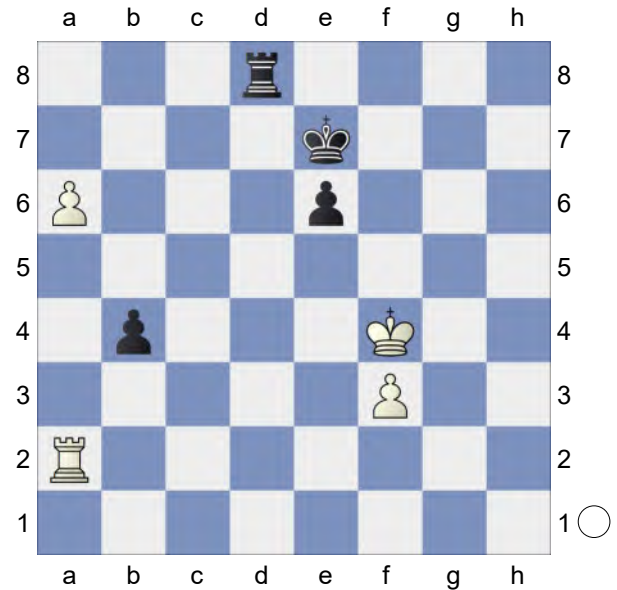


55.Rh2 0.69/24
 [55.Rd2!± 1.30/24]
55...Ra4!±

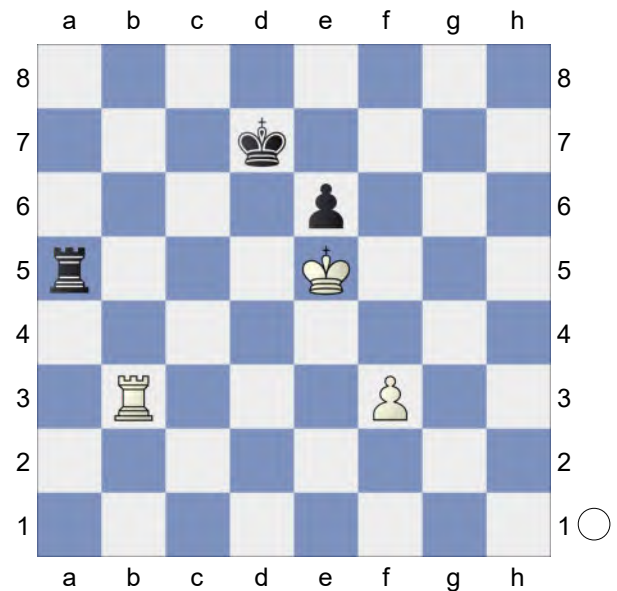


56.b4 d4! 57.cxd4 Rxb4 58.Ra2
 0.00/26

[58.Rh5± 0.65/21 might be stronger.]
58...Rxd4= The position is equal.
 [58...Ra4 is a self mate. leads to
 mate. 59.Rxa4 bxa4 60.a6 Kd6
 61.a7 Kc6 62.a8Q+ Kb5 63.Qe4]
59.a6 Black must now prevent a7. The
 position is equal. **59...Rd8! 60.Kf4 b4**
 (Diagram)



61.a7 Ra8 62.Ke5 b3 63.Rh2
 Intending Rh7+ and mate. **63...Kd7**
64.Rb2 Rxa7 Strongly threatening ...
Rb7. 65.Rxb3 Ra5+



Black escapes into a draw.
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/
 Black=0.21 (precise) Blacks defense is
 rewarded with a draw.
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/
 Black=0.24 (precise)
 1/2-1/2

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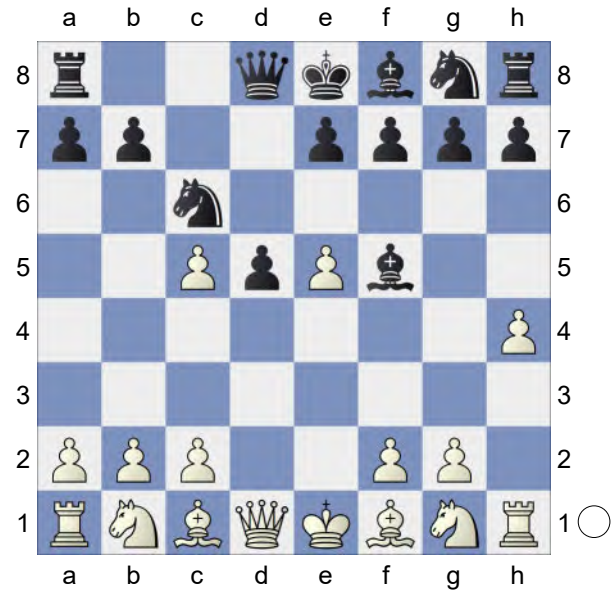
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

This game was played in the 2014 Qatar Masters Open between Anish Giri (2776 FIDE) and Mikhailo Oleksienko (2620 FIDE). Sagar,Shah: 'Game 11: 'Giri was in excellent form in the Qatar Masters 2014. He won the first six games in the tournament before losing the next two to Kramnik and Yu Yangyi. This was his fourth round miniature against the Ukrainian Mikhailo Oleksienko.' Another very spectacular miniature crush by Anish Giri! Oleksienko likes choosing tricky sidelines, but sometimes they don't work out properly. Game 11: 'Giri was in excellent form in the Qatar Masters 2014. He won the first six games in the tournament before losing the next two to Kramnik and Yu Yangyi. This was his fourth round miniature against the Ukrainian Mikhailo Oleksienko.

' 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 c5 5.dxc5 Nc6

(Diagram)



6.Bb5 Qc7 7.Nf3N

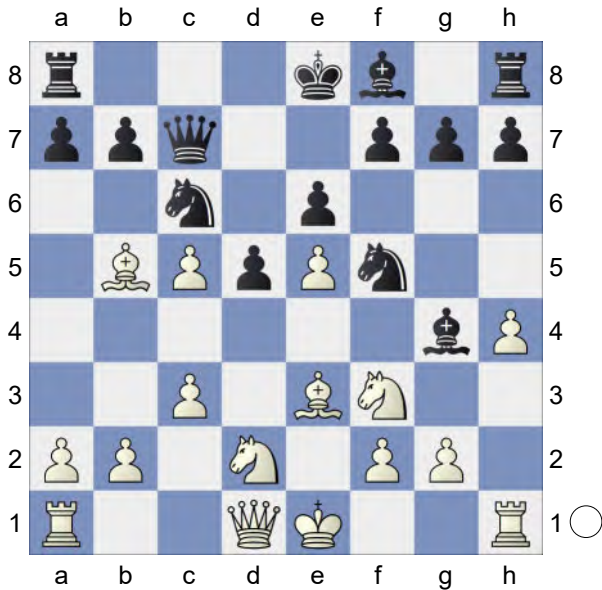
[7.Ne2 Qxe5 (7...e6 8.Be3 Qxe5 9.c3 Qc7 10.Nd2 Nf6 11.Nb3 a6 12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.Nbd4 Bg6 14.Qa4 Rc8 15.Qxa6 e5 16.Nf3 Ng4 17.h5 Bf5 18.b4 Nxe3 19.fxe3 Be7 20.Qb6 f6 21.Qxc7 Rxc7 22.a4 Neumann,J (2637)-5.dc5 ♖c5 6.

♙f4_52057 (2690) Leningrad 2022 Inf 70 [John Watson] 1-0 (84)) 8.Bf4 Qxb2 9.Nbc3 Nf6 10.0-0 Qb4 11.Rb1 Qxc5 12.Ba4 e5 13.Bxe5 Ng4 14.Bg3 0-0-0 15.Bxc6 Qxc6 16.Nb5 Bc5 17.Ned4 Qf6 18.Qf3 Caro Kann Annotated-Caro-Kann (3. e5 Bf5 4.h4 c5):]

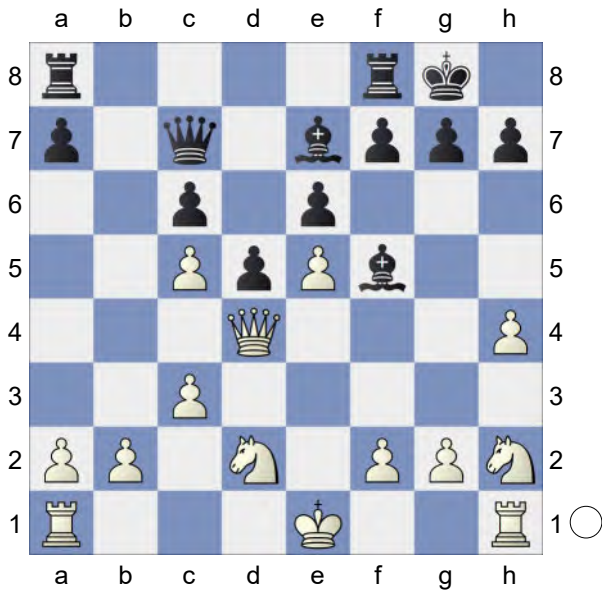
[7.Bf4 e6 8.b4 a5 9.g4 g5 10.Bh2 Bg7 11.gxf5 Bxe5 12.fxe6 0-0-0 13.Bxc6 Bxh2 14.Bd7+ Kb8 15.Nf3 fxe6 16.Rxh2 g4 17.Qd4 gxf3 18.Qxh8 Ne7 19.Qf6 Qxh2 20.Bb5 Rg8 21.Nd2 Rg1+ Vucinic,G (2349)-Miladinovic,I (2536) Vrnjacka Banja SRB 2021 [Daniel Fernandez] 1-0 (41)]

7...e6 8.Be3 White is slightly better. 8...Bg4 9.Nbd2 Nh6 10.c3 Nf5

(Diagram)

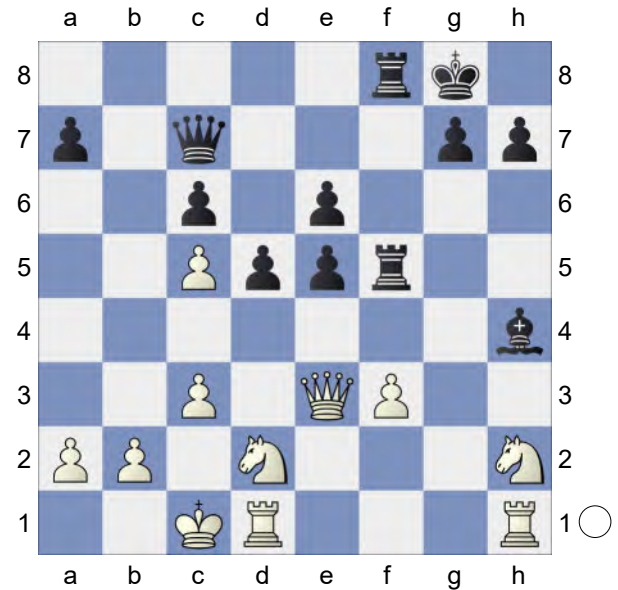


11.Bd4 Be7 12.Qa4 0-0 13.Bxc6
bxc6 14.Nh2 Nxd4 0.51/21
 [14...h5= 0.18/20 is superior.]
15.Qxd4± Bf5

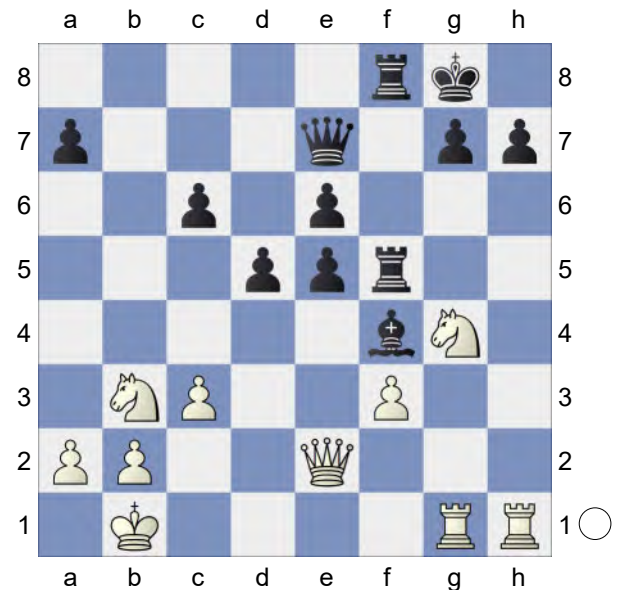


16.g4! f6 17.gxf5 Hoping for Nh3.
17...fxe5 18.Qe3 Rxf5 1.21/21
 [18...exf5± 0.65/20 19.Nhf3 e4]
19.0-0± Raf8 20.f3 0.93/19
 [20.Rdg1 1.46/20]
20...Bxh4 1.27/21
 [Black should try 20...Qa5 0.93/19]

(Diagram)

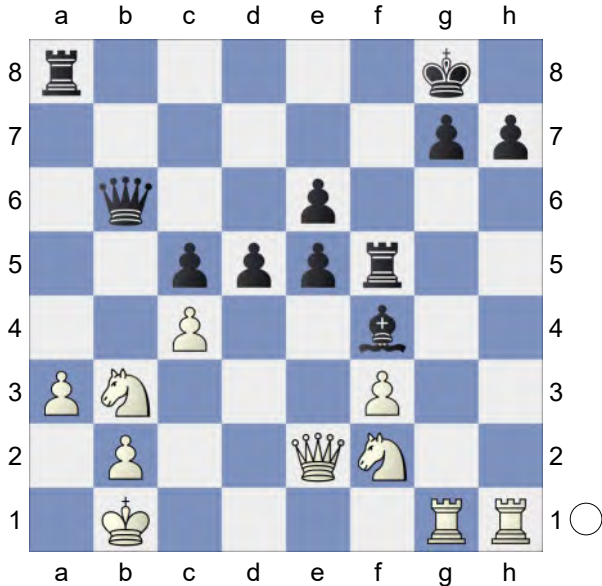


21.Rdg1 Qe7 22.Ng4 Bg5 23.Qe2
Qxc5 24.Kb1 0.01/23
 [24.Nxe5± 1.08/21 Strongly
 threatening Nd7. Qd6 25.Nd3]
24...Bf4 0.54/21
 [24...h5= 0.01/23 25.Nxe5 Bxd2]
25.Nb3↑ White fights for an advantage.
25...Qe7 1.30/20
 [25...Qb6± 0.33/22]



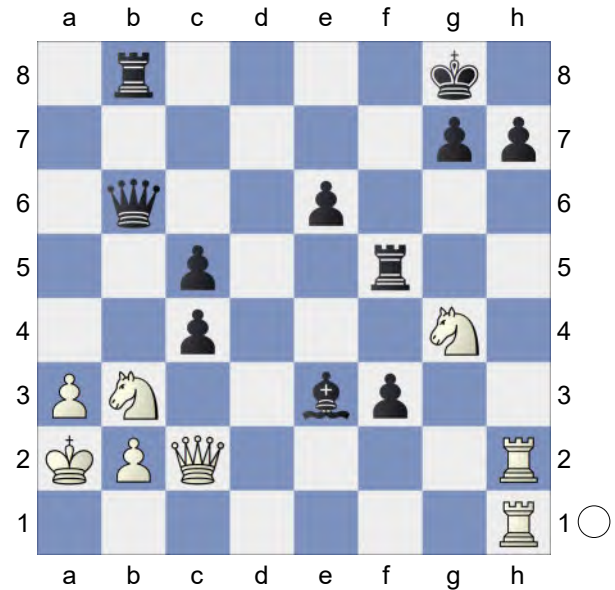
26.Nf2! c5 1.70/21
 [26...h5± 1.29/19 might work better.]
27.c4 0.61/17

[27.Nd3+- 1.70/21]
27...a5 1.39/19
 [27...h5± 0.61/17]
28.Nxa5 Qa7 29.Nb3 Ra8 1.42/19
 [⊞29...h6 0.91/16]
30.a3 Qb6 1.60/18
 [Better is 30...Rb8 1.21/18]



31.Ka2 Rb8 1.87/20
 [31...Raf8± 1.41/17 32.Rg2 Qc6]
32.Qc2+- Be3 White must now prevent
 ...Bxf2. **33.Rg2** aiming for Ng4. **33...e4**
34.Ng4
 [Resist 34.fxe4?! dxc4 35.Nc1 Rxf2
 36.Rxf2 Bxf2 37.Qxf2 c3±]
34...exf3 35.Rgh2 dxc4

(Diagram)



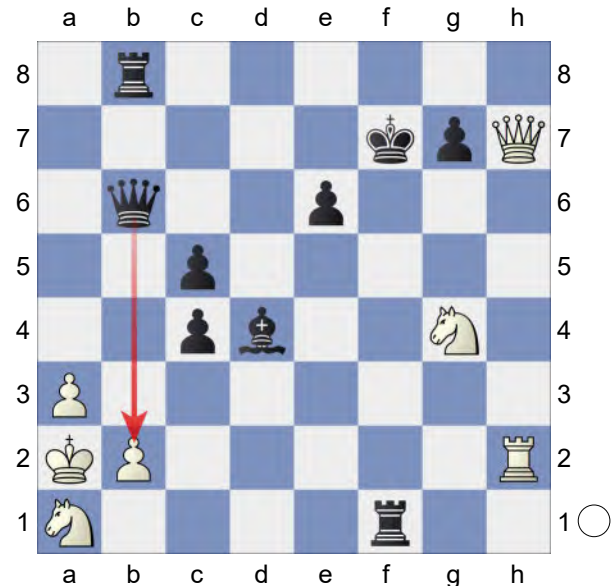
36.Na1 -4.29/18 This move loses the game for White.

[36.Na5!± 1.45/21 is forced if you want to stay better. Bd4 37.Nxc4]

36...Bd4+- 37.Rc1 -9.65/20

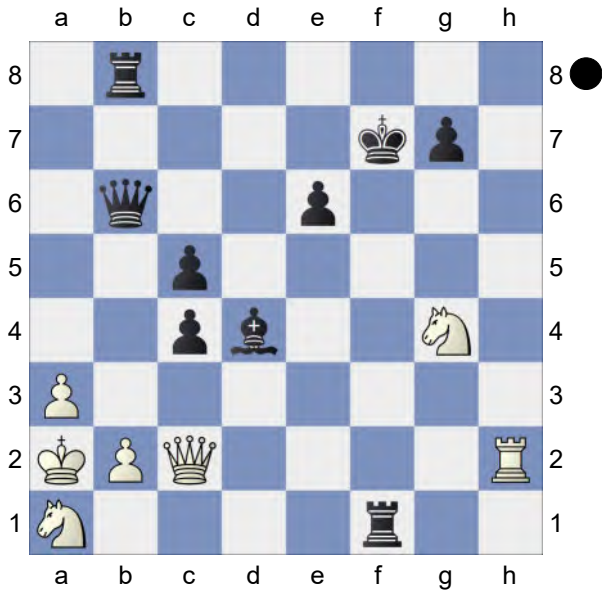
[⊞37.Rb1 -4.24/19]

37...f2 38.Rb1 f1Q 39.Rxf1 Rxf1
40.Qxh7+ Kf7



(-> ...Qxb2+!) **41.Qc2**

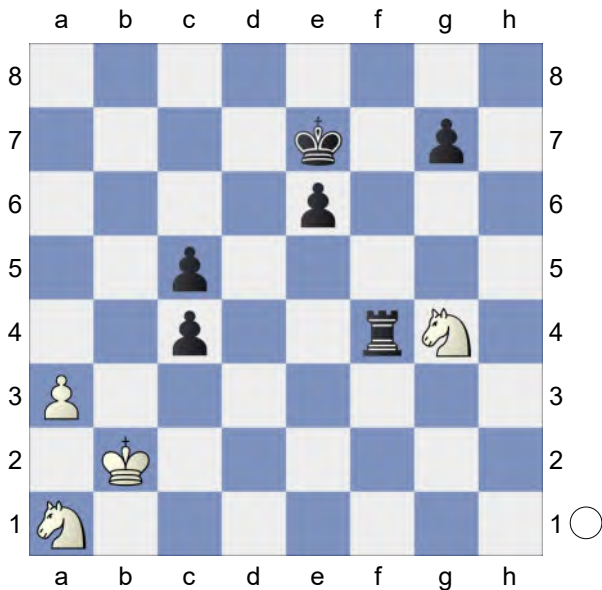
(Diagram)



Ke7 -10.55/20

[41...Qb4!! -#8/21 42.Nh6+ gxh6
43.Qh7+ Bg7 44.Rf2+ Rxf2
45.Qxg7+ Kxg7 46.axb4 cxb4
47.Nb3 Ra8+ 48.Na5 Rxa5+ 49.Kb1
b3 50.Kc1 Ra1#]

**42.Re2 Qxb2+ -4.19/5 43.Qxb2 Rxb2+
44.Rxb2 Bxb2 45.Kxb2 Rf4**

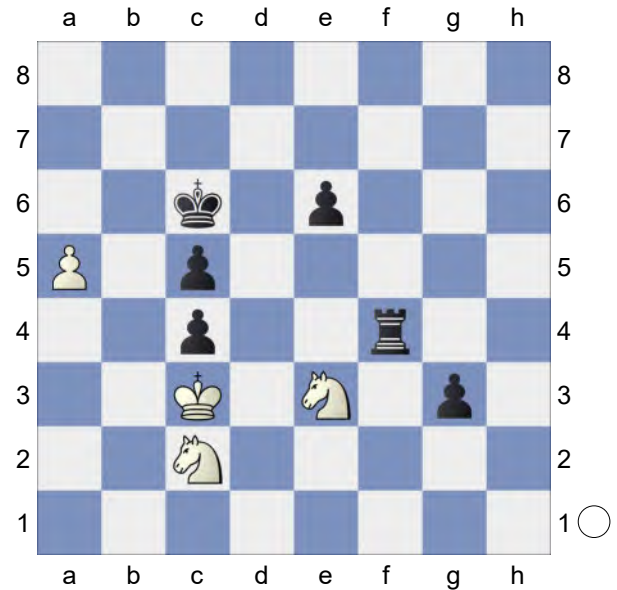


46.Ne3 g5 47.a4 g4 48.a5? -6.93/28

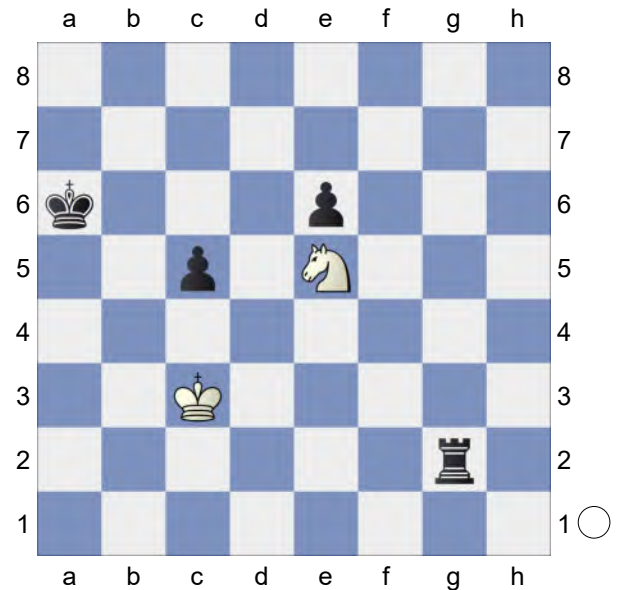
[48.Nac2 -3.39/22]

**48...Kd7 Black is clearly winning. 49.Kc3
g3 50.Nac2 Kc6**

(Diagram)



**51.a6 Kb6 52.Na3 Kxa6 53.Naxc4
Rf2 54.Ne5 g2 55.Nxg2 Rxg2**



**Weighted Error Value: White=0.83/
Black=0.50**

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□ Yu, Yangyi

■ Rapport, Richard

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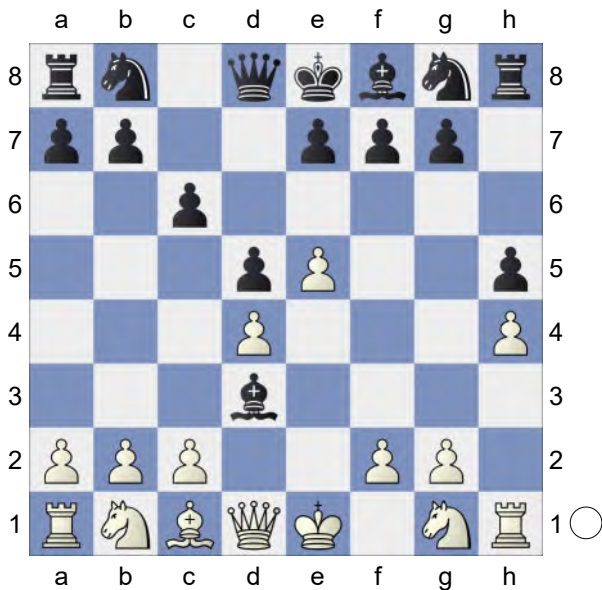
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5.Bd3 Bxd3



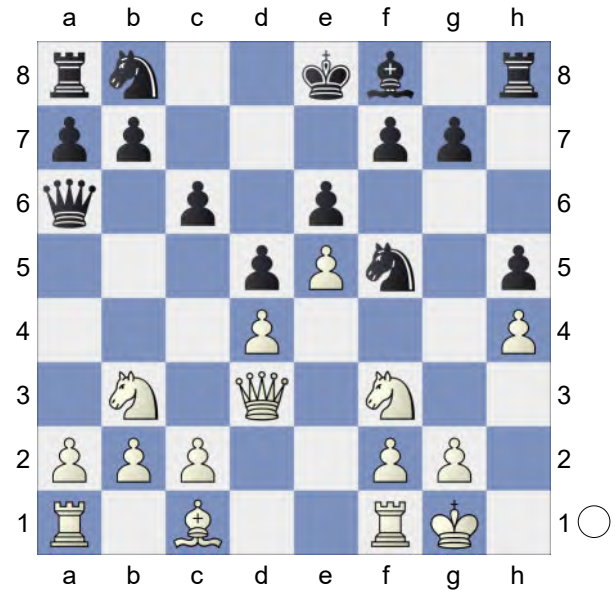
6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.Nd2 e6 8.Ngf3 Nh6

The main line 8...Nh6 scores better than 8...Qa6. Die Hauptvariante 8...Sh6

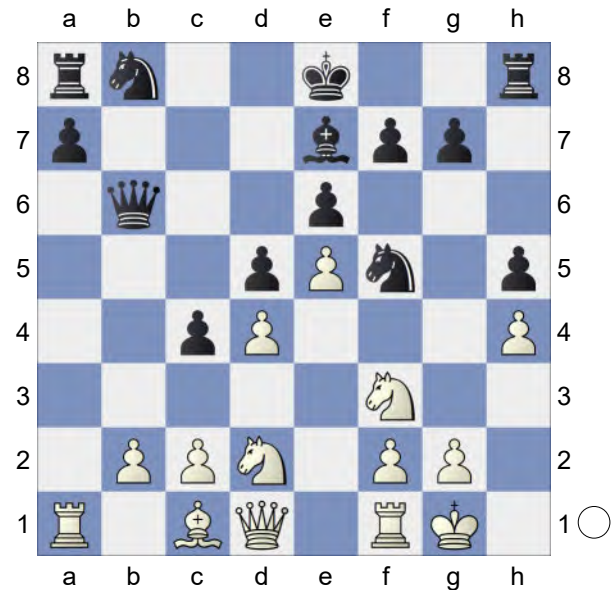
punktet besser als 8...Da6. 9.0-0 Nf5

10.Nb3 Qa6

(Diagram)



11.Qd1 b6 12.a4 c5 13.a5 c4
14.axb6 Qxb6 15.Nbd2 Be7



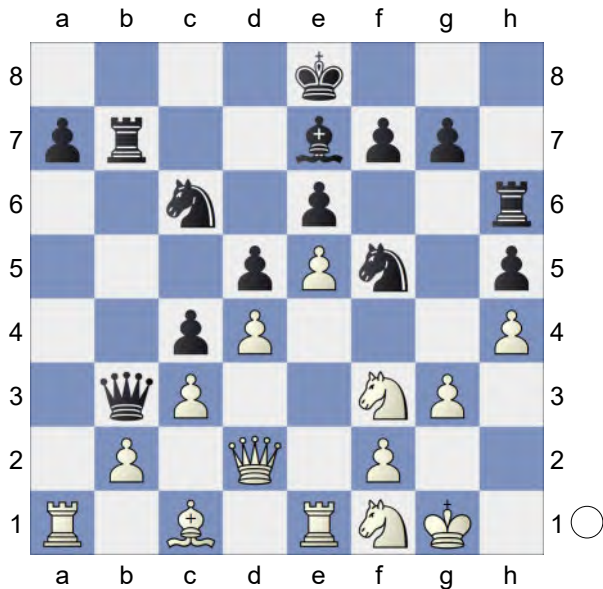
16.c3

[16.b3 c3 17.Nb1 Nc6 18.Be3 Rc8
19.Nxc3 Nxh4 20.Nxh4 Bxh4
21.Ne2 Qb7 22.c4 Rd8 23.Nf4 dxc4
24.bxc4 Nxe5 25.Qa4+ Nd7 26.c5
Qe4 27.c6 Nb6 28.Qxa7 Nc8
29.Qc5 Be7 30.Qe5 Qh7
Shirov,A (2668)-Pultinevicius,P (2589)
Budva 2023 Mega2023 Update 55
[MH] 1-0 (34)]

16...Nc6 17.g3 Rb8N

[17...0-0 18.Re1 g6 19.Nf1 Kg7
20.Ne3 Nxe3 21.Rxe3 (21.fxe3 Na5
22.e4 Nb3 23.Rb1 Nxc1 24.Qxc1
a5 25.Ng5 a4 26.Qf4 Rab8 27.g4
hgx4 28.Rf1 a3 29.h5 gxh5 30.Nxf7
Kg8 31.exd5 exd5 32.Qf5 Kg7
33.e6 Qc7 34.Rf4 Bh4 35.Rbf1
Rxf7 Shirov,A (2660)-Dautov,R (2575)
Baden-Baden 2024 Mega2024
Update 33 [MH] 1-0 (36)) 21...a5
22.Re2 Qb3 23.Qd2 -0.20/18
(23.Qxb3 0.17/20 cxb3 24.Ra4)
23...Rh8! 0-1 Shirov,A (2661)-Firouzja,
A (2760) Titled Tuesday intern op 16th
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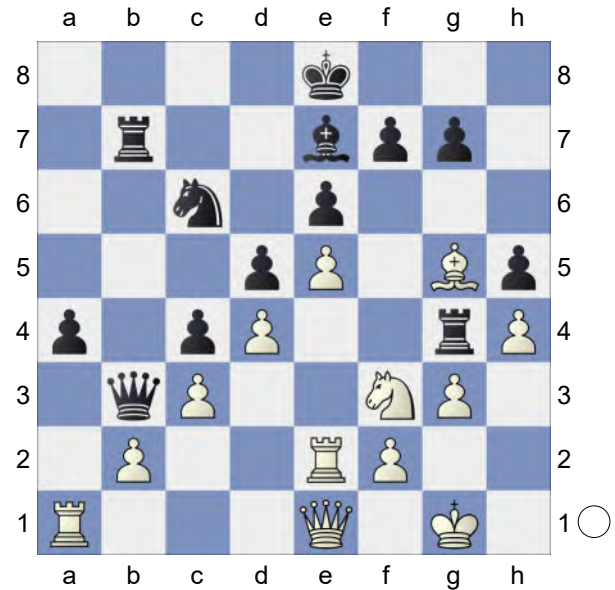
18.Re1 Rb7 19.Nf1 Qb3 20.Qd2 Rh6
0.35/21
[Black should play 20...a5= -0.26/18]



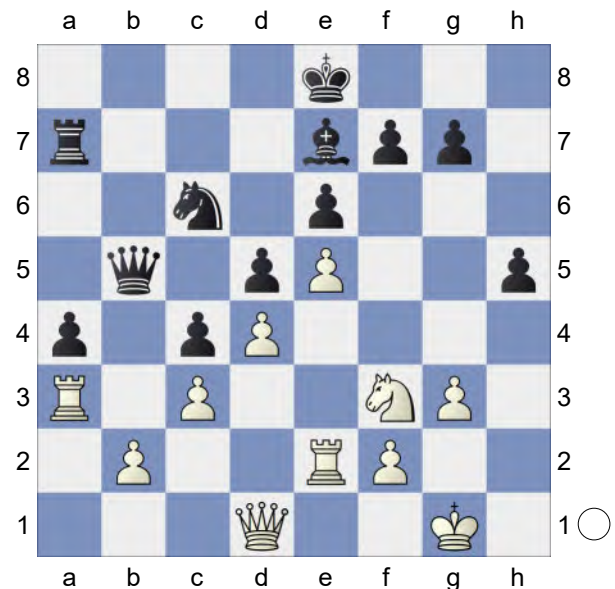
21.Ne3

[21.Qe2 feels hotter. Rg6 22.N3d2
Qc2 23.Qxh5 Bxh4 24.Qh8+]
21...Nxe3 22.Rxe3 Rg6 23.Re2 a5
24.Qe1 Rg4 25.Bg5 a4

(Diagram)



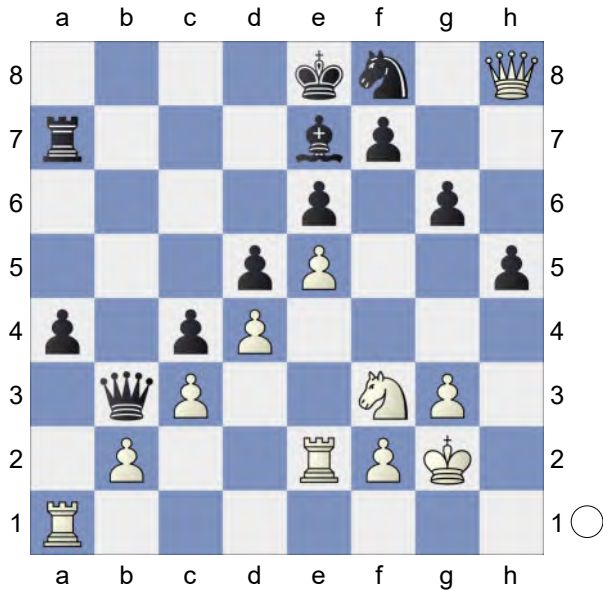
26.Nh2 Rxc5 27.hxc5 Bxc5 28.Ra3
Qb5 29.Qd1 Ra7 30.Nf3
[30.Kg2 looks sharper. Kd7 31.Nf3
Be7 32.Ra1]
30...Be7



31.Ra1 g6 32.Kg2 Nb8 1.15/24
[32...Qb3± 0.50/19]

33.Qd2 Nd7 34.Qh6 Qb3 35.Qh8+
Nf8

(Diagram)



36.Qh6 -0.01/20

[36.Rc1± 0.90/22]

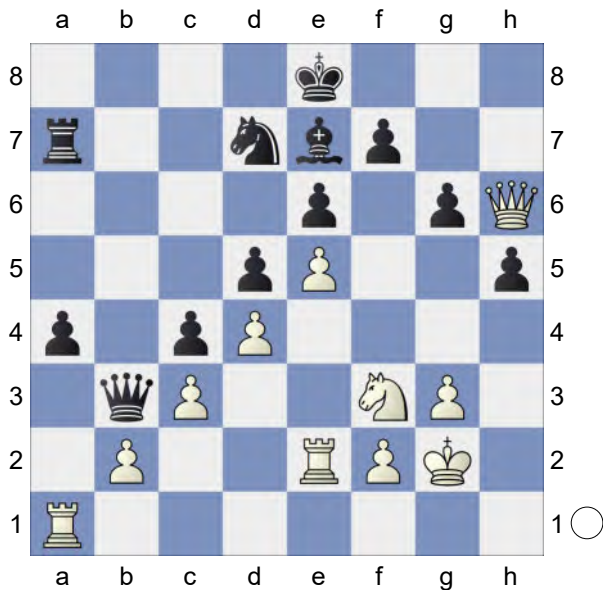
36...Nd7!= 37.Qh8+ -0.01/20

[37.Rc1± 0.89/23]

37...Nf8 38.Qh6 -0.01/21

[White should try 38.Rc1± 0.90/22]

38...Nd7!



Weighted Error Value: White=0.20
(precise) /Black=0.08 (flawless)

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□ Yu Yangyi

■ Rapport, Richard

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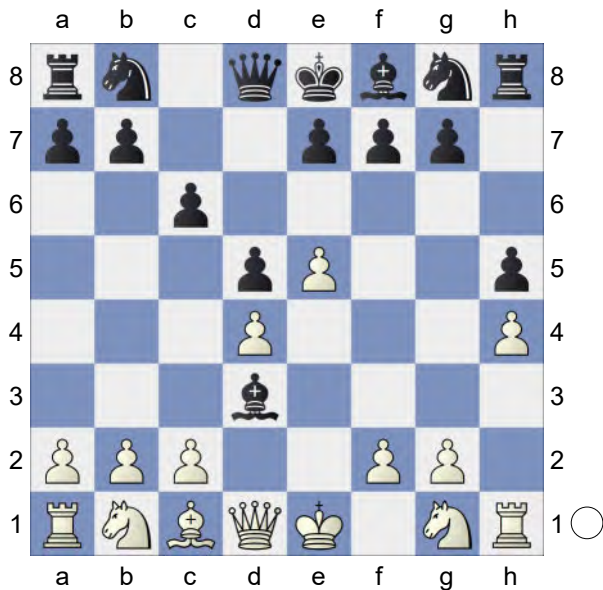
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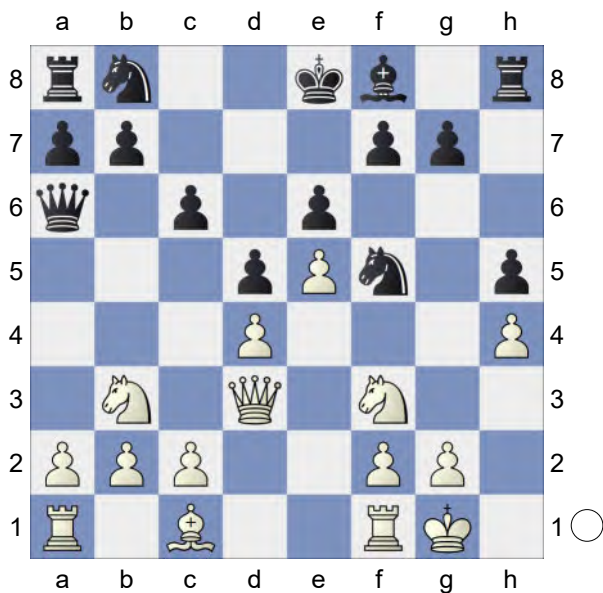
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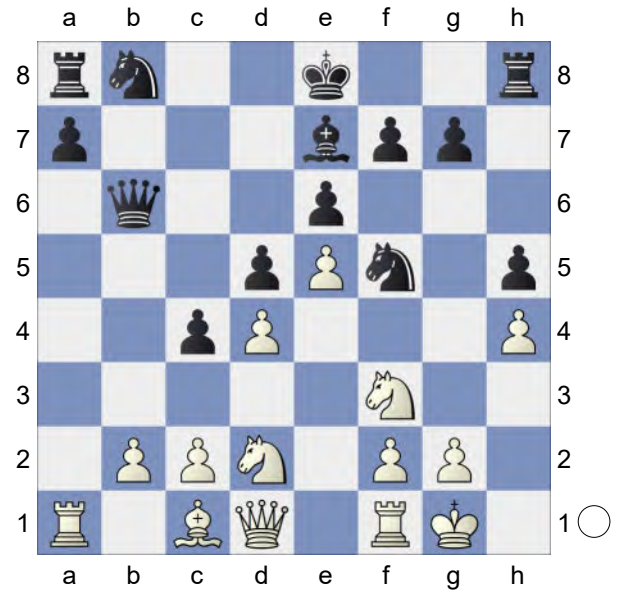
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.Nd2 e6 8.Ngf3
White has an edge. 8...Nh6 9.0-0 Nf5
10.Nb3 Qa6



11.Qd1 b6 12.a4 c5 13.a5 c4
14.axb6 Qxb6 15.Nbd2 Be7



16.c3

[16.b3 c3 17.Nb1 Nc6 18.Be3 Rc8
19.Nxc3 Nxh4 20.Nxh4 Bxh4
21.Ne2 Qb7 22.c4 Rd8 23.Nf4 dxc4
24.bxc4 Nxe5 25.Qa4+ Nd7 26.c5
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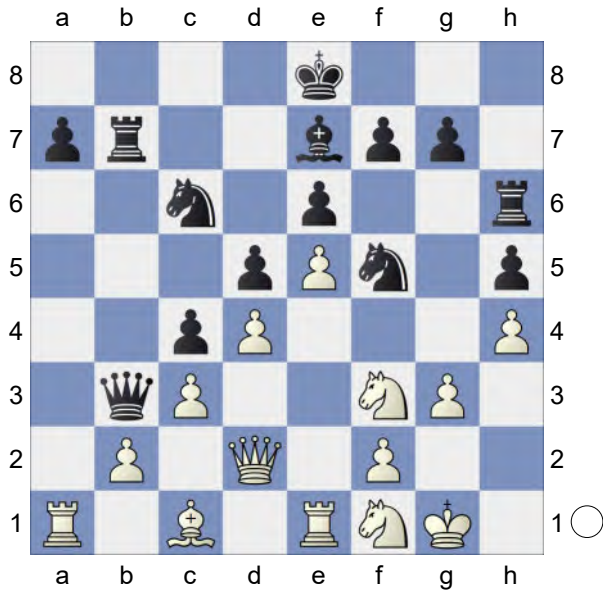
16...Nc6 17.g3 Rb8N

[17...0-0 18.Re1 g6 19.Nf1 Kg7
20.Ne3 Nxe3 21.fxe3 Na5 22.e4
Nb3 23.Rb1 Nxc1 24.Qxc1 a5
25.Ng5 a4 26.Qf4 Rab8 27.g4 hxg4
28.Rf1 a3 29.h5 gxh5 30.Nxf7 Kg8
31.exd5 exd5 32.Qf5 Shirov,A (2660)-
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Mega2024 Update 33 [MH] 1-0 (36)]

18.Re1 Rb7 19.Nf1 Qb3 20.Qd2 Rh6
0.32/18

[20...a5= -0.16/16 is superior.]

(Diagram)



21.Ne3

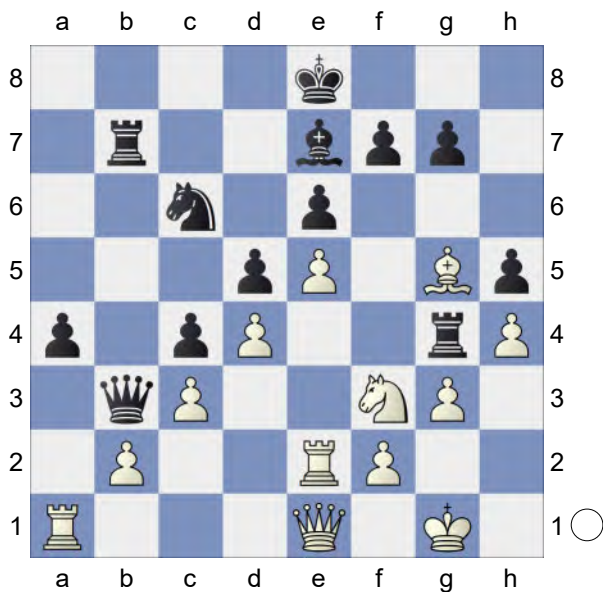
[21.Qe2 looks sharper. Rg6 22.N3d2 Qc2 23.Qxh5 Nxh4 24.Nf3]

21...Nxe3 22.Rxe3 Rg6 23.Re2 a5

24.Qe1 Rg4 0.75/19

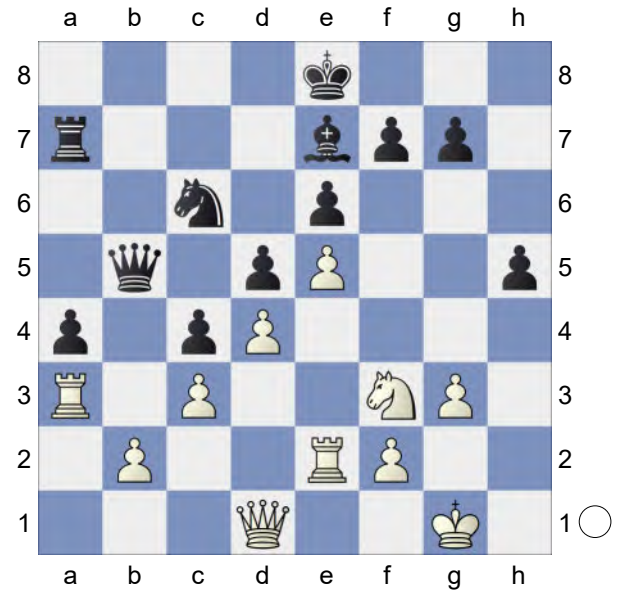
[24...Qb6± 0.44/18 feels stronger.]

25.Bg5 a4



26.Nh2 Rxc5 27.hxc5 Bxc5 28.Ra3 Qb5 29.Qd1↑ White has some pressure. 29...Ra7! 30.Nf3 Be7

(Diagram)



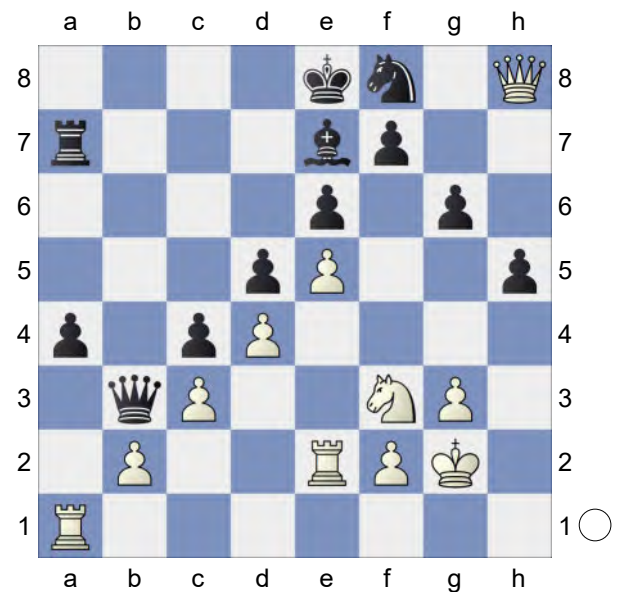
31.Ra1 g6 0.59/20

[31...Kf8= 0.23/20]

32.Kg2 Nb8 1.10/22

[32...Qb3± 0.39/20]

33.Qd2 Nd7 34.Qh6 Qb3 35.Qh8+ Nf8

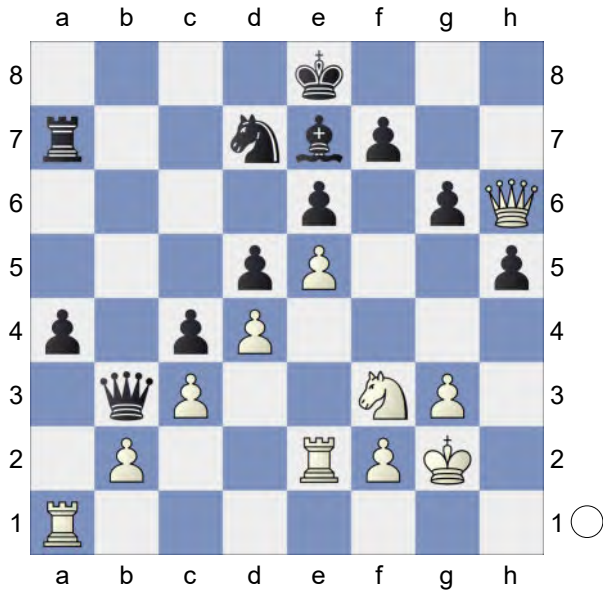


36.Qh6 -0.01/21

[36.Rc1± 0.93/23]

36...Nd7!=

(Diagram)



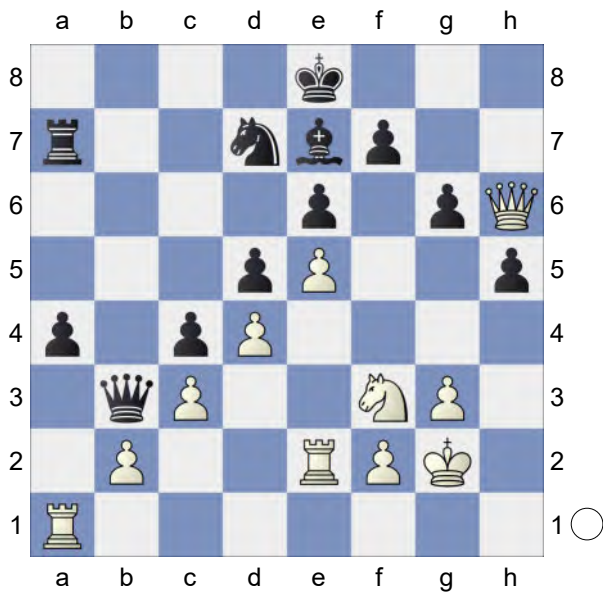
37.Qh8+ 0.01/20

[37.Rc1!± 0.97/22]

37...Nf8 38.Qh6 -0.01/21

[White should play 38.Rc1± 0.93/22]

38...Nd7!



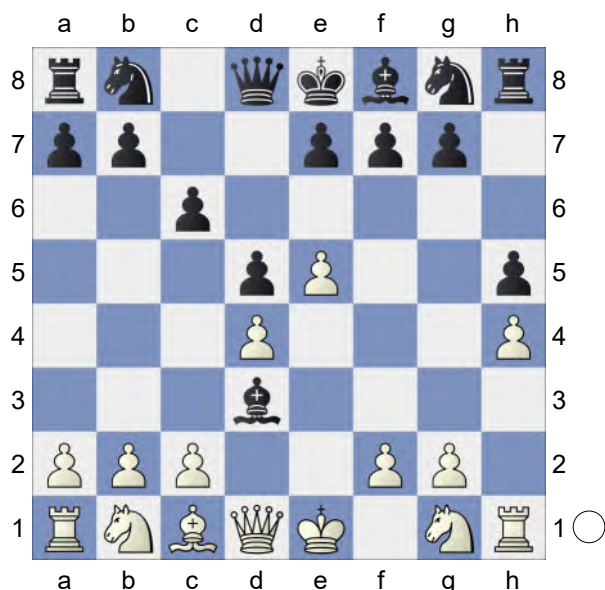
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 □ Andreikin,Dmitry **2729**
 ■ Eljanov,P **2672**
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 [Kitty Kat]

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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.c3

[7.b4 Qxb4+ 8.Nd2 e6 9.Rb1 Qe7
 10.c4 Qc7 11.Ngf3 Nh6 12.0-0 Nf5
 13.Ba3 dxc4 14.Nxc4 Nd7 15.Rfc1
 Nb6 16.Bxf8 Kxf8 17.Qa3+ Qe7
 18.Qxe7+ Kxe7 19.Nxb6 axb6
 20.Rxb6 Rhb8 21.Rcb1 Rxa2
 Motylev,A (2641)-Girya,O (2432)
 Barnaul RUS 2021 [Daniel Fernandez]
 ½-½ (48)]

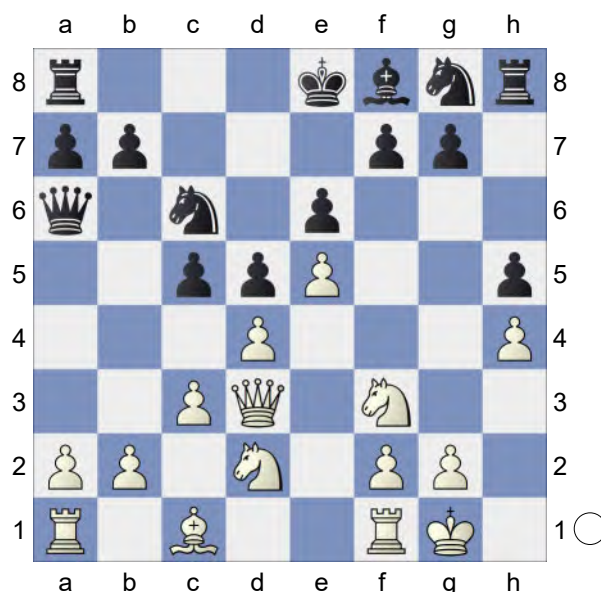
[7.Nd2 e6 8.Ngf3 Nh6 9.0-0 Nf5
 10.a4 Nd7 11.Nb3 Qc7 12.Bg5 Rc8
 13.Rac1 Nb6 14.Nc5 Bxc5 15.dxc5
 Nd7 16.b4 0-0 17.Rfe1 b6 18.Qc3
 a5 19.cxb6 Nxb6 20.bxa5 Nc4
 21.Bd2 Ra8 Kantane,A (2248)-
 Kliashtornyi,A (2132) Stockholm 2025
 ½-½ (67)]

7...e6 8.Nf3 White is slightly better.

8...c5N

[8...Qa6 9.Qc2 (9.Qxa6 Nxa6
 10.Bg5 c5 11.Nbd2 Ne7 12.Bxe7
 Bxe7 13.g3 0-0 14.0-0 Rac8
 15.Nb3 cxd4 16.Nfxd4 Nc5 17.Nxc5
 Bxc5 18.Rad1 a6 19.Kg2 b5 20.a3
 g6 21.Kh3 Kg7 22.f3 Bxd4 23.Rxd4
 Rc4 Bai,X (2005)-Du,Y (1989) Hohhot
 2024 ½-½ (42) ; 9.Ke2 Ne7 10.Rd1
 Nf5 11.Nbd2 Be7 12.g3 c5 13.Nf1
 Qxd3+ 14.Kxd3 cxd4 15.cxd4 Nc6
 16.a3 Na5 17.N1d2 Rc8 18.b3 Kd7
 19.Bb2 f6 20.Rac1 Nc6 21.b4 a6
 22.Nb3 b6 23.Bc3 Rc7 Muratova,A
 (1645)-Arellano,B (2042) Dubai 2023
 0-1 (47)) 9...c5 10.Nbd2 Nd7
 11.dxc5 Nxc5 12.c4 Rc8 13.0-0
 Ne7 14.b3 dxc4 15.Nxc4 Nd5
 16.Rd1 b5 17.Ne3 Na4 18.Qd3
 Nac3 19.Rd2 Be7 20.Nxd5 Nxd5
 21.Bb2 Qb7 22.Kh2 0-0 23.Qe4
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 Heusenstamm 2024 0-1 (52)]

9.0-0 Nc6 10.Nbd2 Qa6



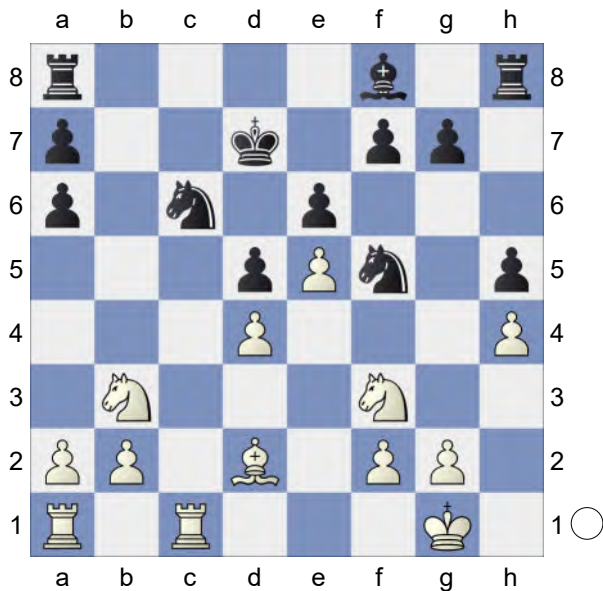
11.Qxa6 bxa6 12.Nb3 cxd4 13.cxd4
Nge7 0.86/20

[13...Kd7= 0.28/19 remains equal.]

14.Bd2 0.32/19

[14.Bg5± 0.86/20]

14...Nf5± 15.Rfc1 Kd7



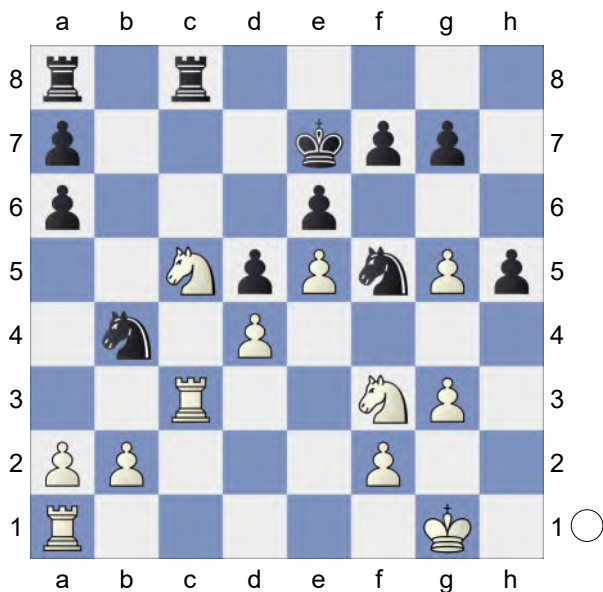
16.g3 0.18/20

[16.Rc2± 0.49/17]

16...Be7= 17.Bg5 Black must now prevent Bxe7. 17...Bxg5 18.hxg5 Rxc8! 19.Rc3↑ With the idea g6! White is more active. 19...Nb4 20.Nc5+

[20.g6!? fxg6 21.Ng5=]

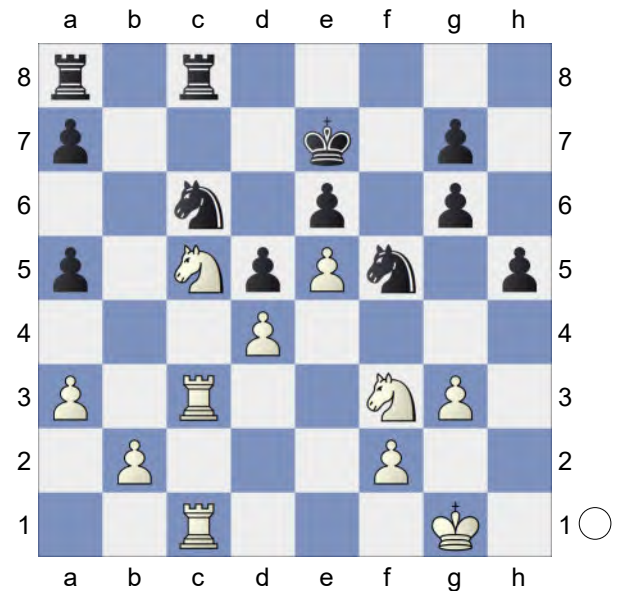
20...Ke7



21.a3 Nc6 22.Nb3 Hoping for Rac1. 22...a5 1.15/21

[22...g6= 0.23/20]

23.Rac1± Kd7 24.g6 fxg6 25.Nc5+ Ke7



26.Nxe6 Discovered Attack, Decoy

26...Kxe6

[26...Nxe5 27.Rxc8]

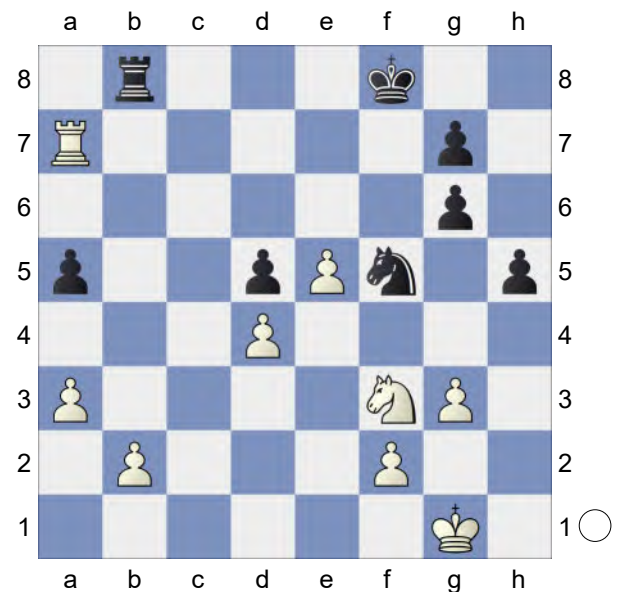
27.Rxc6+ Rxc6 2.42/19

[27...Kd7 1.93/22 was necessary.

28.R6c5 (28.e6+ Kd8±) 28...Ne7]

28.Rxc6+- Endgame KRN-KRN

28...Ke7 29.Ra6 Rb8 30.Rxa7+ Kf8



31.Rxa5 Rxb2 32.Rxd5 Rb1+ 33.Kg2 Rb2 And now ...Ne3+ would win. 34.Kf1

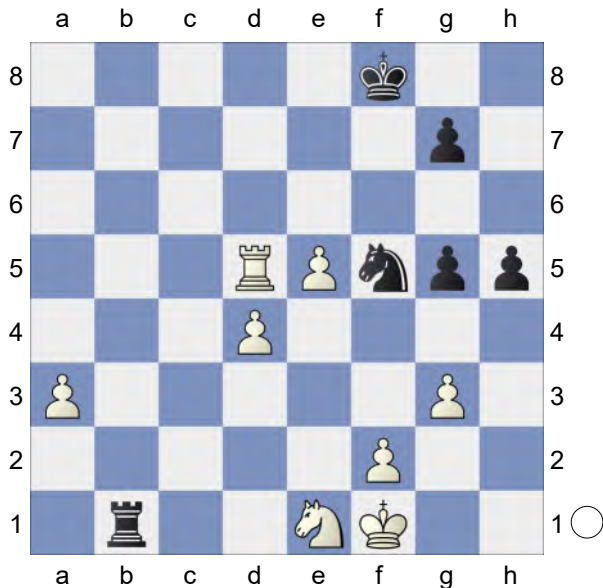
Threatens to win with Ra5. **34...Rb1+**

35.Ne1 1.18/21

[White should try 35.Ke2+- 1.79/21]

35...g5 1.65/21

[35...Ke7± 1.18/21 keeps fighting.]



36.a4 1.21/20

[36.e6+- 1.65/21 g6 37.Rd7]

36...h4 1.81/18

[36...Ke7± 1.21/20]

37.g4 1.00/21

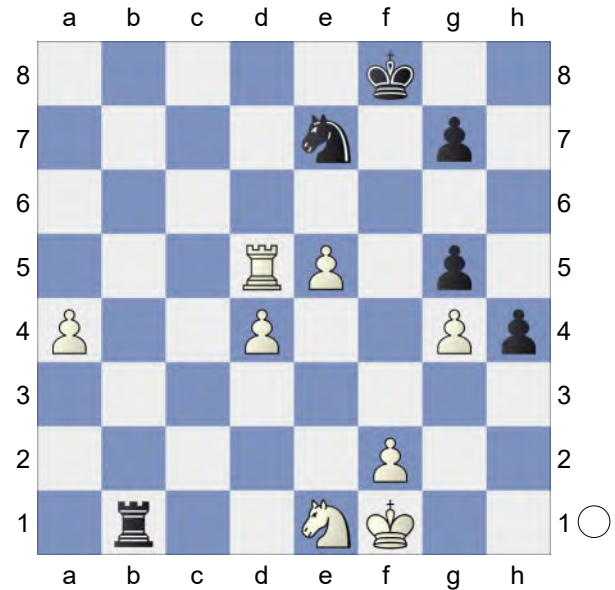
[37.e6+- 1.81/18 g6 38.g4]

37...Ne7 1.99/18

[37...Nh6± 1.00/21 might work better.

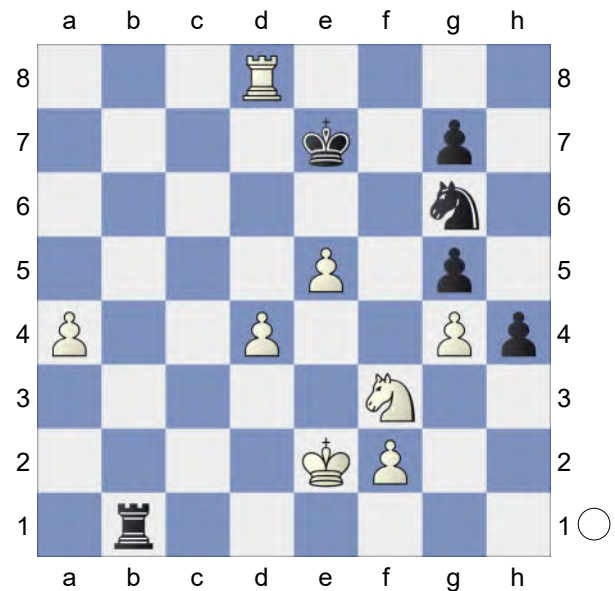
38.Rb5 Rd1]

(Diagram)



38.Rd8+! Kf7 **39.Ke2** Nf3 is the strong threat. **39...Ng6** **40.Nf3** Ke7 2.84/21

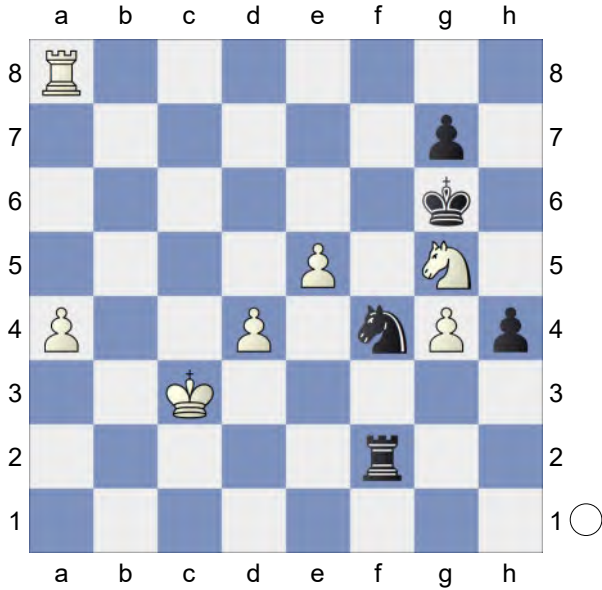
[40...h3± 1.52/20]



41.Rg8! Kf7 **42.Ra8** Nf4+ **43.Kd2** Rb2+ **44.Kc3** Rxf2 **45.Nxg5+**

[Resist 45.Ra7+ Ke8 46.Nxg5 h3±]
45...Kg6

(Diagram)



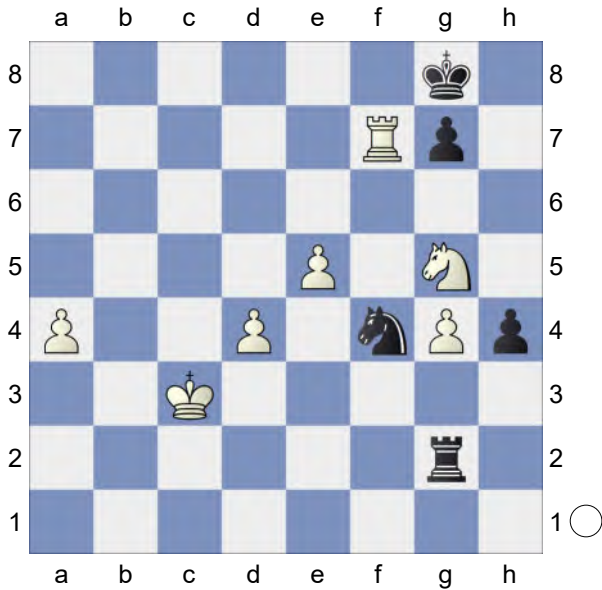
46.Ne4 Rg2 47.Ra6+ Kf7 48.Ng5+ Ke7 1.91/19

[48...Ke8± 1.44/22]

49.Ra7+ Kf8? 8.10/18

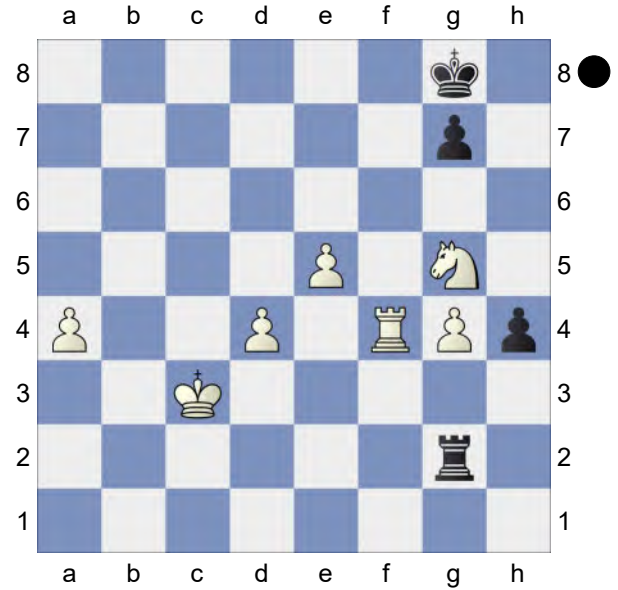
[49...Ke8 2.20/19 50.Rxg7 Rxg4]

50.Rf7+ Kg8



51.Rxf4

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.23 (precise)
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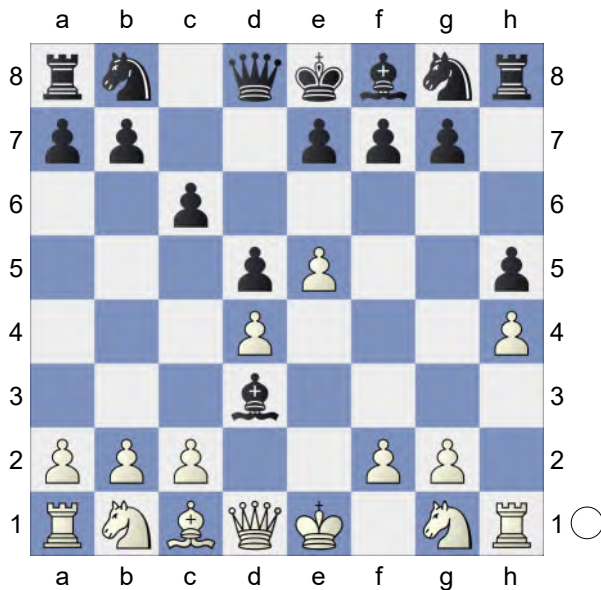
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 e6 7.Bg5 Qb6 8.Nd2 c5 9.c4

The position is equal. 9...Nc6 0.33/18

[9...Qxb2= 0.02/19 deserves consideration. 10.Rb1 Qxd4 11.Qxd4 cxd4]

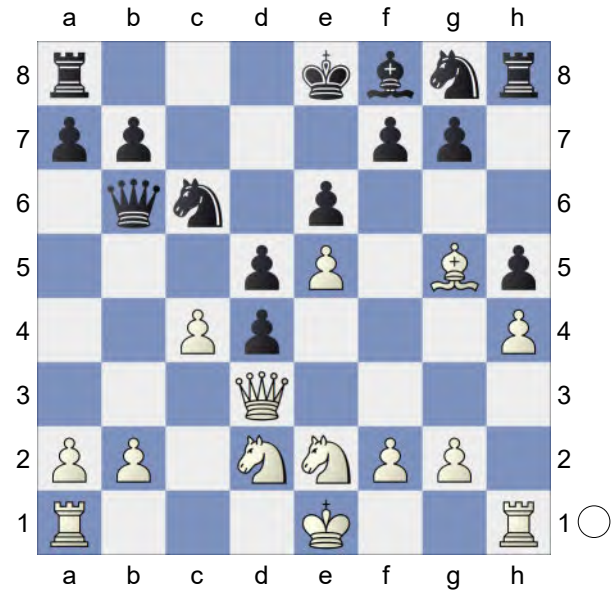
10.Ne2 -0.02/21

[10.Ngf3± 0.33/18]

10...cxd4=

[10...Nxd4 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Nxd4 cxd4 13.0-0±]

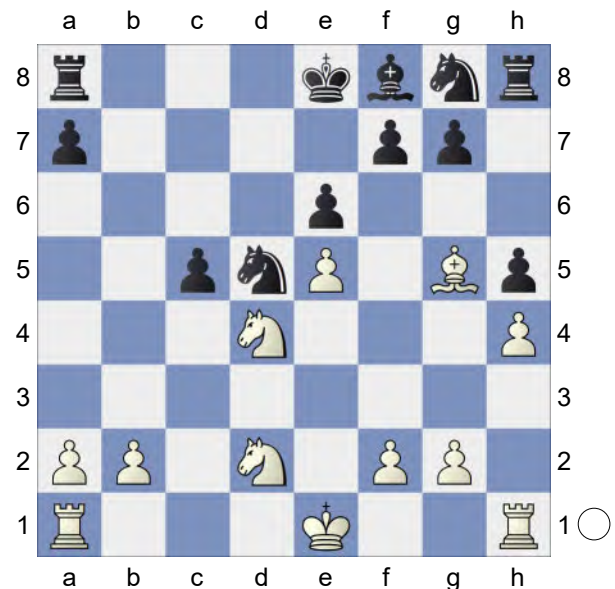
(Diagram)



11.cxd5 Nb4 12.Qb3 Qa4+ is the strong threat. 12...Nxd5 13.Qa4+ Qc6 14.Qxc6+

[14.Qxd4 Nb4 15.0-0 Nc2±]

14...bxc6 15.Nxd4 c5N

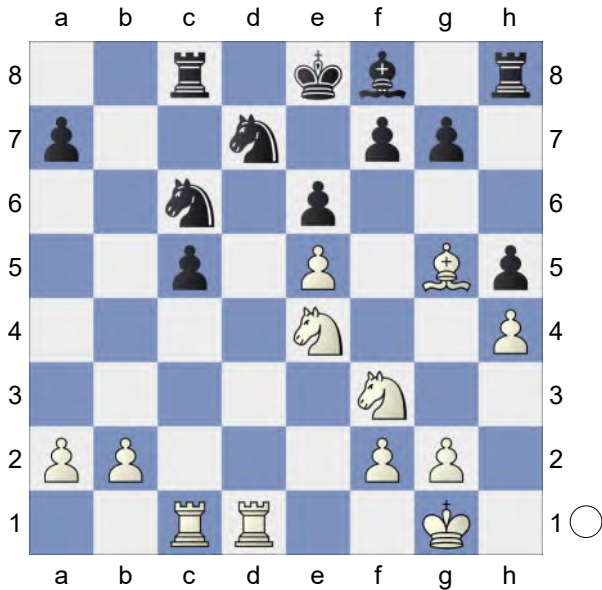


16.N4f3 Nge7 0.40/21

[16...f6= 0.09/19 is superior.]

17.Ne4± Nc6 18.0-0 Nb6 19.Rac1 Nd7 20.Rfd1 Rc8 1.17/20

[20...Ndxe5 0.74/22 21.Nxe5 (21.Nxc5 Bxc5 22.Rxc5 Nxf3+ 23.gxf3 Nb4=) 21...Nxe5]

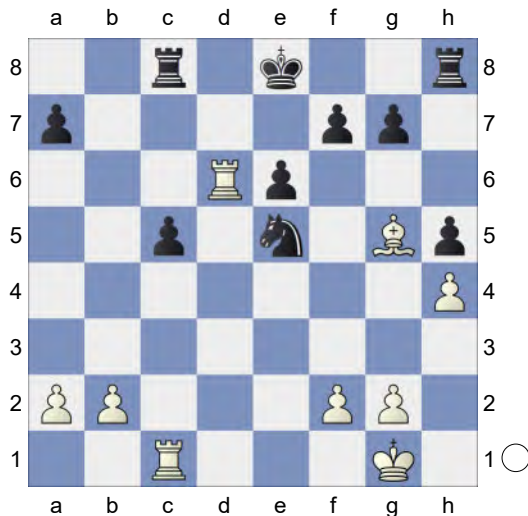


21.Nd6+ 0.69/5

[Better is 21.a3!± 1.17/20]

21...Bxd6 22.Rxd6 Rc7

[22...Ncxe5? 23.Nxe5 Nxe5]



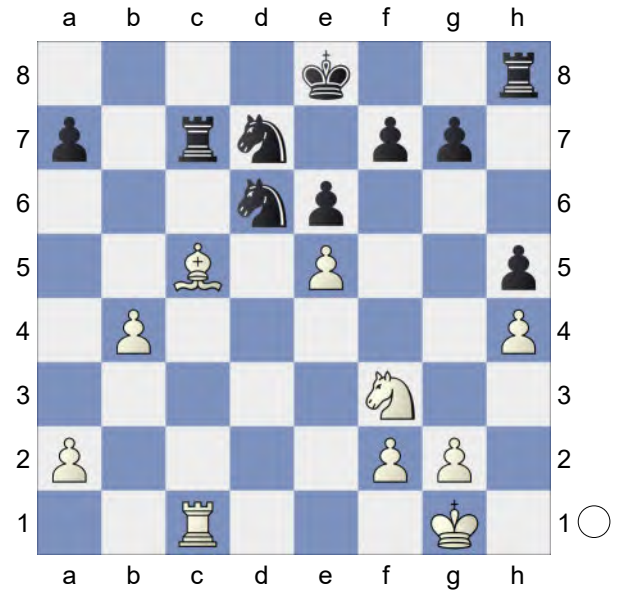
24.Rxc5!!+-]

23.Be3 Ne7 24.b4 Nf5 25.Bxc5
-0.21/22

[White should try 25.bxc5± 0.39/21
0-0 26.Rd3 (26.c6 Nxe5 27.Nxe5
Nxd6±)]

25...Nxd6=

(Diagram)



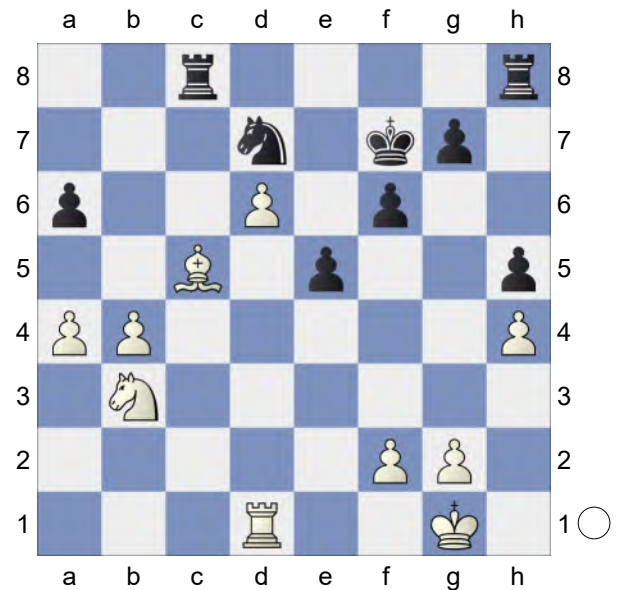
26.exd6 Rc8 27.Nd4 a6 28.Nb3
-0.92/22

[28.g3= -0.01/22]

28...e5 -0.37/20

[Black should play 28...Rh6± -0.92/22]

29.a4 f6 30.Rd1 Kf7



31.Be3 Rc6 32.Nc5 Nxc5 33.Bxc5±
-2.67/23 Endgame KRR-KRB

[33.bxc5± -0.51/24 Rb8 34.f4]

33...Ke6? -0.46/20

[33...a5!+- -2.67/23 34.d7 Rd8]

34.a5!

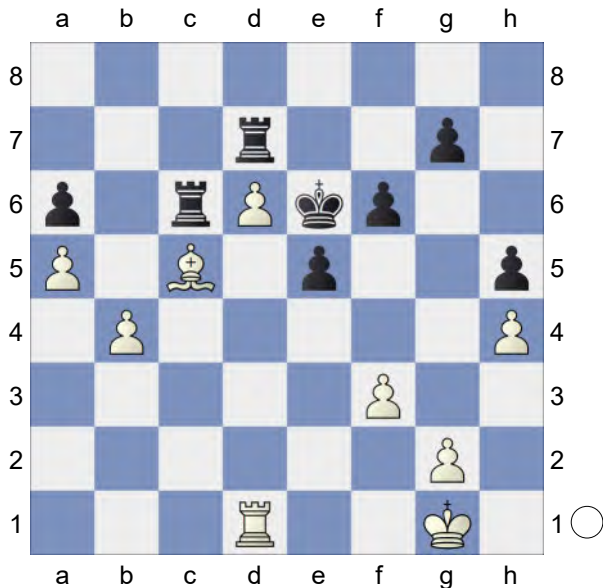
[Not 34.d7? Rd8 35.a5 Rxd7+-]

34...Rd8 35.f3 -0.95/20

[35.Kf1 ♖ -0.35/20]

35...Rd7

[**But not** 35...Rdxd6?! 36.Bxd6 Rxd6
37.Rb1=]



36.Kf2 Rc8 37.Ke2 -0.93/20

[37.g3 ♖ -0.37/18]

37...g6 -0.40/20

[37...Rg8 ♖ -0.93/20 38.Kf2 g5
39.hxg5 Rxdg5]

38.Ke3 -0.89/19

[38.Kd3! ♖ -0.40/20]

38...f5 0.01/21

[38...Rg8 ♖ -0.89/19 39.Ra1 Rxdg7]

39.g3 -0.40/23

[39.Kd3= 0.01/21]

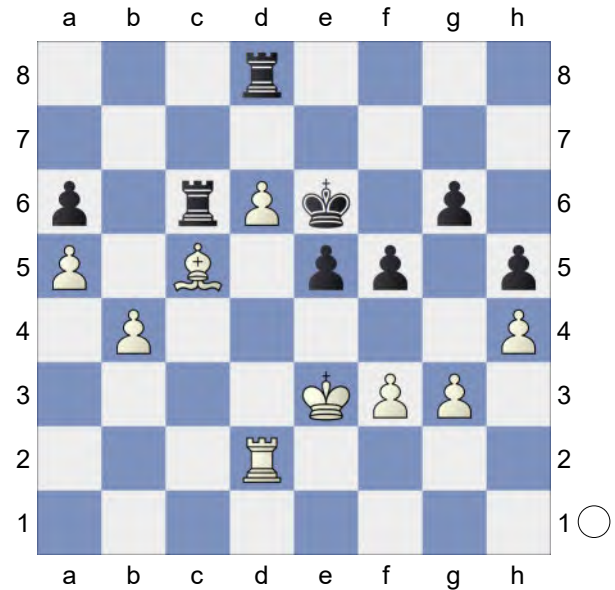
39...Rdd8 40.Rd2 -0.62/24

[40.f4= -0.21/22]

40...Rc6 -0.06/22

[40...Kd7! ♖ -0.62/24 41.Kd3 Rf8]

(Diagram)



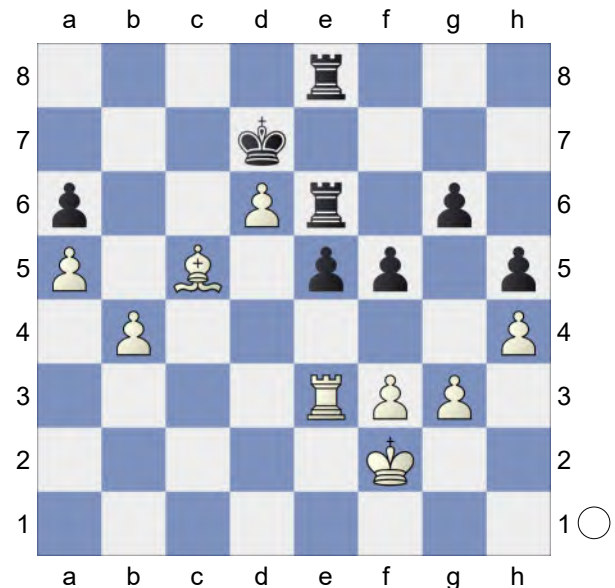
41.Kf2 Kd7 42.Re2 Re8 43.Re3 -0.81/24

[43.Ke3 ♖ -0.40/22 **should be considered.**]

43...Re6 44.Ke2 Rc8 And now ...f4 would win. 45.Kf2 -1.02/22

[45.Rb3! ♖ -0.59/21]

45...Rce8



46.Rb3 e4 47.f4 e3+ -0.01/22

[47...Rb8 ♖ -0.35/22]

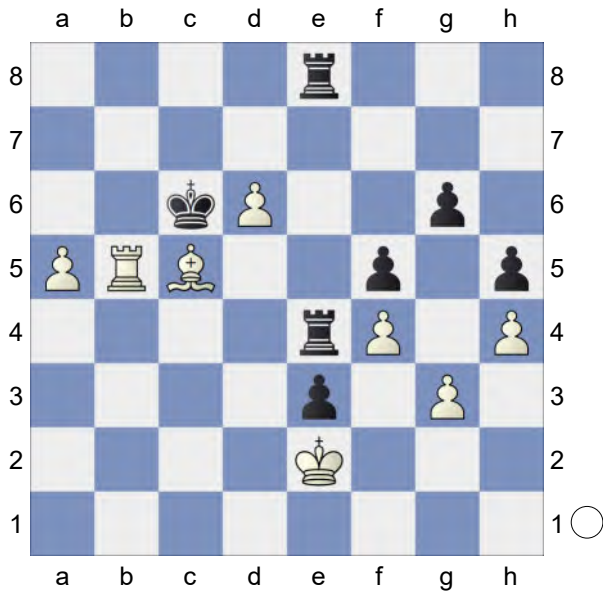
48.Ke2!= Re4 Threatens to win with ...Rc4. 49.b5? -3.58/23 Black converts the advantage convincingly.

[49.Rc3= -0.01/26 and White is okay.]

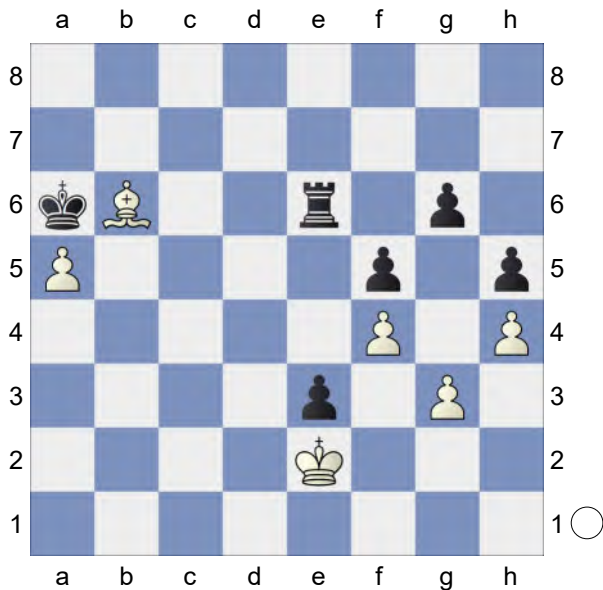
49...axb5+ 50.Rxb5? -7.00/24

[50.Bb6 -3.70/20]

50...Kc6

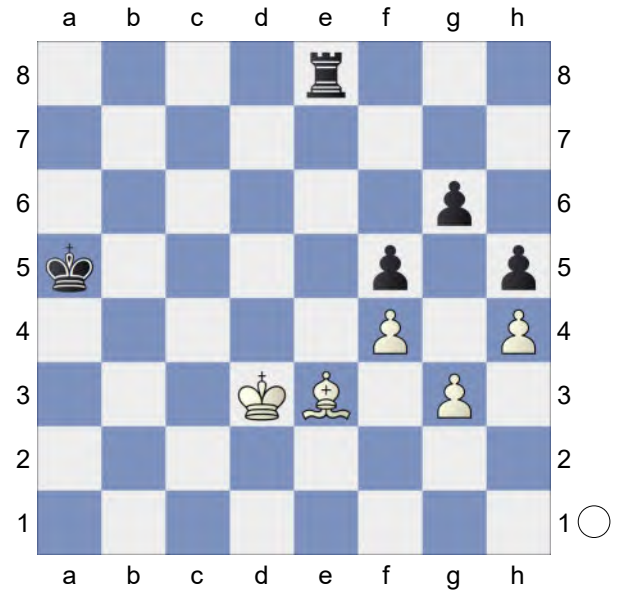


51.d7 Kxb5 52.dxe8Q+ Rxe8 KR-KB
53.Bb6 Re4 54.Bc7 Ka6 55.Bb6 Re6

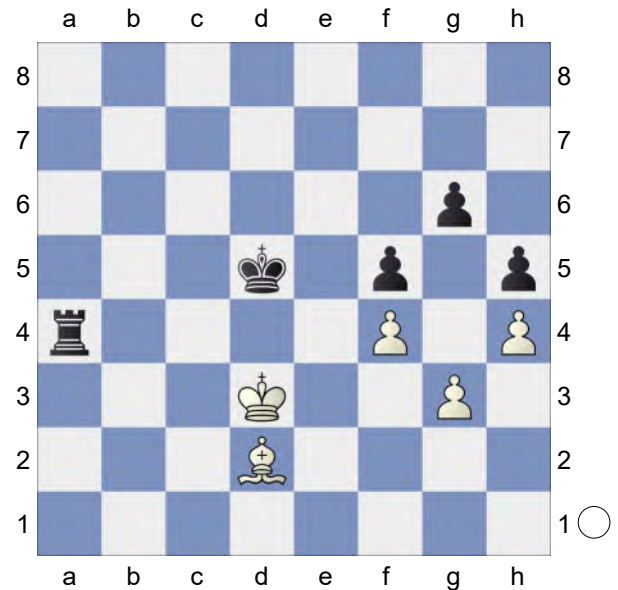


56.Bc7 Kb7 57.Bd8 Kc6 58.Bb6 Re8
59.Bxe3 Kb5 60.Kd3 Kxa5

(Diagram)



61.Bd4 Kb5 62.Bc3 Kc6 63.Kd4
Re4+ 64.Kd3 Kd5 65.Bd2 Ra4



Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/
Black=0.21 (precise)

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■ Rapport,Richard 2715

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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 a6 5.c4N

[5.g4 Bd7 6.c3 e6 7.h5 c5 8.f4 Nh6 9.Na3 Nc6 10.Nc2 Qb6 11.Bh3 cxd4 12.cxd4 Nb4 13.Nxb4 Bxb4+ 14.Kf2 Be7 15.Nf3 0-0-0 16.Qb3 Qxb3 17.axb3 Kb8 18.Bd2 Rc8 19.Rac1 Rxc1 Caro Kann-6. ♠g2 ♖e7 7.00 00 8.b4_54 Survey 1993 Lexikon04 [Schippe]]

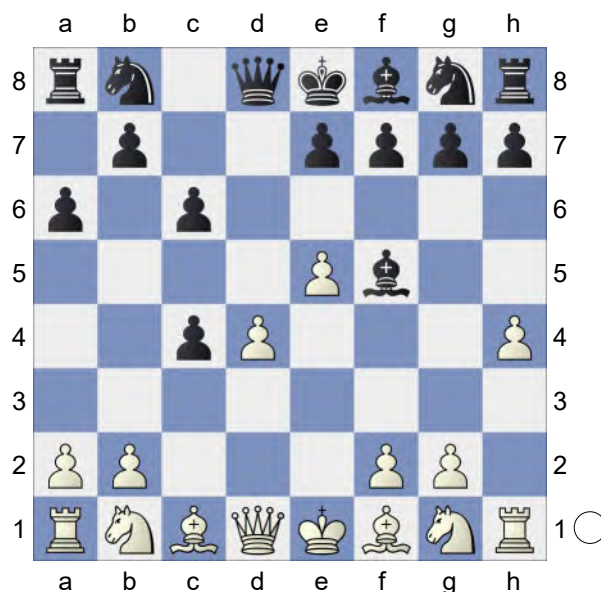
[5.h5 c5 (5...h6 6.g4 Bd7 7.f4 c5 8.c3 e6 9.Nf3 Qb6 10.Kf2 Nc6 11.Kg3 0-0-0 12.Rh2 g6 13.hxg6 fxg6 14.Qd3 cxd4 15.cxd4 g5 16.Nxg5 Nge7 17.Nf7 Rg8 18.Kh3 Nxd4 19.Be3 Nef5 20.gxf5

21. Part V - Master Swindles- Anastasia Bodnaruk vs. Valent (40)) 6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.Qxd3 cxd4 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.Bf4 e6 10.Nbd2 h6 11.a3 Bc5 12.Nb3 Bb6 13.0-0-0 Nge7 14.Nfxd4 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Rc8 16.Kb1 Bxd4 17.Qxd4 Qc7 18.Qd2 Qc4 19.Rh4 Nf5 Abdusattorov,N (2651)-Caruana,F (2792) Chess.com INT 2022 CBM 209 [Postny, Evgeny] 0-1 (48)]

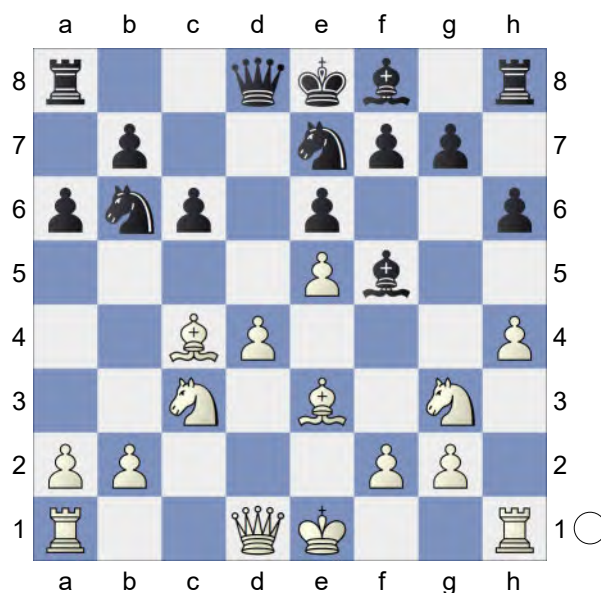
[5.Be3 h5 6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.Qxd3 e6 8.Nd2 Ne7 9.Ne2 c5 10.c4 Nbc6 11.0-0 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Nxe5 13.Qb3 dxc4 14.Nxc4 Nxc4 15.Qxc4 Rc8 16.Qe2 Nd5 17.Bg5 Be7 18.Rfe1 Bxg5 19.hxg5 0-0 Wing Gambit (2647)-4. ♖f3 a6 5.a4 b6 (2721) Agen 2016 200 Traps In The Opening [Stecko,O] 0-1 (40)]

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5...dxc4

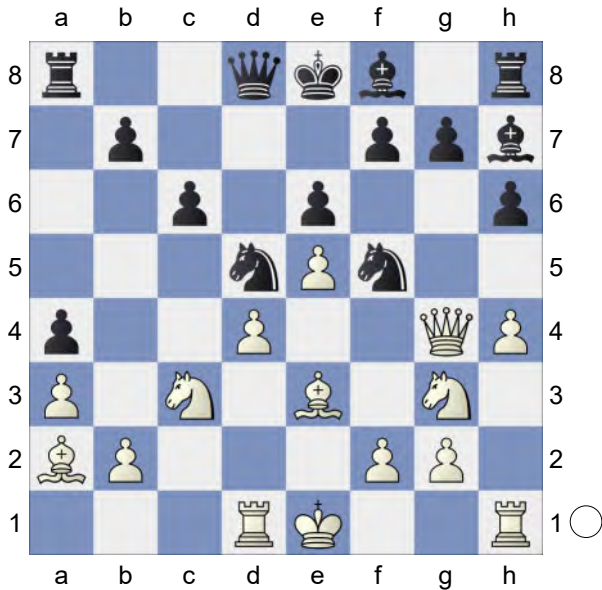


6.Bxc4 e6 7.Nc3 Strongly threatening g4. 7...h6 8.Nge2 White is slightly better. 8...Nd7 9.Be3 Ne7 10.Ng3 Nb6

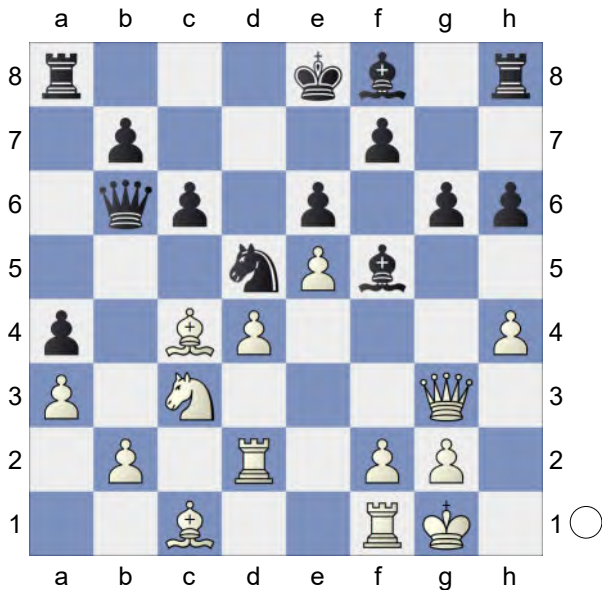


11.Bb3 Bh7 12.Qg4 a5 13.a3 a4 14.Ba2 Nf5 15.Rd1 0.01/19 [15.h5± 0.43/18] 15...Nd5!=

(Diagram)



16.Bc1 Nxg3 17.Qxg3 Bc2 18.Rd2
Bf5 19.Bc4 Qb6 20.0-0 g6

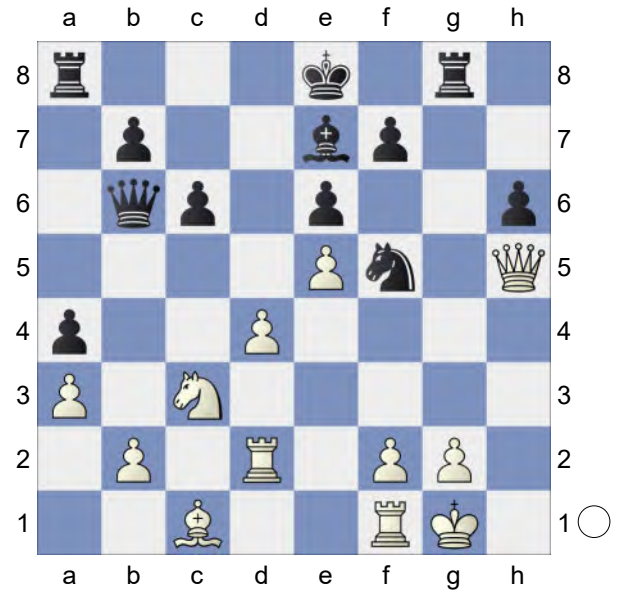


21.h5 gxh5 22.Bd3 Ne7 23.Qh4
0.01/18

[23.Ne4± 0.37/18
is more appropriate.]

23...Rg8 24.Bxf5 Nxf5 25.Qxh5 Be7

(Diagram)



26.Rd3 Rg6 0.46/17

[26...Rd8= 0.13/18]

27.d5 -0.01/21

[27.Rfd1± 0.46/17

stronger.]

27...Ng7 28.Qh3 aiming for d6.

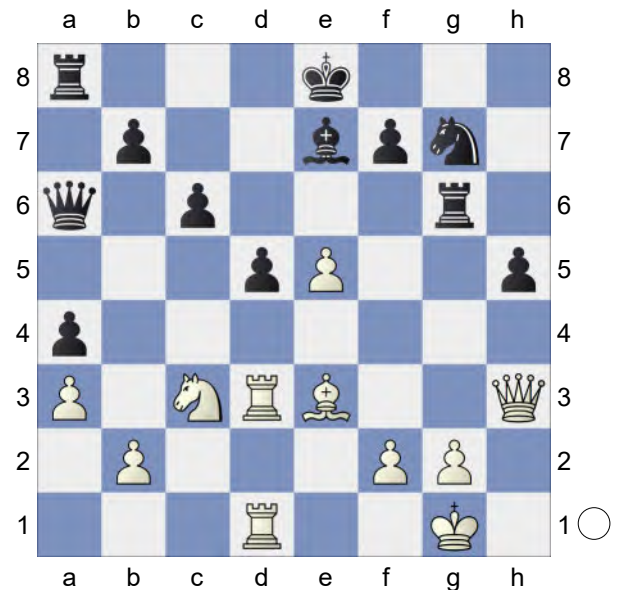
28...exd5 29.Be3 Qa6 30.Rfd1

-0.33/20

[30.Rd4= 0.24/19 Rd8 31.Rxa4]

30...h5 0.35/20

[30...Qc4!± -0.33/20]



31.Ne2!±

White has compensation.

31...Ne6 32.f4 -0.01/20

[32.Qxh5 0.30/19 0-0-0 33.Nf4]

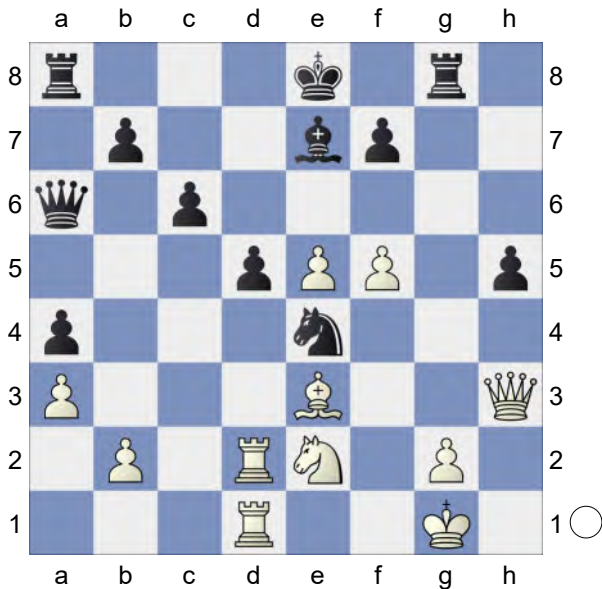
32...Nc5 33.f5 Rg8 0.91/20

[33...Nxd3? 34.fxg6 fxg6 35.Qe6+-]

[33...Rg4= -0.01/17 34.R3d2 Rh4]

34.R3d2!± f6 is the strong threat.

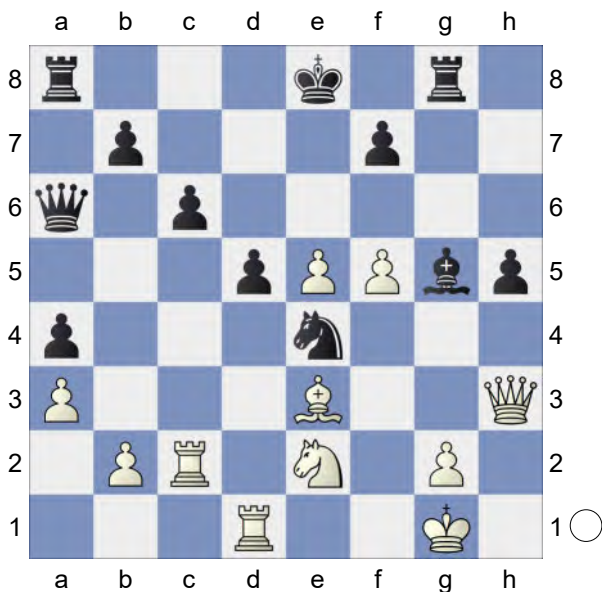
34...Ne4



35.Rc2 -0.68/19

[White should try 35.f6!± 1.47/17
Nxd2 36.Rxd2]

35...Bg5



36.Bd4 0-0-0 0.01/17

[36...Qb5 -0.54/18 37.e6

(37.Qxh5? Qb3+-) 37...Qb3

38.exf7+ (38.Qxh5? 0-0-0-+)

38...Kxf7 39.Qxh5+ Kf8]

37.Nc3 -0.44/19

[37.Qxh5= 0.01/17 feels stronger. c5

38.Bxc5 (38.Qxf7? Kb8+-)]

37...Kb8 -0.09/18 Black is pushing.

[37...Qc4 -0.44/19 should be
considered.]

38.Qf3? -1.66/19

[Avoid the trap 38.Qxh5? Rh8 39.Qf3

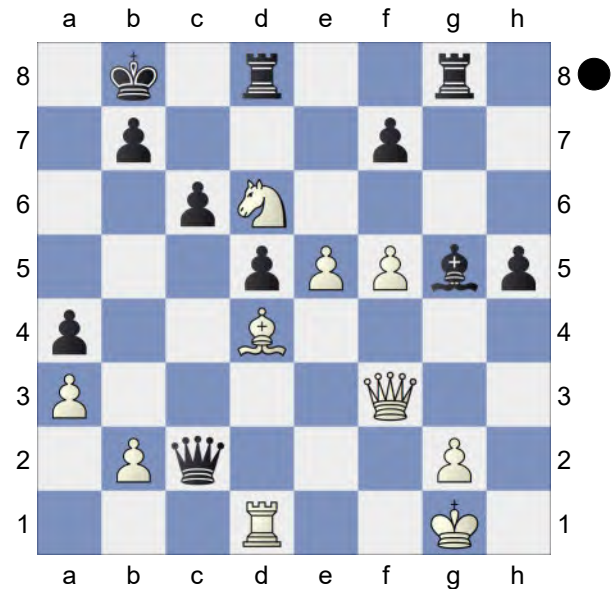
(39.Qxf7? Ng3+-) 39...c5+-]

[38.Qh2!= -0.09/18 and White has
nothing to worry. c5 39.e6+ Ka8
40.exf7]

38...Qc4 -1.01/18

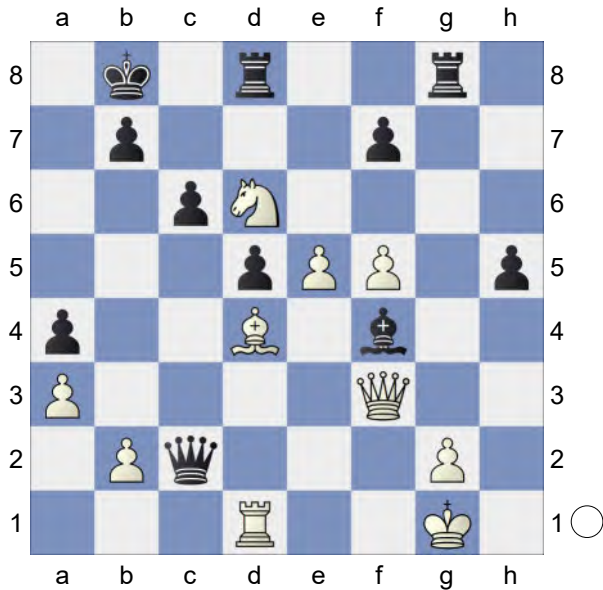
[38...c5+- -1.66/19 39.Bf2 Nxf2
40.Rxf2 d4]

39.Nxe4?? -4.13/21 Qxc2+- 40.Nd6



Bf4!

(Diagram)



41.Rf1

[41.Re1 Rg4]

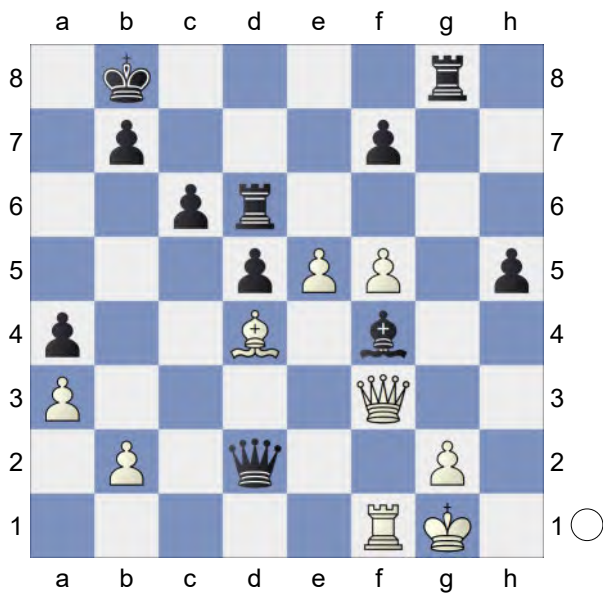
41...Rxd6

[But not 41...Qd2? 42.Qf2 Qxf2+
43.Rxf2 Rxd6 44.exd6 Bxd6
45.Kf1-+]

42.Rf2? -7.04/21

[42.exd6 -3.77/20 Bxd6 43.Rf2]

42...Qc1+ 43.Rf1 Qd2



Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/
Black=0.20 (precise)

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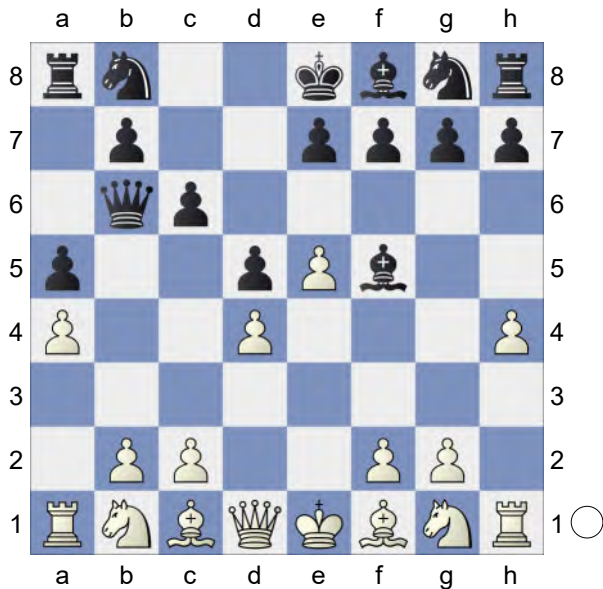
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 Qb6 5.a4

[5.Nc3 h5 6.Be2 e6 7.Nf3 Ne7 8.Rb1 Bg4 9.Ng5 Bxe2 10.Nxe2 c5 11.dxc5 Qxc5 12.0-0 Nf5 13.Be3 Qc6 14.c4 Be7 15.Rc1 0-0 16.Ng3 Nxc3 17.fxc3 Bxc3 18.Bxc3 Qc5+ 19.Kh2 dxc4 Shirov,A (2740)-Lutz,C (2580) Horgen 1994 C11-130 [Lutz, Christopher] 1-0]

5...a5



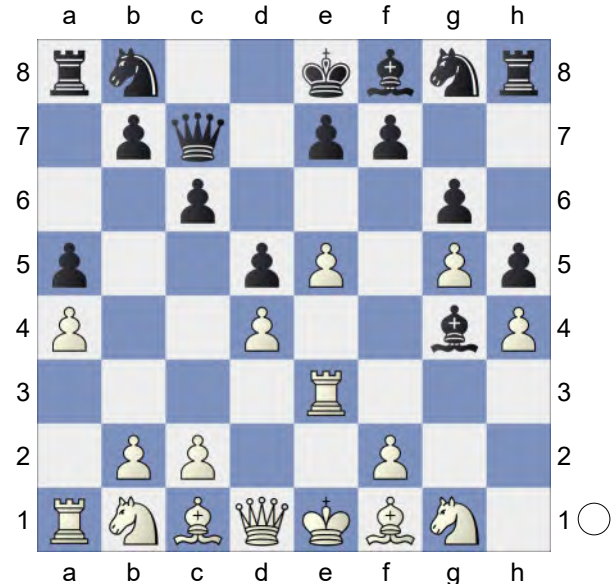
6.g4N

[6.Ne2 h6 7.c3 e6 8.Nf4 Ne7 9.h5 Nd7 10.Na3 38. Caro-Kann 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 ã-Caro-Kann 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 Qb6 #]

[6.c3 h5 7.Ne2 g6 8.Nf4 e6 9.Nd2 c5 10.Bb5+ Nc6 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.0-0 Nh6 13.Nb3 Be7 14.c4 dxc4 15.Nd2 Bd3 16.Nxd3 cxd3 17.Nc4

Qd4 18.Bxh6 Rxh6 19.Nxa5 Kf8 20.Bxc6 Qb6 Saether (2444)-Krukowski,F (2545) Donetsk 2021 200 Traps In The Opening [Duehrssen, Rudolf] 1-0 (48)]

6...Bd7 7.Rh3 h5 8.Rb3 White is slightly better. 8...Qc7 9.g5 g6 10.Re3 Bg4



11.Ne2 e6 12.f3 Bf5 13.b3 Ne7

14.Ng3 c5 15.Rc3 -0.64/19

[15.Na3= 0.13/17]

15...Nec6

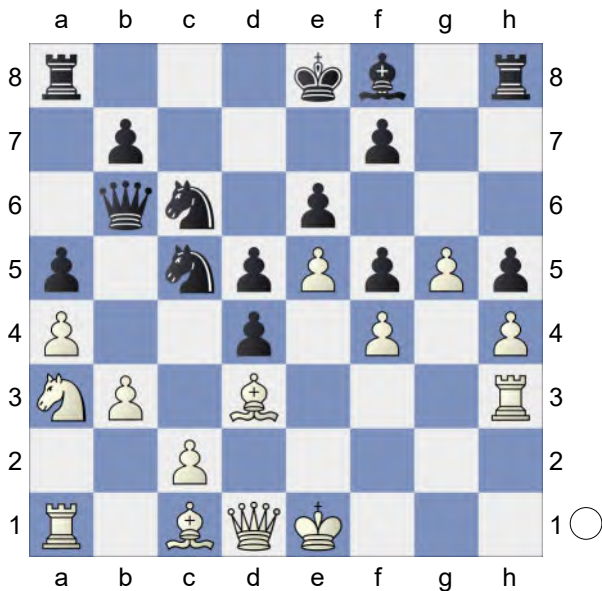


16.Nxf5 gxf5 17.f4 cxd4 18.Rh3 Nd7

19.Na3 Qb6 20.Bd3 -0.94/18

[20.Nb5? -0.52/16]

20...Nc5?



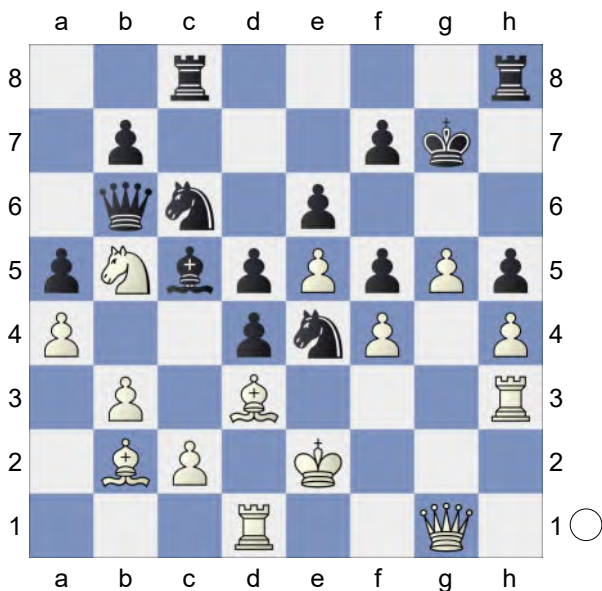
21.Nb5 Rc8 -0.54/20

[21...Ne4? -0.95/18]

22.Bb2? Ne4 23.Ke2 Bc5 24.Qg1 -0.88/18

[24.Kf1? -0.51/19]

24...Kf8 25.Rd1 Kg7



26.Rh2 -1.03/19

[26.Qg2? -0.63/17 feels stronger.]

26...Kg6 -0.61/16

[26...Nb4? -1.03/19 And now ...Nxc2!

would win. 27.Kf1 Nc6]

27.Kf1 -1.02/20

[27.Qg2? -0.61/16 is superior.]

27...Rhd8 -0.52/19

[27...Nc3? -1.02/20 28.Bxc3 dxc3]

28.Re2 -1.10/19

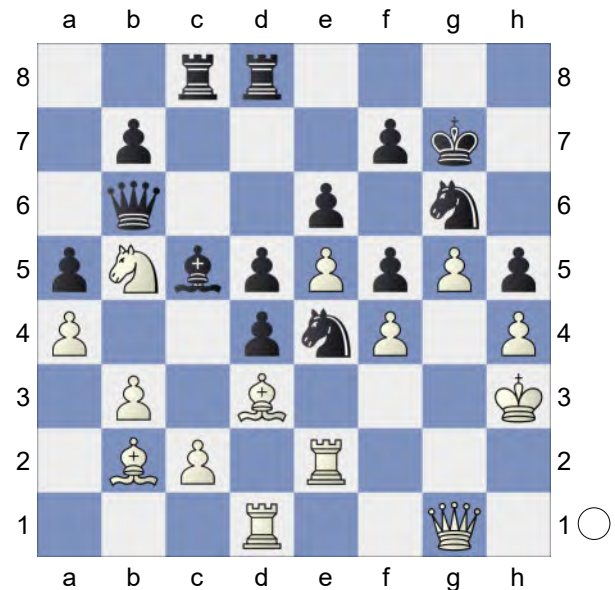
[28.Kg2? -0.52/19]

28...Kg7 -0.60/18

[Better is 28...Nc3? -1.10/19 29.Bxc3 dxc3]

29.Kg2 Ne7 30.Kh3 Ng6 -0.42/20

[30...Nc3! -0.76/21 31.Bxc3 dxc3]

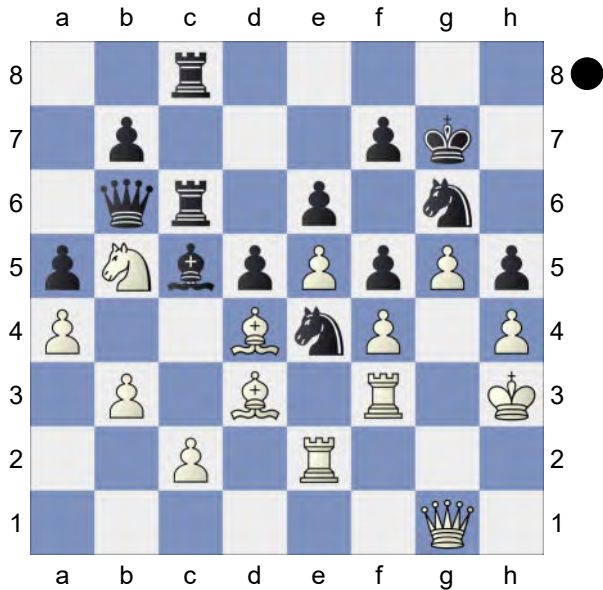


31.Rf1 Rc6 32.Rf3 Bb4 33.Bxd4 Bc5

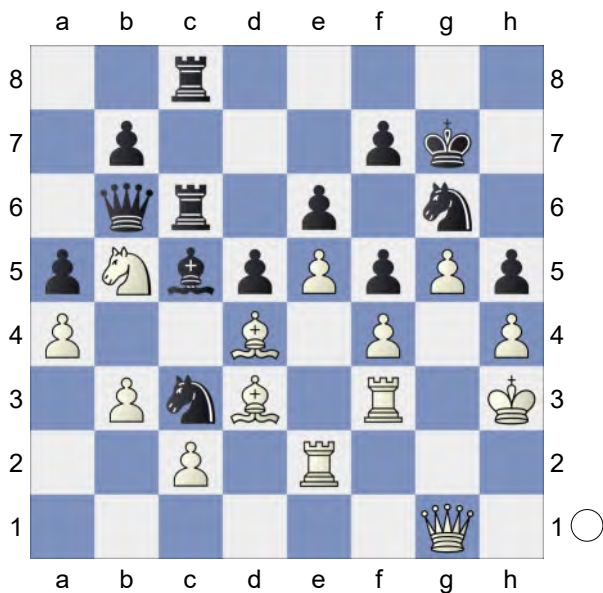
34.Qa1 Rdc8 35.Qg1 -0.52/23

[35.Bb2! = -0.01/22]

(Diagram)

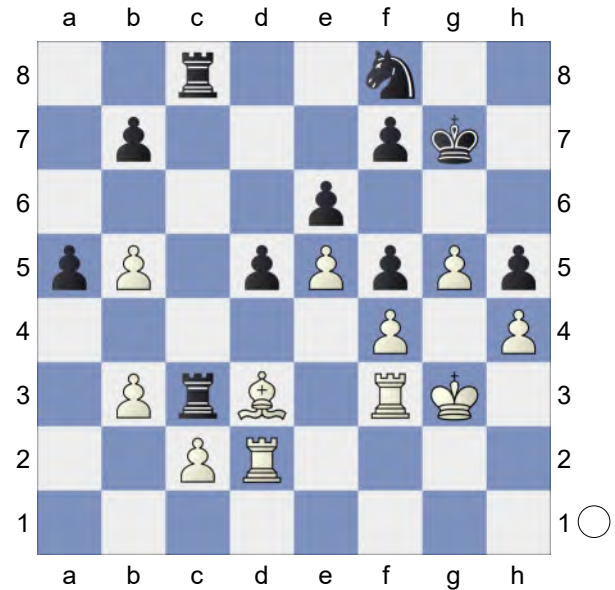


35...Nc3!



aiming for ...Nxb5. Pair of Knights!
36.Bxc5 Qxc5 Dancing on a razor blade. 37.Qxc5 Rxc5 38.Rd2 Nxb5!
39.axb5 Rc3 40.Kg3 Nf8

(Diagram)

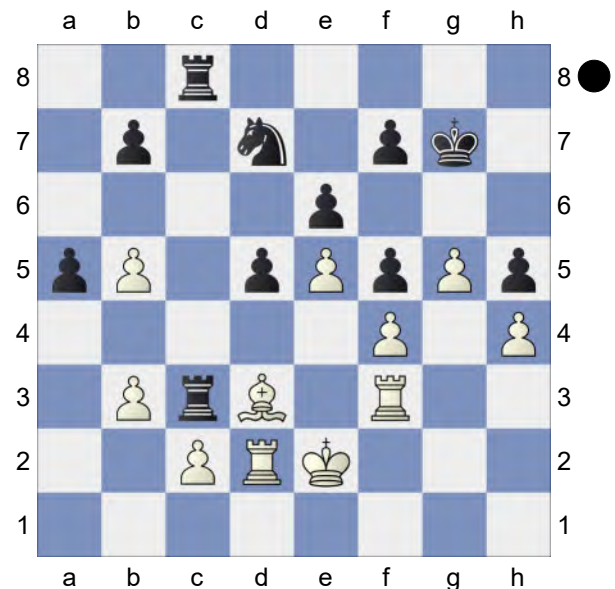


41.Kf2 -1.61/24

[41.Rg2 -1.14/22]

41...Nd7+ 42.Ke2 -2.15/23

[42.Ke3 -1.62/23]



42...Nc5! 43.Kd1 a4 44.bxa4 Ra8 -1.25/22

[44...Nxa4 45.Ke2 -1.14/22]

[44...Ra3+ -2.10/21 45.Ke1 Rxa4]

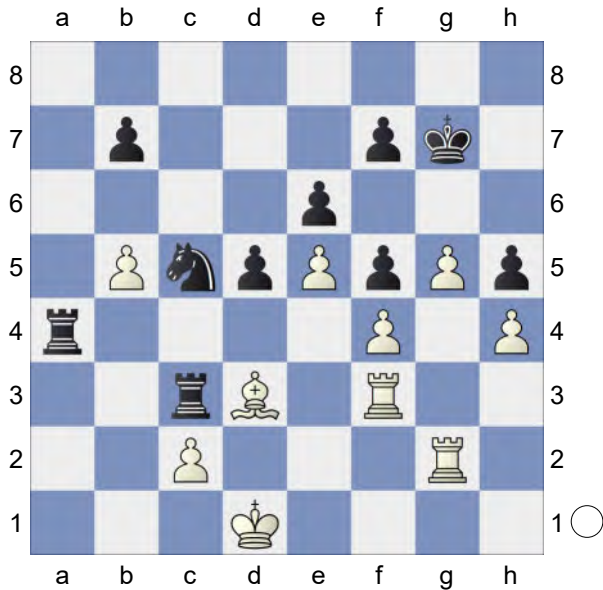
45.Rg2 Rxa4 -1.02/22

[Stronger than 45...Nxa4 46.Kd2=]

[Black should try 45...Nxd3 -1.49/24

46.cxd3 (46.Rxd3 Rxd3+ 47.cxd3

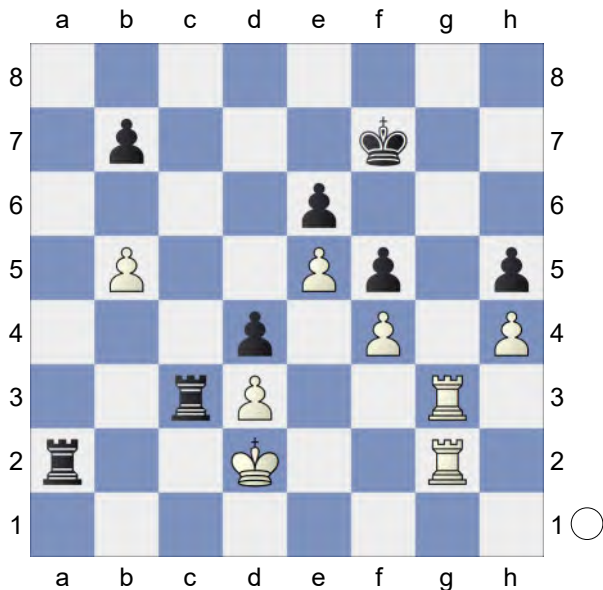
Rxa4+-) 46...Ra3]



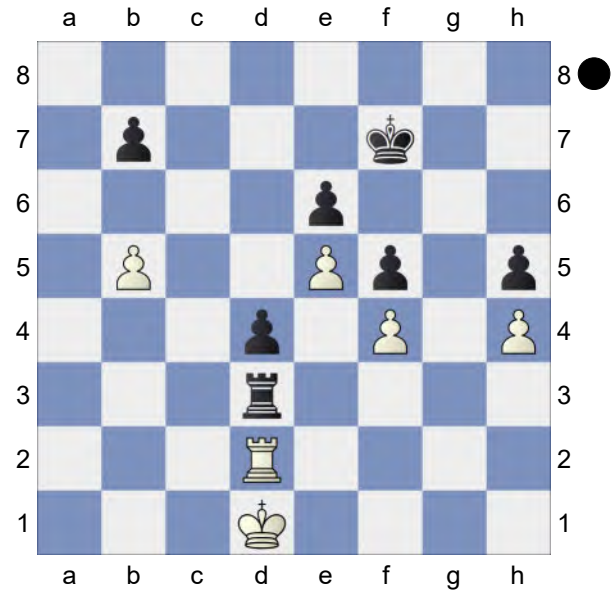
46.g6 Nxd3

[Reject 46...fxg6?! 47.Rfg3 Nxd3
48.Rxg6+ Kh7 49.Rg7+ Kh8
50.Rg8+ Kh7 51.R8g7+ Kh8
52.Rg8+ Kh7 53.R8g7+=]

47.gxf7+ Kxf7 48.cxd3 Endgame
Threatens to win with Rfg3. KRR-KRR
48...Ra1+ 49.Kd2 d4 50.Rfg3 Ra2+

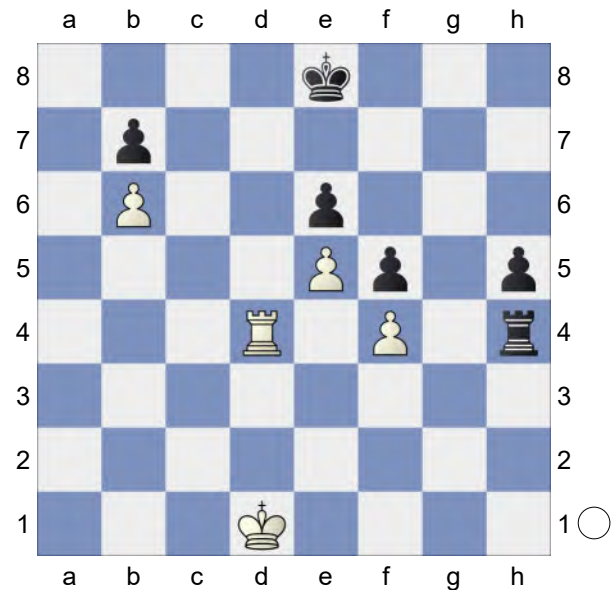


51.Kd1 Rg7+ would kill now. 51...Rxg2
& Nero is more active. 52.Rxg2 Rxd3+
KR-KR 53.Rd2



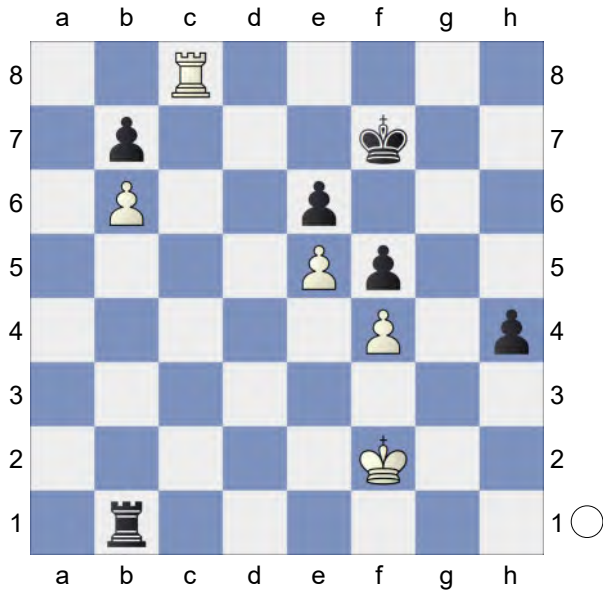
Rh3 -0.47/23

[53...Rb3!+ -1.05/23 Strongly
threatening ...d3. 54.Rxd4 Rxb5]
54.Rxd4 Rxh4 55.b6 Ke8 -0.15/24
[55...Kg6 -0.59/22]



56.Rc4!= Rg4 57.Ke2 h4 58.Kf3 Rg1
59.Kf2 Rb1 60.Rc8+ -0.69/29
[60.Kg2!= -0.01/25]
60...Kf7!+

(Diagram)

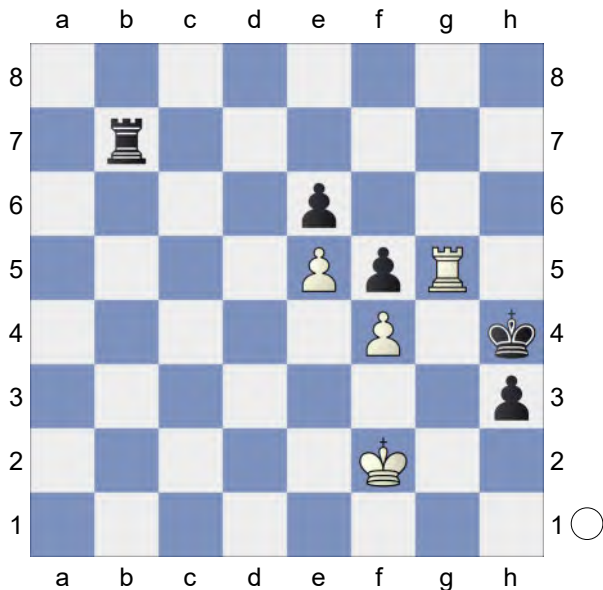


61.Rc7+ Kg6 62.Rxb7 Kh5 -0.30/24
 [62...h3 ̄ -0.68/28 63.Kg3 Rb3+
 64.Kh2 Kh5]

63.Rg7= h3 64.Rg5+? -2.91/28
 Now White is beyond hope.

[White must play 64.b7! ̄ -0.32/28]

64...Kh4+ White must now prevent ...
h2. 65.b7 Rxb7
 [Not 65...h2 66.b8Q Rxb8 67.Kg2 ̄]



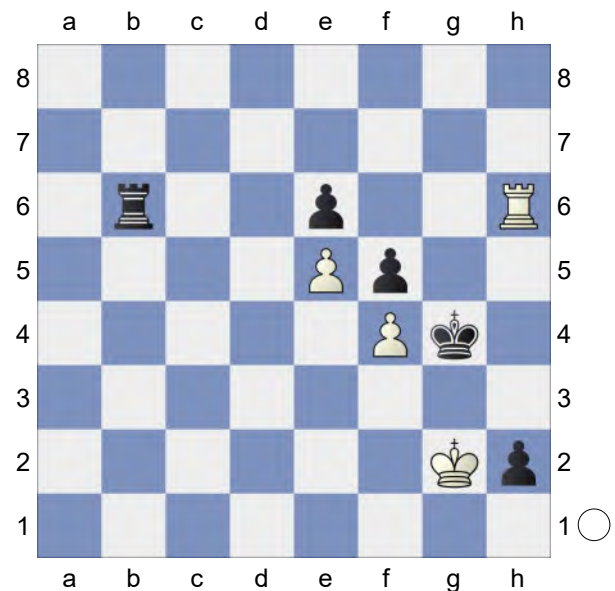
66.Rg6 -13.00/27

[̄ 66.Kg1 -4.28/28 Rb1+ 67.Kh2]

66...Rb2+ 67.Kf3 Rb3+ 68.Kf2 h2

69.Rh6+ Kg4 (-> ...Rh3) 70.Kg2
Against Rh3 70...Rb6 -6.11/27

[̄ 70...h1Q+ -13.57/29 71.Kxh1
 Rh3+ 72.Rxh3 Kxh3 73.Kg1 Kg3
 74.Kf1 Kxf4 75.Kf2 Kxe5 76.Ke3
 f4+ 77.Kf3 Kf5 78.Kf2 Ke4 79.Ke2
 f3+ 80.Kd2 Kd4 81.Kd1 Kd3 82.Ke1
 Ke3 83.Kd1 f2 84.Kc2 f1Q 85.Kb3
 Kd4 86.Kb2 Qc4 87.Kb1 Kc3
 88.Ka1 Kb3 89.Kb1 Qf1#]



Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise)

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□ Aronian,L

■ Anton Guijarro,D

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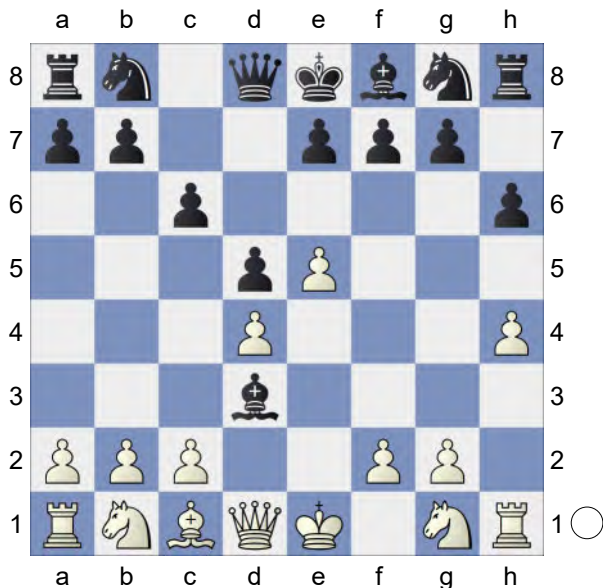
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.Bd3 Bxd3



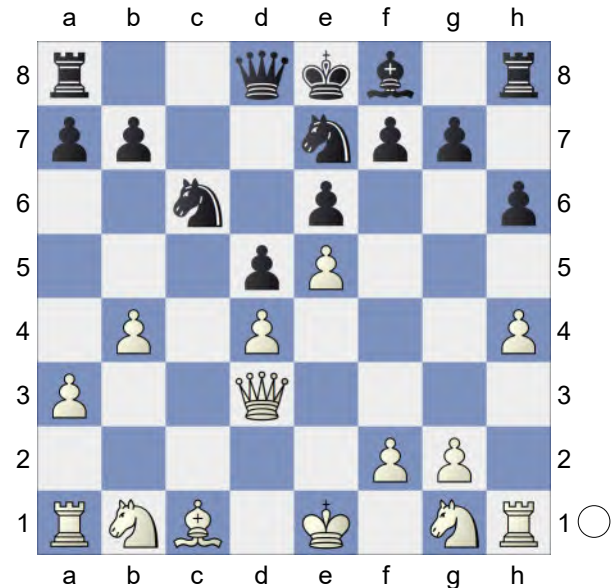
6.Qxd3 e6 7.c3

[7.Ne2 c5 8.c3 Nc6 9.a3 a5
10.Nd2 a4 11.h5 Nge7 12.0-0 Qa5
13.Nf3 Nc8 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Nfd4
N8e7 16.Be3 Nxe5 17.Qc2 Nc4
18.Bc1 0-0 19.Qd3 Qc7 20.Bf4 e5
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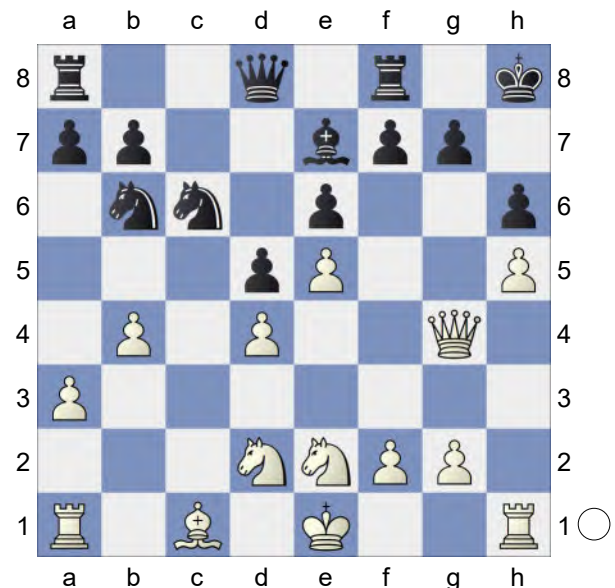
7...c5N

[7...Nd7 8.Ne2 Ne7 9.h5 c5 10.Nd2
Nc6 11.a3 Qb6 12.0-0 0-0-0 13.b4
cxd4 14.cxd4 Kb8 15.Nb3 f6
16.Bd2 fxe5 17.b5 e4 18.Qg3+ Qc7
19.Bf4 e5 20.dxe5 Ncxe5 21.Rfc1
Qd6 22.Nc5 Perez Gormaz,M (2400)-
Mollo,J (1892) Oruro 2023 1-0 (32)]

8.a3 Nc6 White is slightly better. 9.b4
cxd4 10.cxd4 Nge7



11.h5 Nc8 12.Ne2 Nb6 13.Nd2 Be7
14.Qg3 0-0 15.Qg4 Kh8



16.Rh3 f5 1.29/19

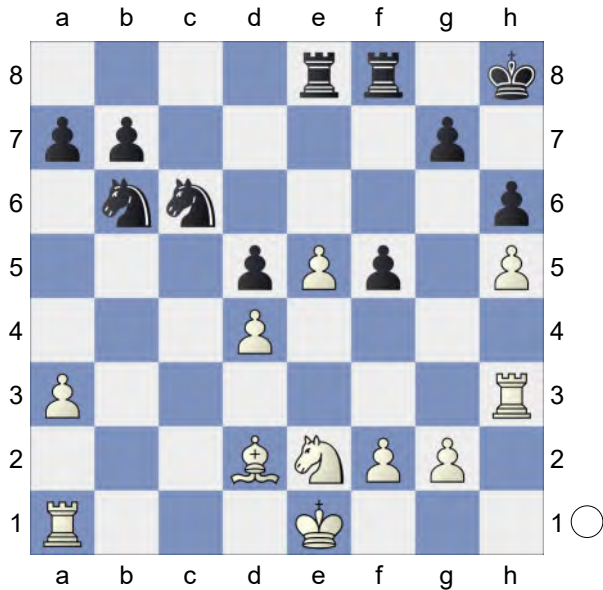
[16...Nc4= -0.08/19]

17.Qg6± Black is now going downhill.
17...Qe8 18.Qxe6 1.03/21 & Bianco is
more active.

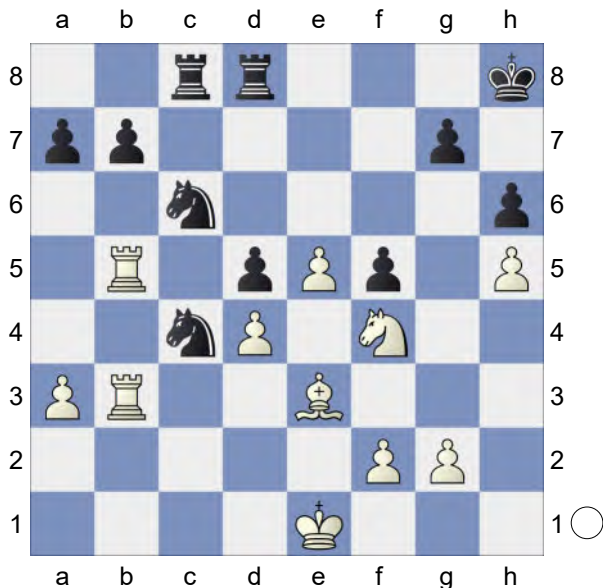
[18.Rg3 1.34/20 Bg5 19.Nb3]

18...Bxb4 1.75/19 19.Qxe8+- Bxd2+
20.Bxd2 Raxe8

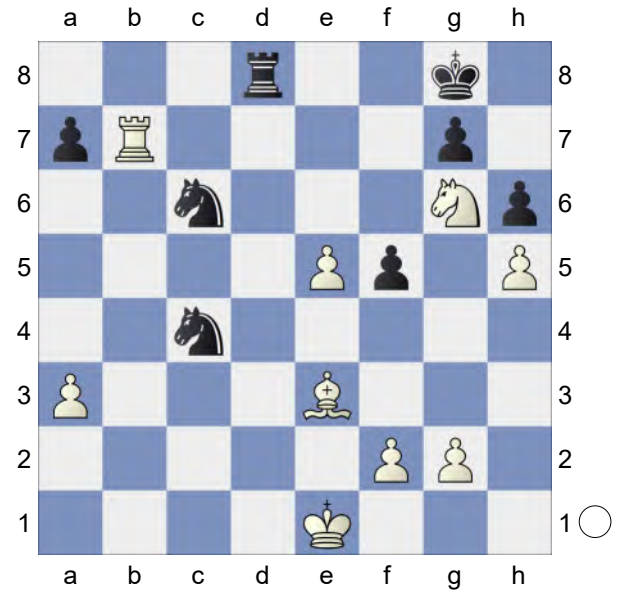
(Diagram)



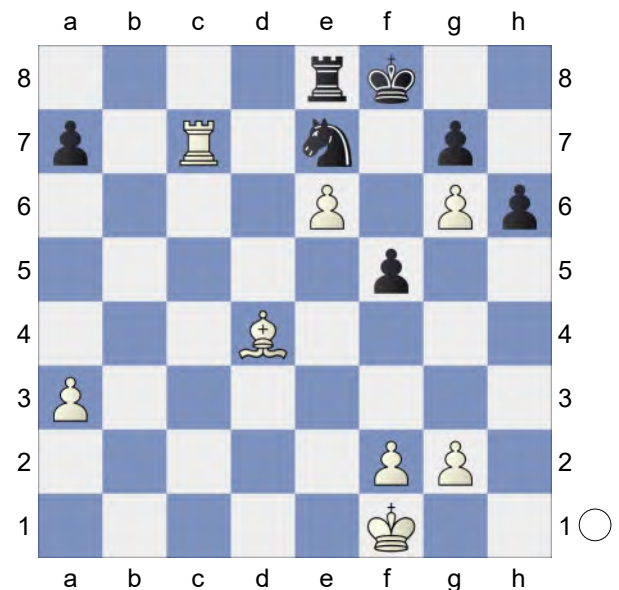
21.Rb1 Rf7 22.Rb5 Rd7 2.47/18
 [22...f4 1.67/18 was called for.
 23.Rd3 Ref8]
23.Rhb3 Rc8 24.Be3 Rdd8 25.Nf4
Nc4 3.76/19
 [25...Ne7 2.65/18 is a better defense.
 26.Ra5 Rb8]



26.Rxd5 Rxd5 27.Nxd5 Rd8 28.Nf4
Nxd4 29.Ng6+
 [29.Rxb7 Nc2+ 30.Ke2 Nxe5+-]
29...Kg8 30.Rxb7 Hoping for Bxd4.
30...Nc6

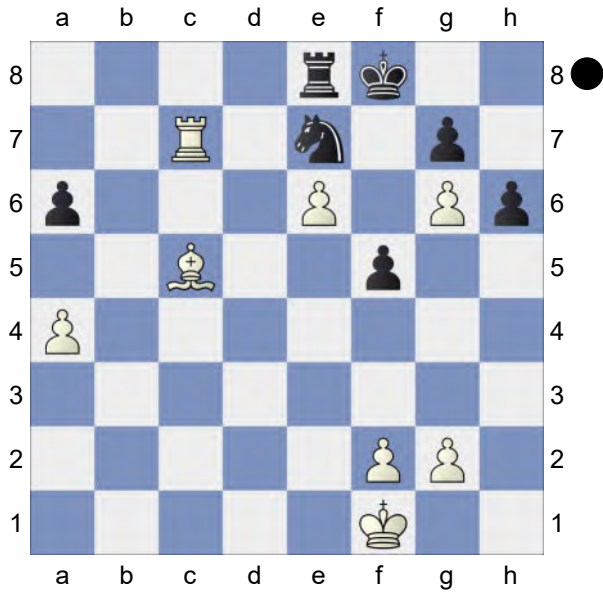


31.e6 Strongly threatening Rc7. **31...Re8**
4.83/21
 [31...Nxa3 3.17/19 might work better.
 32.Kf1 (32.Bxa7 Nc2+ 33.Kf1
 Re8+-) 32...Nc2]
32.Rc7 N4e5 33.Kf1 Nxc6 34.hxc6
Ne7 35.Bd4 Kf8



36.Bc5 a6 37.a4

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.09
(flawless) /Black=0.53

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□ Nepomniachtchi,I

■ Firouzja,Alireza

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[Kitty Kat]

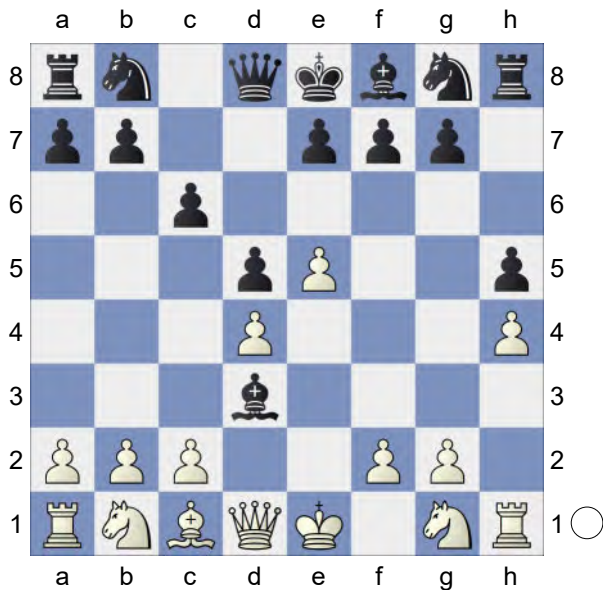
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3

[But not 6.cxd3 e6=]

6...Qa5+ 7.b4 Qxb4+ 8.Nd2

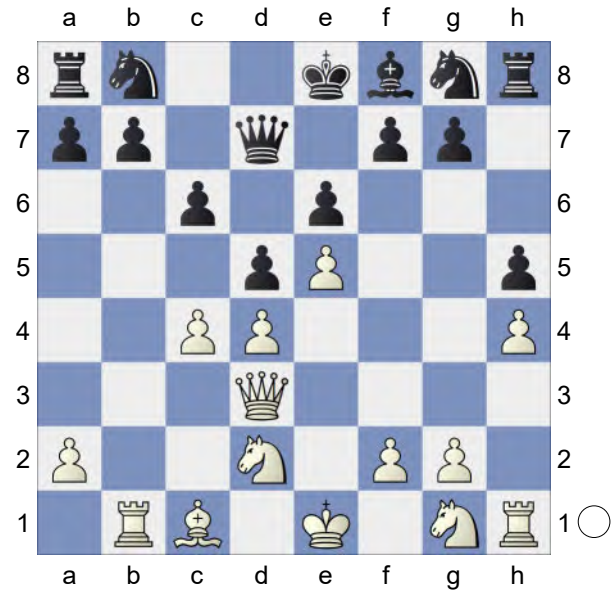
The position is equal. 8...e6

[8...Qb5 9.c4 dxc4 10.Nxc4 e6
11.a4 Qa6 12.Ba3 Nd7 13.Bxf8
Kxf8 14.Nf3 Ne7 15.0-0 Nb6
16.Rfc1 Rd8 17.Rab1 Rd7 18.Qb3
Nxc4 19.Rxc4 Nd5 20.g3 g6
21.Ng5 Kg7 22.Rbc1 Rhd8 23.Qf3
Chigaev,M (2643)-Karjakin,S (2757)
Moscow 2021 CBM 206 [Schandorff,
Lars] 1-0 (41)]

9.Rb1! White has compensation. 9...Qe7

10.c4 Inhibits b5. 10...Qd7

(Diagram)



11.Ne2N

[11.Ngf3 Nh6 12.0-0 Nf5 13.Ba3
Be7 14.Rfc1 0-0 15.Qb3 Bxa3
16.Qxa3 Na6 17.Rb2 Rac8 18.Rcb1
Rc7 19.c5 Nb8 20.Rb3 Re8 21.Qb2
Re7 22.a4 Qd8 23.g3 Rcd7 24.Qc3
g6 25.Nf1 Kg7 Neumann,J (2638)-
Krabbe,W (2637) IECG email 2023
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11...Na6 12.0-0 Be7 13.cxd5 0.14/18

[13.Ba3± 0.93/19]

13...cxd5= 14.Nf3 Nh6? 1.78/19

[14...Nb4= 0.02/18 and Black is okay.
15.Qb3 Rb8]

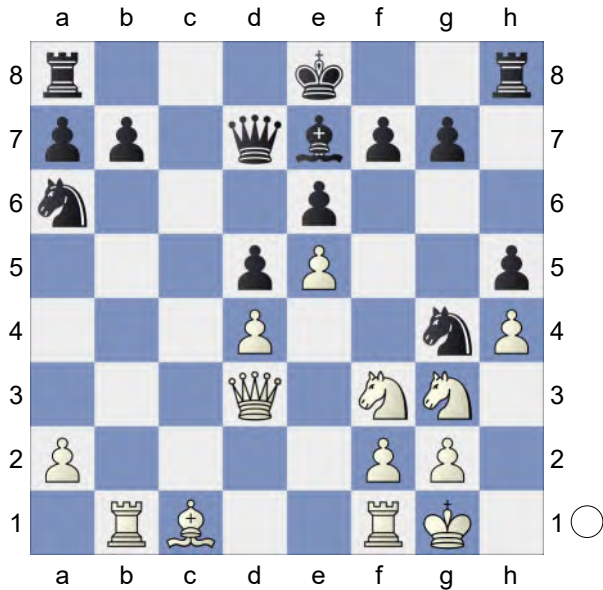
15.Ng3 0.41/18

[15.Bxh6+- 1.78/19 Rxh6 16.Rb3]

15...Ng4 0.87/20

[15...Nb4± 0.41/18 16.Qb3 b6]

(Diagram)



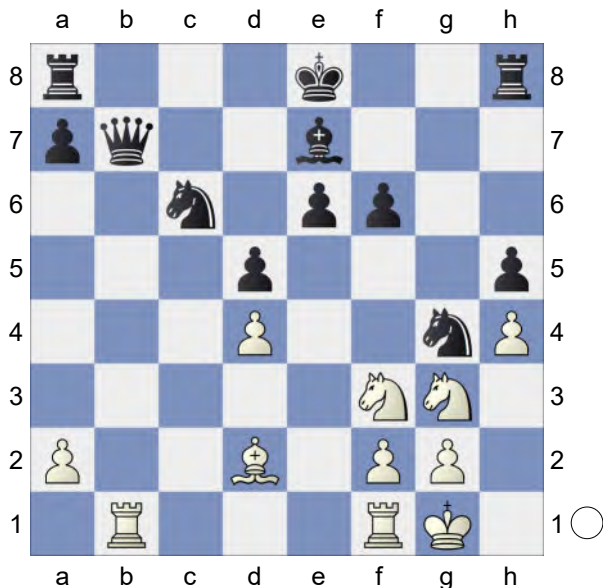
16.Bg5 Nb4 17.Qb3 f6 18.Bd2 Nc6
19.exf6

[19.Qxb7 seems wilder. Rb8
20.Qxc6 Qxc6 21.Rxb8+ Bd8
22.Rc1]

19...gxf6 20.Qxb7 0.10/21

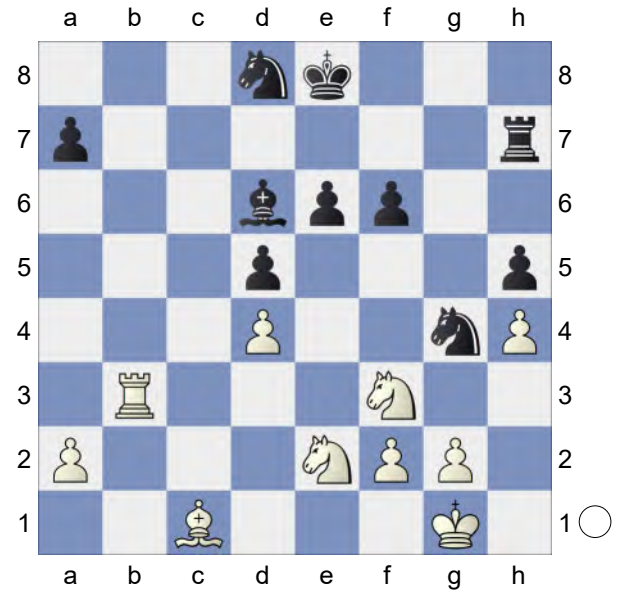
[20.Rfc1± 0.44/22]

20...Qxb7



21.Rxb7 Nd8 22.Rb3 Bd6 23.Ne2
Rc8 24.Rc1 Rxc1+ 25.Bxc1 Rh7

(Diagram)

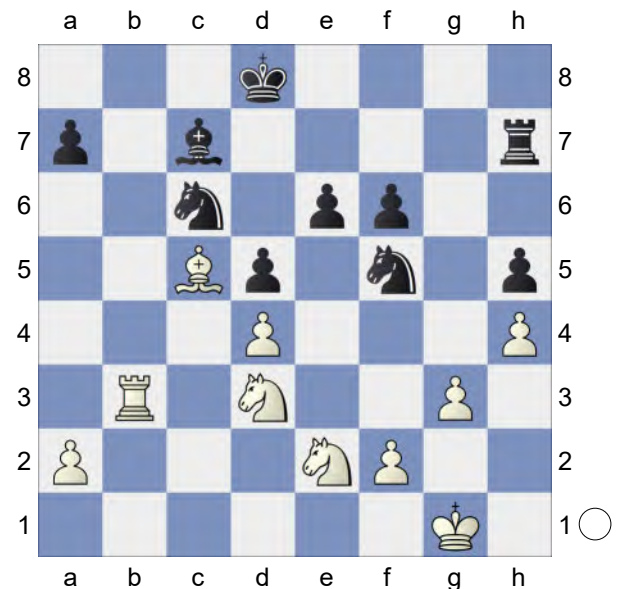


26.Ba3 Bc7 27.g3 Nc6 28.Bc5 Kd8

29.Ne1 Nh6 0.76/22

[29...Rd7± 0.33/21 might be
stronger.]

30.Nd3 Nf5

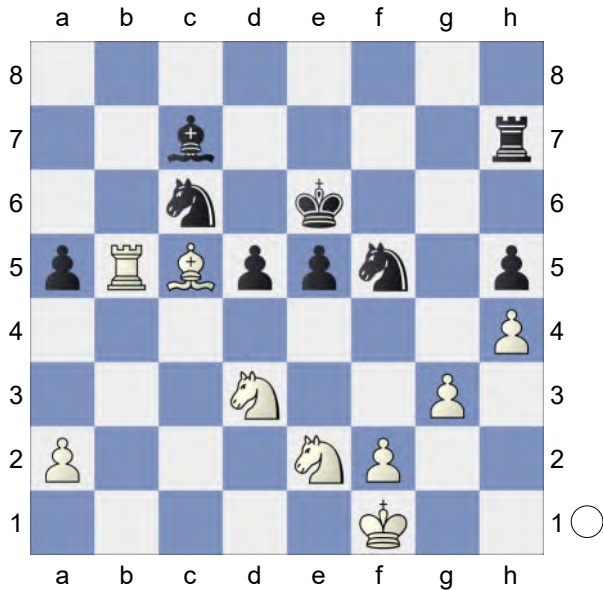


31.Ra3 0.32/23

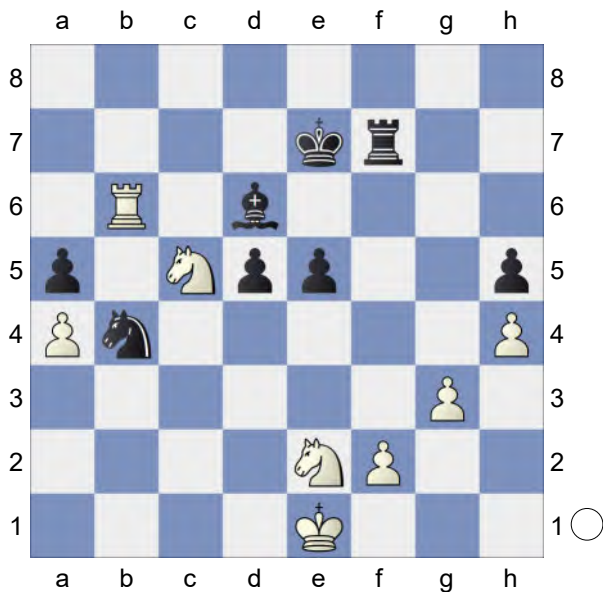
[31.Ndf4! 0.65/24 is superior. Bxf4
32.Nxf4 Nfxd4 33.Bxd4 (33.Rd3
e5=) 33...Nxd4 34.Rb4]

31...a5± 32.Kf1 Kd7 33.Rb3 e5
34.dxe5 fxe5 35.Rb5 Ke6

(Diagram)

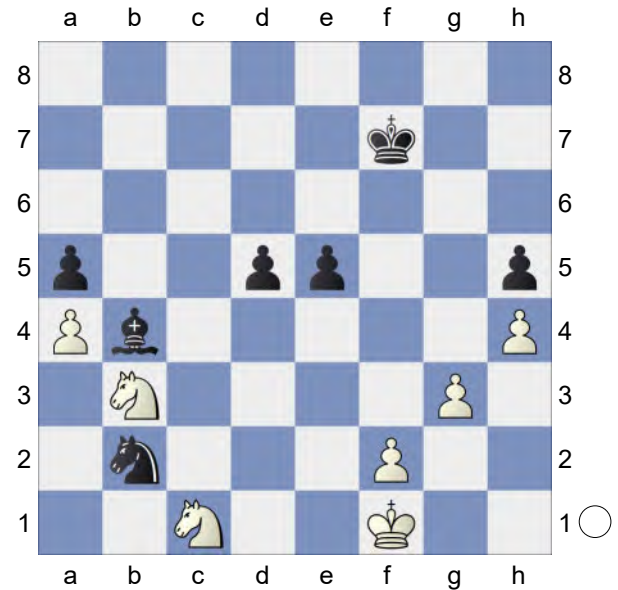


36.a4 Rf7 37.Ke1 Nd6 38.Bxd6 Bxd6 39.Rb6 Nb4 40.Nc5+ Ke7



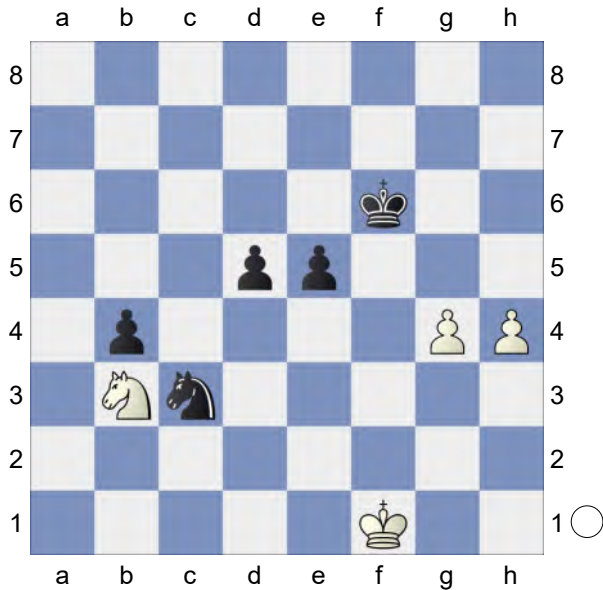
41.Rb7+! Ke8 42.Rxf7! Kxf7=
Endgame KBN-KNN 43.Nb3 -3.16/21
 [43.Nb7= -0.25/25 Bc7 44.f3]
43...Nd3+- 44.Kf1 Bb4 45.Nec1 Nb2

(Diagram)



46.f3 Nxa4 47.Nd3 Prevents Nc5.
47...Kf6 -0.74/25
 [47...Bc3!-+ -2.55/24 is more deadly.
 Hoping for ...Kf6. 48.Ke2 Kf6]
48.g4 -1.93/22
 [48.Nxb4+- -0.74/25 axb4 49.g4]
48...hxg4 -0.99/21
 [48...Nb6!-+ -1.93/22 ...a4! is the
 strong threat. 49.Nxb4 axb4]
49.fxg4? -2.87/23
 [49.Nxb4+- -0.99/21 axb4 50.fxg4]
49...Nc3? -0.52/19
 [49...Bc3!-+ -2.87/23 50.Ndc1 Nb6]
50.Nxb4+- axb4

(Diagram)



KN-KN 51.Kf2 d4 -0.10/25

[51...Ne4+! ♣ -1.23/23 52.Kf3 Ke6]

52.Kg3 -1.05/21

[52.h5= -0.10/25 remains equal.]

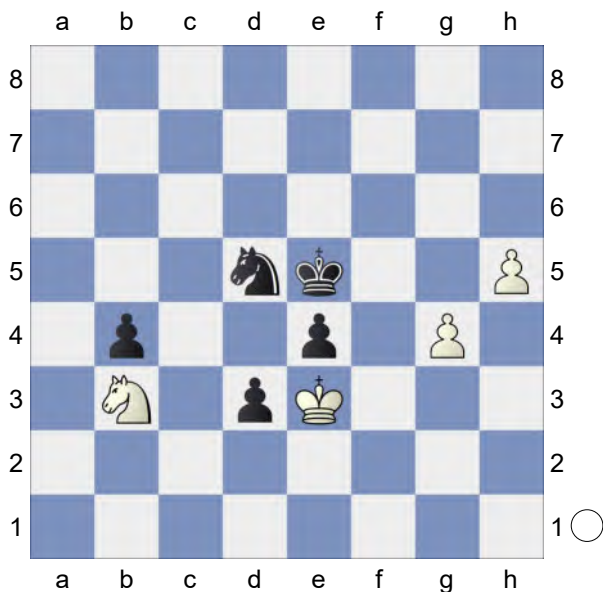
52...d3 0.00/32

[52...Ke6! ♣ -1.05/21 aiming for ...Kd5.
53.Kf3 Kd5]

53.Kf2 e4

[53...Nb1!? 54.Nc5 (54.Ke3? d2-+)
54...Nc3 55.Nxd3 b3=]

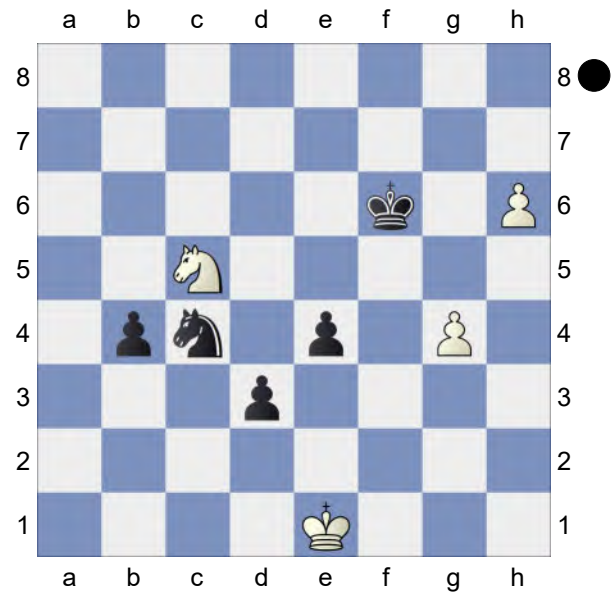
54.Ke3 Ke5 55.h5 Nd5+



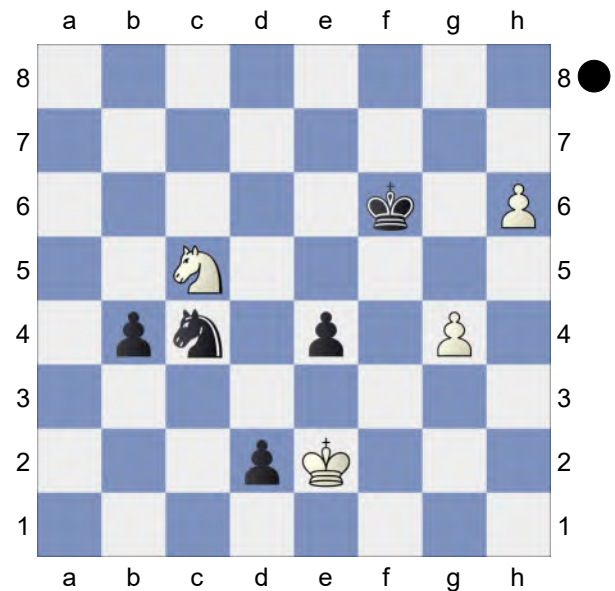
56.Kd2 Nb6 White must now prevent ...
Nc4+. 57.h6! Nc4+ 58.Ke1? -12.24/29

[58.Kd1= -0.02/21 Kf6 59.g5+ Kf7
60.Nc5]

58...Kf6-+ 59.Nc5

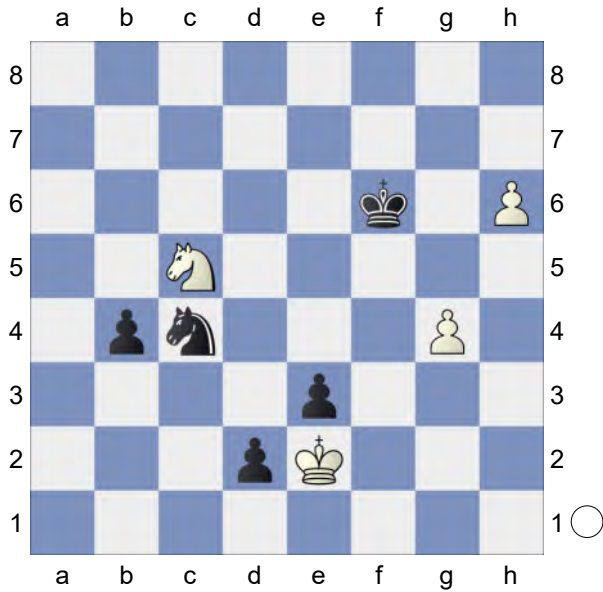


d2+! 60.Ke2

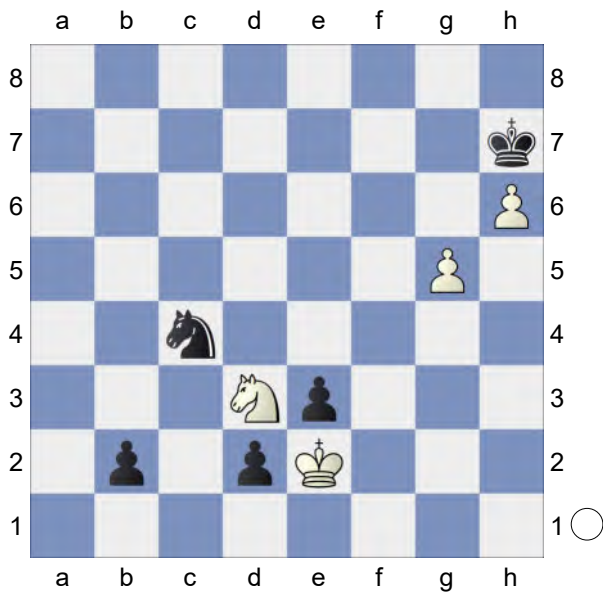


e3!

(Diagram)



61.g5+ Kg6 Threatens to win with ...
Nb2. 62.Nd3 b3 63.Nf4+ Kh7
(-> ...b2) 64.Nd3 b2



Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/
Black=0.31

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□ Ivic, Velimir

■ Maghsoodloo, Parham

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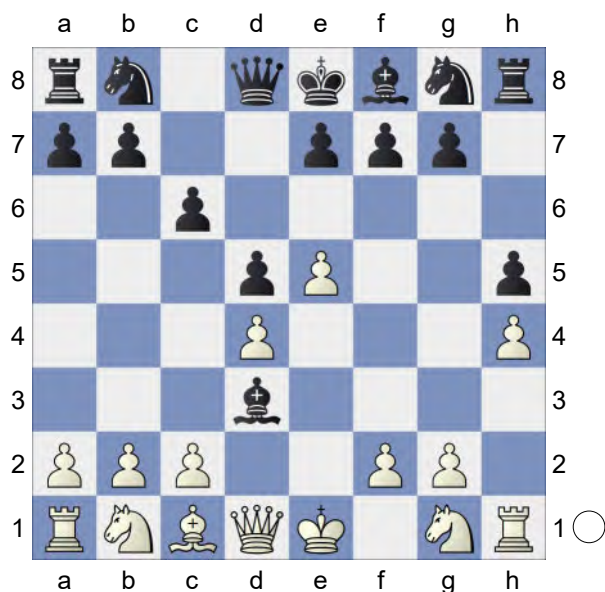
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3

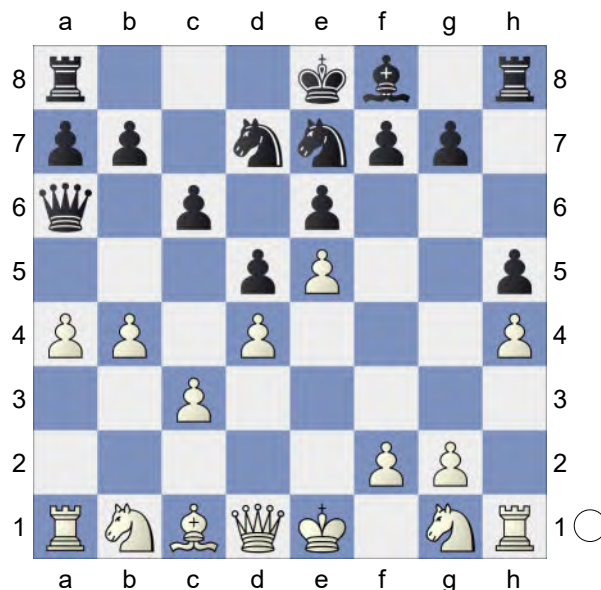


6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.b4 Qa6 8.Qd1
White has an edge. 8...e6 9.c3 Ne7

[9...Qb6 10.Nd2 a5 11.bxa5 Qxa5
12.Rh3 Ne7 13.c4 Nf5 14.c5 Qc7
15.Bb2 Nd7 16.Rb3 Nxb4 17.Kf1
Be7 18.Rb1 Rxa2 19.Ne2 Nf5
20.Ba3 Qa5 21.Bb4 Qa8 22.Rh3 g6
23.Nf3 g5 24.Nc3 Roovers, E (2361)-
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10.a4 Nd7

(Diagram)



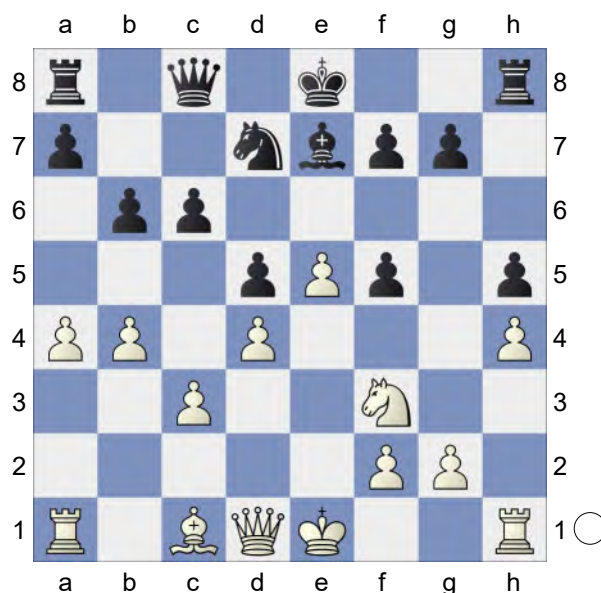
11.Ne2 b6N

[11...Nf5 12.Nd2 Be7 13.Nf3 b6
14.g3 c5 15.b5 Qb7 16.0-0 a6
17.Bg5 axb5 18.axb5 Rxa1 19.Qxa1
0-0 20.Bxe7 Nxe7 21.Nf4 Ra8
22.Qd1 g6 23.Ng5 Nf8 24.g4 hxg4
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(2753)-Melkumyan, H (2645) chess.
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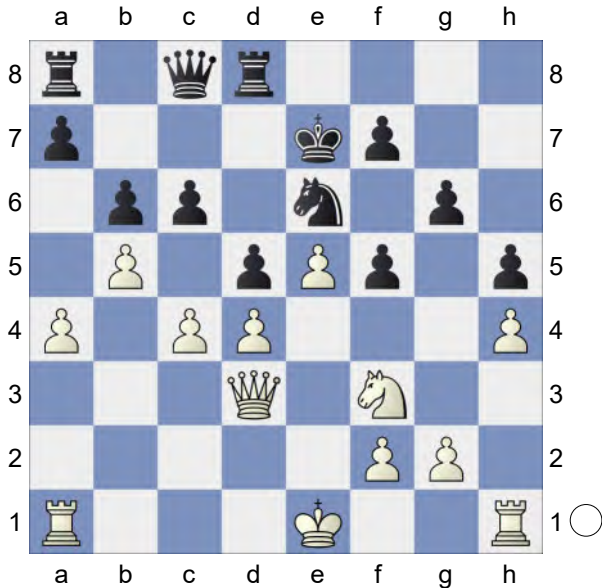
12.Nd2 Nf5 13.Nf3 Qc8 0.65/22

[13...g6= 0.24/20]

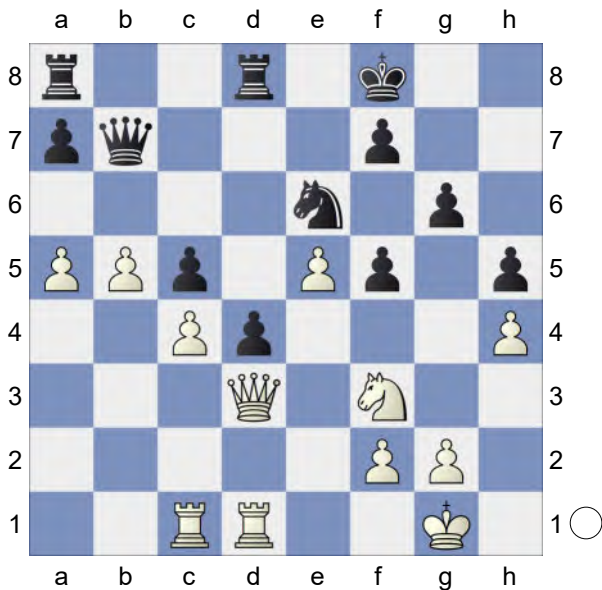
14.Ng3± Be7 15.Nxf5 exf5



16.Bg5 Nf8 17.Bxe7 Kxe7 18.Qd3 g6
19.c4 Ne6 20.b5 0.42/21
[20.cxd5± 0.76/21 cxd5 21.b5]
20...Rd8!



21.0-0 c5 22.Rac1 Qb7 23.dxc5 bxc5
24.Rfd1 d4 25.a5 Kf8



26.a6 Qe4 27.Qxe4 0.49/19

[27.g3= 0.18/21]

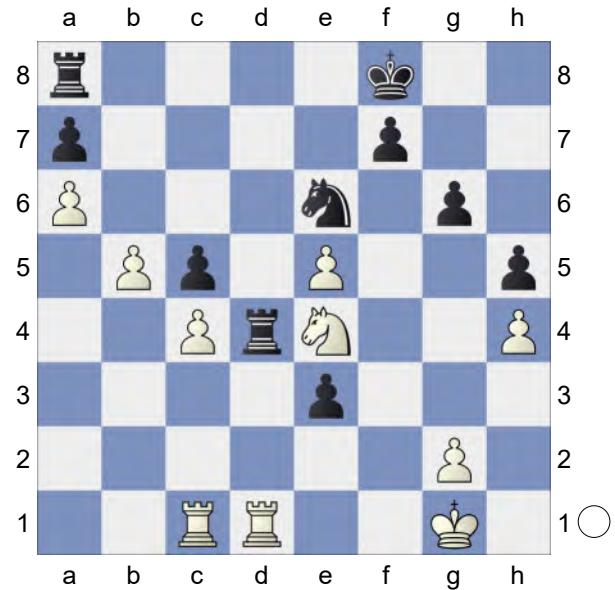
27...fxe4 28.Nd2

[Reject 28.Ng5 Nxg5 29.hxg5
Re8±]

28...e3 29.fxe3 dxe3 30.Ne4 -0.45/19

[30.Nf3!= 0.01/20]

30...Rd4±



31.Nd6 -1.42/18

[31.Ng5!± -0.54/17]

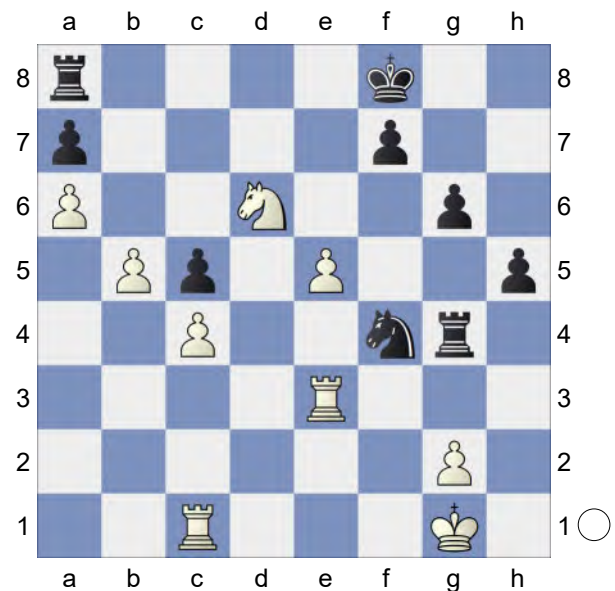
31...Rxh4? 1.23/20

[31...Nf4± -1.42/18 (-> ...Ne2+) 32.g3
Ne2+ 33.Kf1 Nxc1 34.Rxc1 f5]

32.Re1± Rg4 1.52/20

[32...f5 1.14/18]

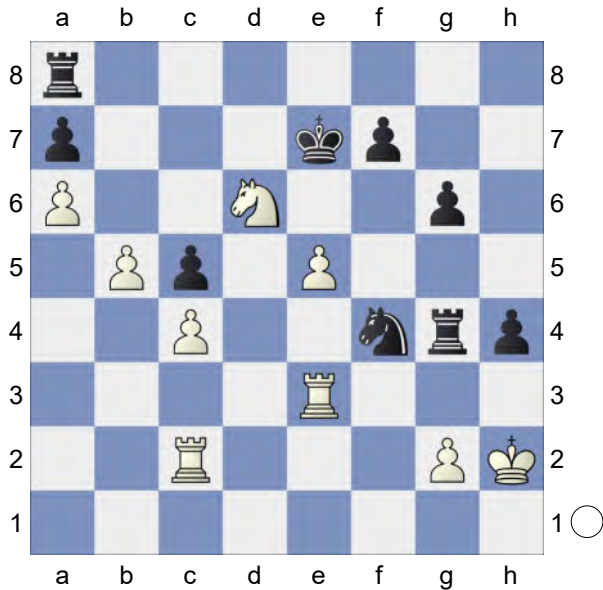
33.Rxe3 aiming for Rf1. 33...Nf4



34.Rc2! &Bianco is more active. 34...h4

35.Kh2 Prevents Rg3. 35...Ke7

(Diagram)



36.Ne4 Ne6 37.Rf2 Rf8? 3.99/19

This costs Black the game.

[37...g5± 1.27/18 38.Nd6 Rf4
39.Nf5+ Kd8 40.Rxf4 Nxf4]

38.Nf6 2.24/20

[Δ38.b6 3.99/19]

38...Rd4? 7.61/19

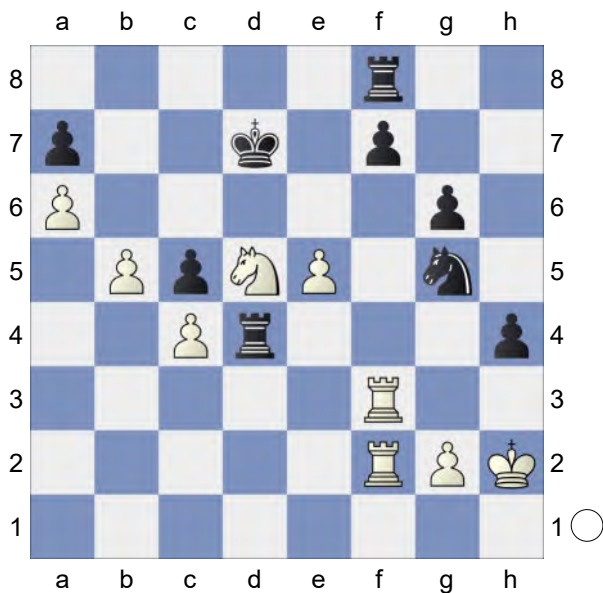
[38...Rxc4 2.24/20 39.b6 Rd4]

39.Nd5+- Kd7 40.Ref3 3.40/17

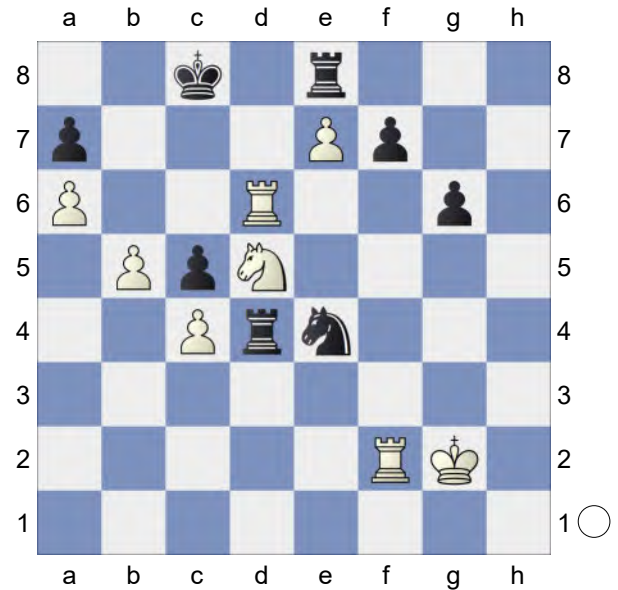
[Δ40.b6 7.73/17 Kc6 41.b7]

40...Ng5? 8.46/18

[40...f5 3.40/17 41.exf6 Rxc4]



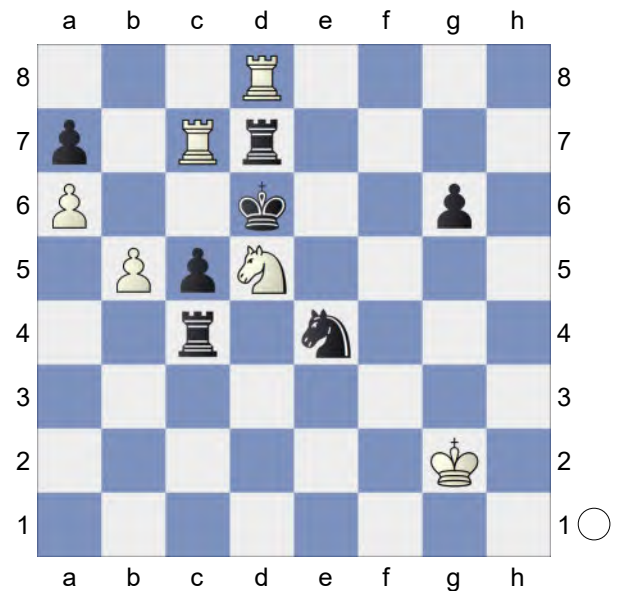
**41.Rf6 h3 42.Rd6+ Kc8 43.e6 hxg2
44.e7 Re8 45.Kxg2 Ne4**



46.Rc6+ Kd7 47.Rxf7 Rxc4 48.Rf8

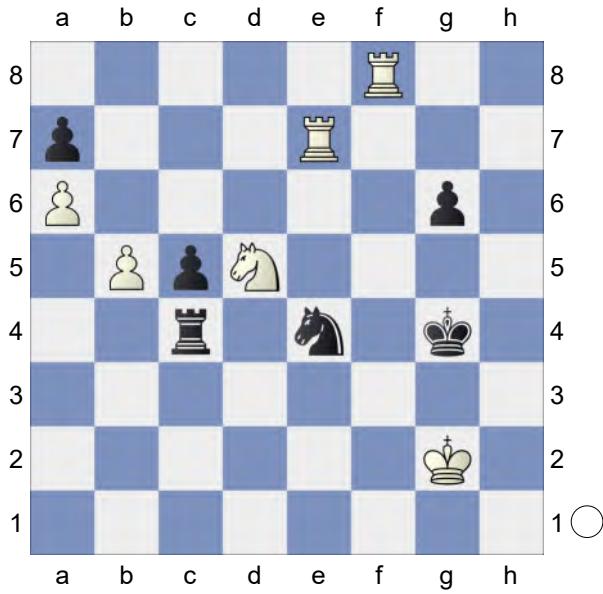
White wants to mate with Rxe8.

48...Rxe7 49.Rc7+ Kd6 50.Rd8+ Rd7

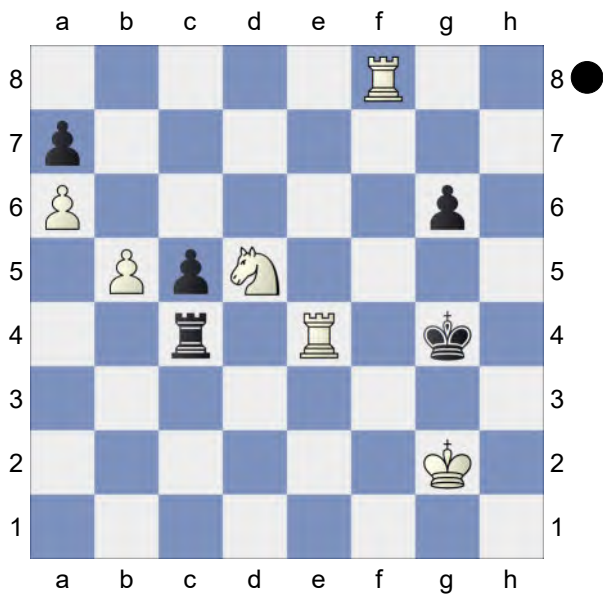


51.Rcxd7+ Ke6 52.Re7+ Kf5 53.Rf8+ Kg4

(Diagram)



54.Rxe4+!



Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/
Black=0.72

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□ Shimanov,A

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■ Nakamura,Hi

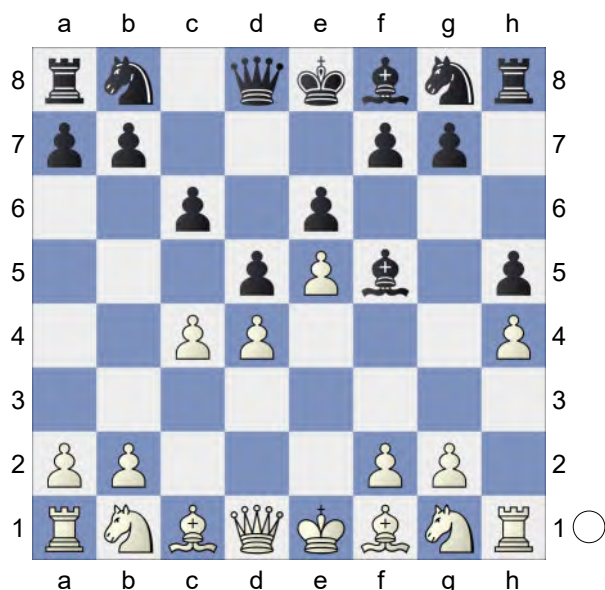
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[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.c4 e6



6.Nc3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 Ne7 8.Nge2
Bg4N 1.23/19

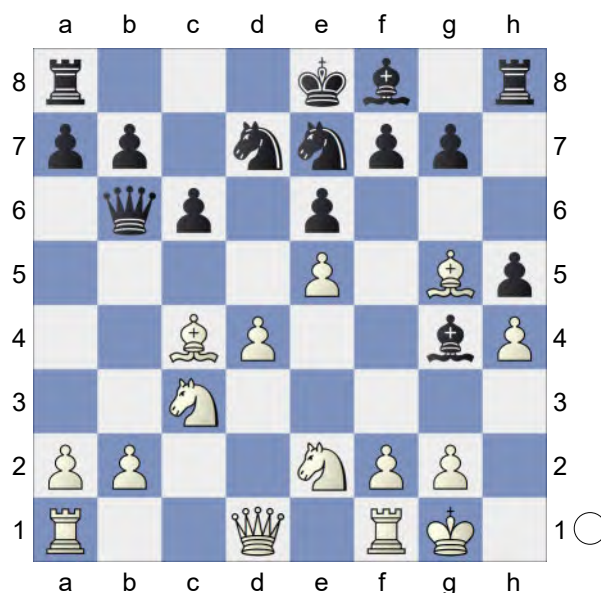
[8...Nd7 0.74/19 9.Ng3 Bg6
10.Be3 Nf5 11.Nxf5 Bxf5 12.Be2
Bg6 13.Qb3 Qb6 14.Qxb6 axb6
15.0-0 b5 16.f3 Be7 17.g3 Nb6
18.Ne4 Nd5 19.Bd2 Ra4 20.Bc3
Nxc3 21.bxc3 Kd7 22.Bd1 Ra3
23.Bb3 Kc7 Peynichon,J (2436)-
Jones,K (2587) London 2023 Gauthier/
Tactics [John Watson] 0-1 (41)]

[8...b5 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nf5
11.Bg5 Qb6 12.0-0 Na6 13.a3 Nc7
14.Rac1 Be7 15.Ne4 Nd5 16.Bxe7
Ndxe7 17.Rc5 Rd8 18.Rfc1 0-0
19.Qd2 f6 20.exf6 gxf6 21.N4g3
Rd6 22.Nxh5 Qd8 23.Qc3
Sokolov,A (2550)-Kelecevic,N (2281)

Monthey 2011 EXT 2017 [ChessBase
II] 1-0 (32) Kf7 24.Qf3 Ng6 25.Rxc6
Ngxh4 26.Rc7+ Rd7 27.Qb7 Re7
28.Nhf4 Rfe8 29.Rxe7+ Rxe7
30.Qxb5 e5 31.Qb3+ Ke8 32.Qg8+
1-0 (32) Under the Radar,J (2550)-
Klavestad,G (2281) Havana 2011
CBM 91-C47 [Dragan Solak]]

[8...Nd5 9.Ng3 Bg6 10.Be2 Nb4
11.Kf1 Nc2 12.Bg5 f6 13.exf6 gxf6
14.Nge4 fxe5 15.Qxc2 g4 16.Nd6+
Bxd6 17.Qxg6+ Kd7 18.Ne4 Na6
19.d5 cxd5 20.Rc1 Rc8 21.Bb5+
Rc6 22.Ng5 Qg8 23.Qxg8
Brkic,A (2592)-Sarana,A (2649)
tornelo.com (Int.-m/2) 149/70 2021
Chess Informant 149 [Arsovic,Goran]
1-0 (49) Rxe8 24.Rxc6 bxc6
25.Bxa6 Be7 26.Ke2 Bxg5 27.hxg5
Rxe5 28.Rc1 Kd6 29.b4 Rg7 30.g3
e5 31.Rh1 Rg5 32.Rc1 Rg7 33.Bd3
e4 34.Bc2 Rb7 35.Ba4 Rb6 36.Ke3
Ra6 37.Bb3 Rb6 38.Ba4
Brkic,A (2575)-Zelcic,R (2543) Bol na
Bracu CRO 2013 [Tom Rendle] ½-½
(49)]

9.Bg5± Qb6 White is better. 10.0-0
Nd7



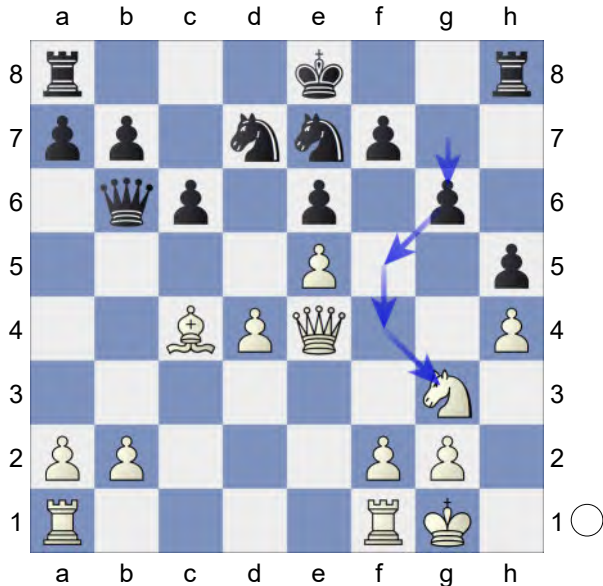
11.Qc2 Nf5 2.33/20

[11...Bxe2± 1.33/18 12.Nxe2 Nf5]

12.Qe4? 0.59/17

[12.Na4+- 2.33/20 Qa5 13.f3]

**12...Bxe2± 13.Nxe2 Be7 14.Bxe7!
Nxe7 15.Ng3 g6**



**16.Qf4 Nf5 17.Nxf5 gxf5 18.Rab1
-0.22/24**

[18.Rad1 0.10/19 is superior.]

18...Nf8= 19.g3 -0.71/20

[19.Rfd1= -0.15/20]

19...Ng6 -0.11/23

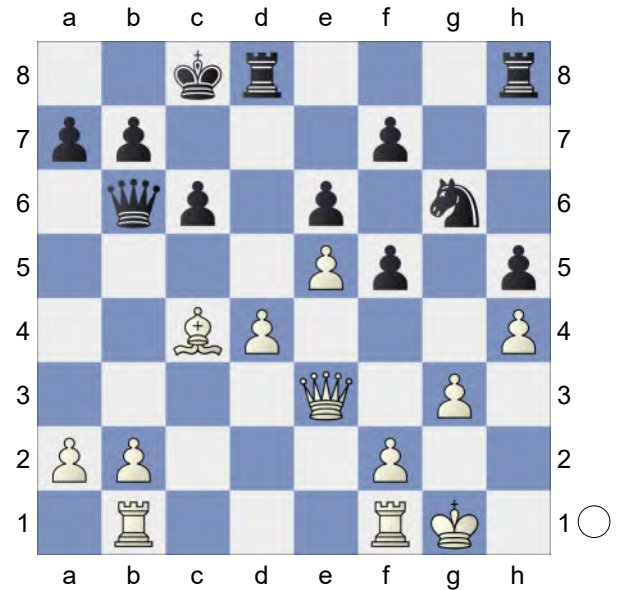
[19...Rg8!± -0.71/20]

20.Qe3 -0.96/21

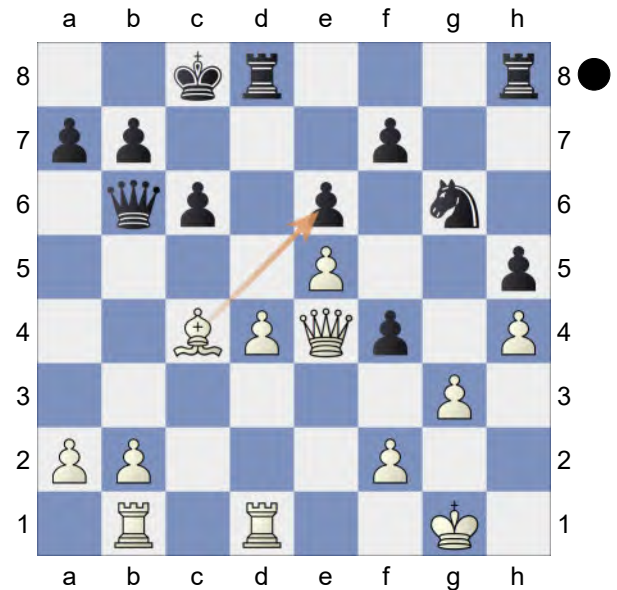
[20.Qg5= -0.11/23 Qd8 21.Qxd8+
Rxd8 22.Rfd1]

20...0-0-0↑

(Diagram)



**Black has strong initiative. 21.Rfd1 f4
22.Qe4**



fxg3! 23.fxg3 Ne7 24.b4? -3.39/19

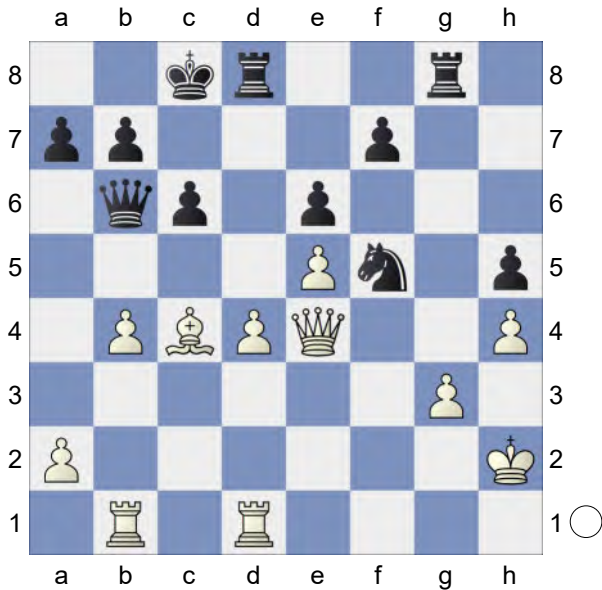
[24.Kh2± -1.05/20]

24...Rhg8-+

[Wrong is
26.Kh2±]

25.Kh2 Nf5

(Diagram)



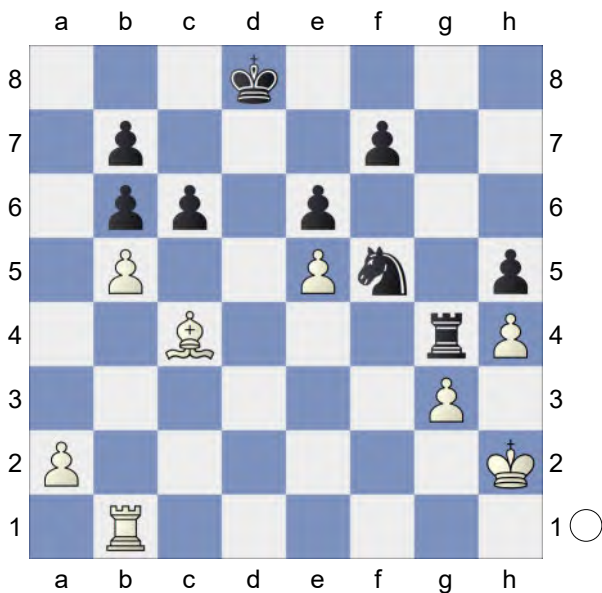
26.b5 aiming for bxc6. **26...Rg4 27.Qe1 Nxd4 -1.04/18**

[27...Nxb3+ -4.69/20 has better winning chances. 28.Qf2 Ne4 29.Qxf7 Rxh4+ 30.Kg2 Nc3 31.Bxe6+ Kb8]

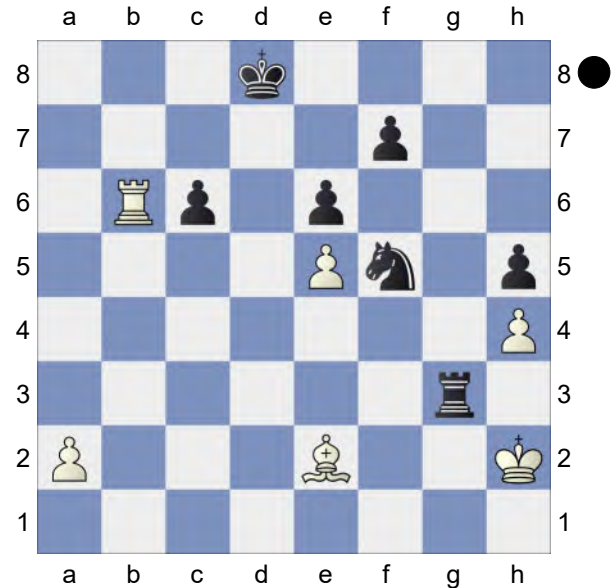
28.Qf2 Nf5

[Don't do 28...Nxb5 29.Qxf7 Rgd4 30.Bxe6+ (30.Rxd4 Qxd4 31.Bxb5 Qd2+ 32.Kh3 cxb5±) 30...Kb8 31.Qxh5±]

29.Qxb6 axb6 Dancing on a razor blade. **30.Rxd8+ Kxd8**



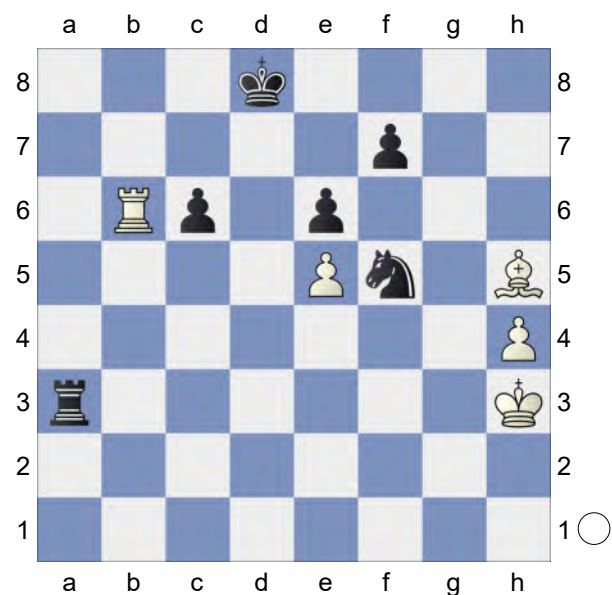
Endgame KRB-KRN 31.Be2 Rxb3
White must now prevent ...c5. & Nero is more active. **32.bxc6 bxc6 ...Re3** is the strong threat. **33.Rxb6**



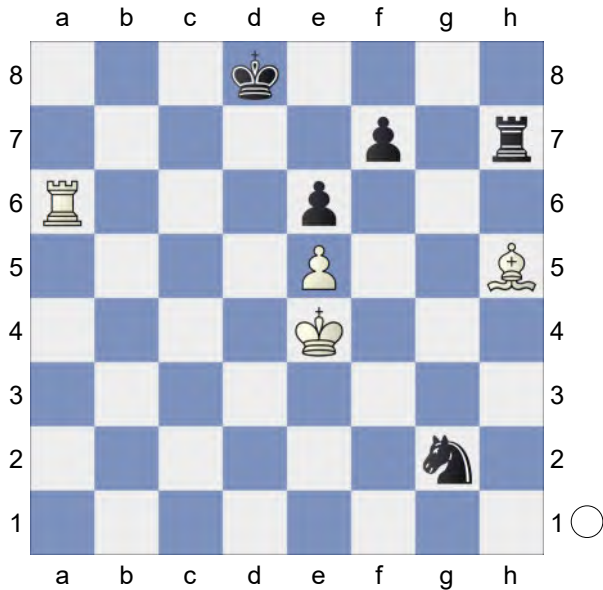
Ra3! 34.Bxh5 Rxa2+ 35.Kh3? -2.50/24
[35.Kg1!= -0.29/22 and White is okay.]

35...Ra3+? -0.10/20

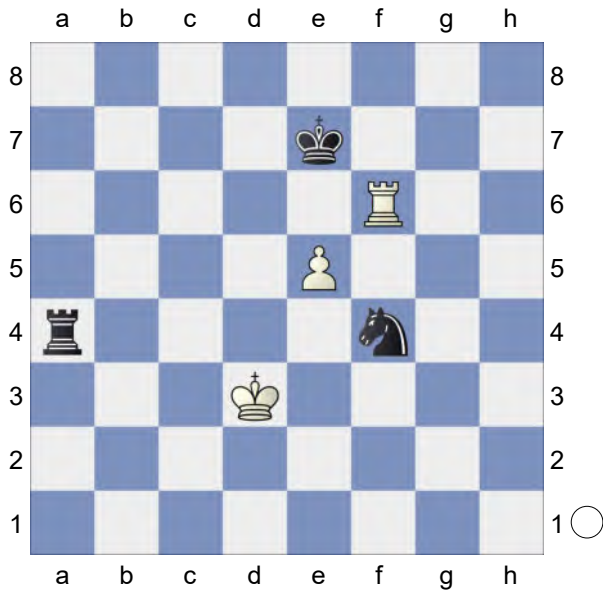
[35...Ra4+ -2.50/24 36.Bg4 Ra3+ 37.Kh2 Nh6]



36.Kg4= Rg3+ 37.Kf4 Rg7 38.Rxc6 Nxb4 39.Ra6 Ng2+ 40.Ke4 Rh7

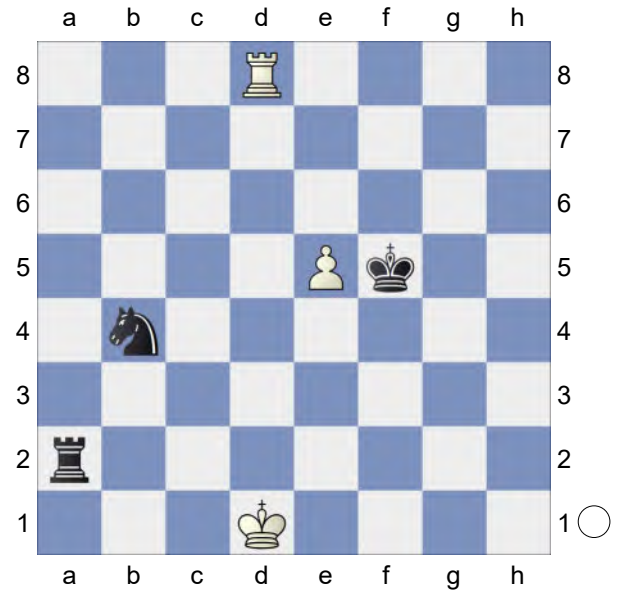


41.Bxf7 Remove Defender **41...Rxf7**
42.Rxe6 KRN-KR **42...Rf4+** **43.Kd3**
Ra4 (-> ...Nf4+) **44.Rd6+** **Ke7** **45.Rf6**
Nf4+

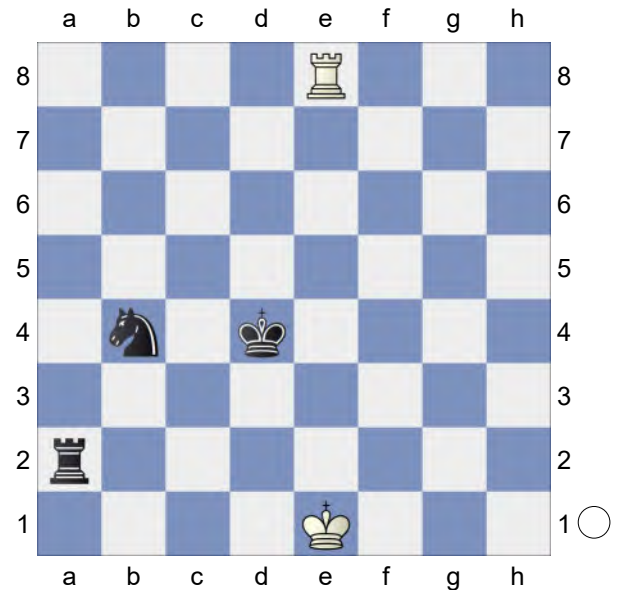


46.Kd2 **Ra2+** **47.Kd1** **Nd5** **48.Rf3** **Ke6**
49.Rf8 **Nb4** **50.Rd8** **Kf5**

(Diagram)

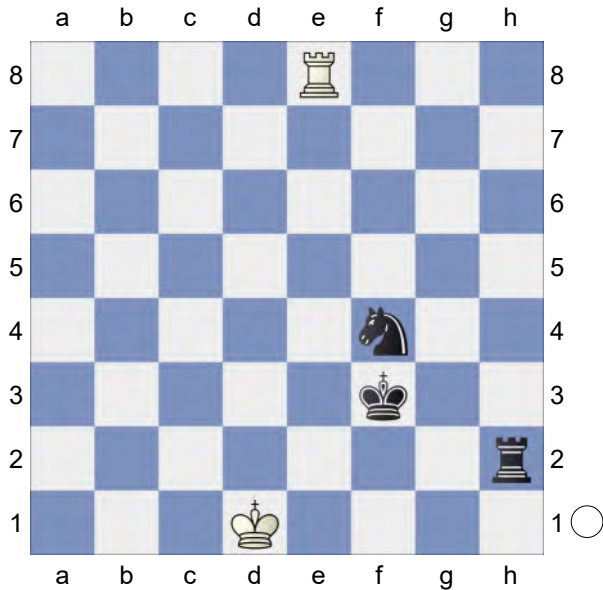


51.e6 **Kxe6** **52.Ke1** **Ke5** **53.Re8+** **Kf4**
54.Rf8+ **Ke3** **55.Re8+** **Kd4**

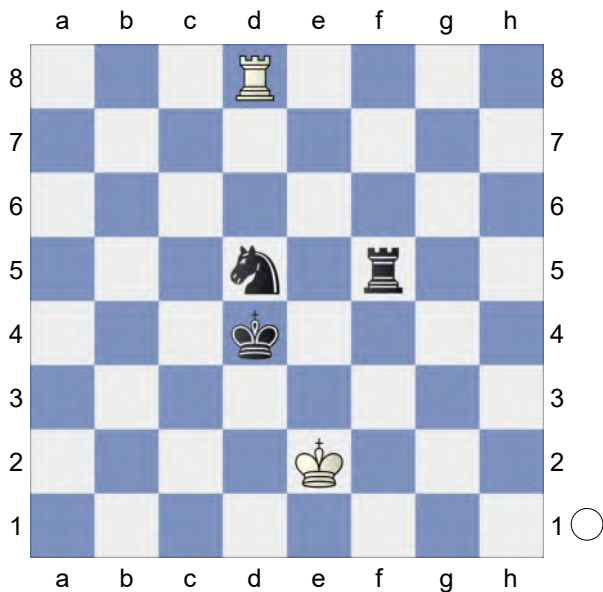


56.Rd8+ **Nd5** **57.Kf1** **Ke4** **58.Re8+**
Kf3 **59.Ke1** **Nf4** **60.Kd1** **Rh2**

(Diagram)

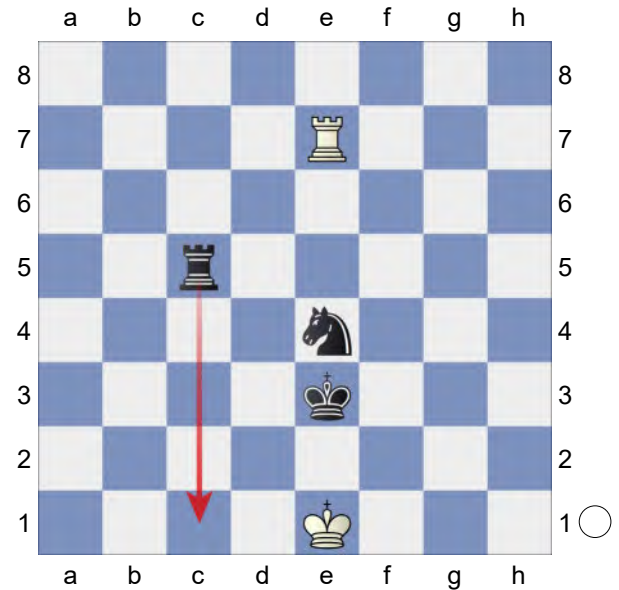


**61.Kc1 Nd5 62.Rf8+ Ke3 63.Rd8 Kd4
64.Kd1 Rh5 65.Ke2 Rf5**

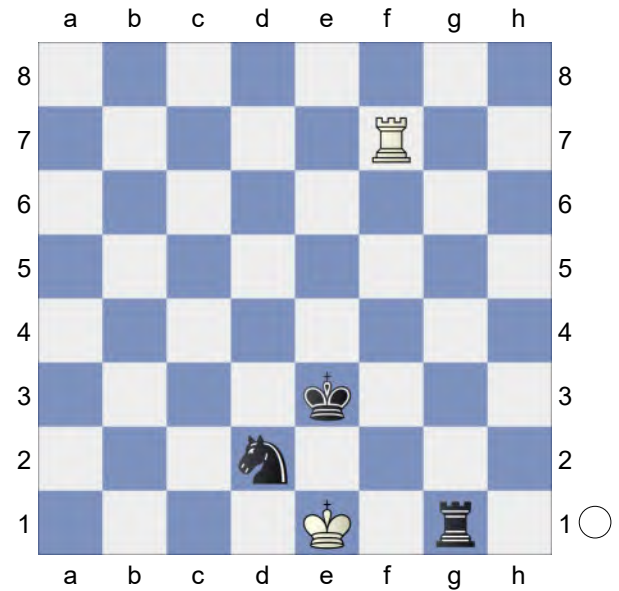


**66.Ke1 Kd3 67.Rd7 Ke3 68.Rd8 Nc3
69.Re8+ Ne4 70.Re7 Rc5**

(Diagram)



**71.Kf1 Rg5 72.Re8 Rg6 73.Re7 Rg8
74.Rf7? -#3/17
[74.Re5= -0.04/27]
74...Nd2+ 75.Ke1 Rg1+**



Weighted Error Value: White=0.26
(precise) /Black=0.27 (precise)
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□ Giri, Anish

■ Firouzja, Alireza

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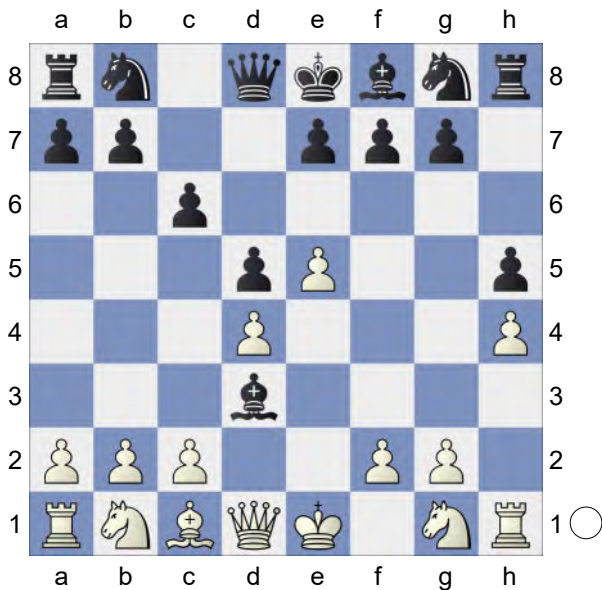
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3

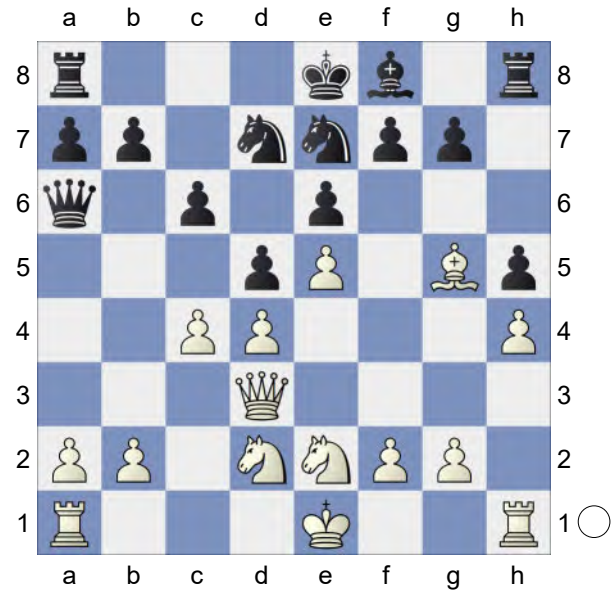


6.Qxd3 e6 7.Bg5 Qa5+ 8.Nd2 Ne7
0.80/3

[8...c5± 0.42/4 is superior.]

9.Ne2 White is better. 9...Qa6 10.c4
Nd7

(Diagram)



11.0-0 Nf5 12.Ng3 g6 1.32/6

[12...Ne7+- 1.76/5]

13.b3 Bb4 1.87/3

[13...Bg7± 1.32/6]

14.Nf3N

[14.a3 Bxd2 15.Nxf5 gxf5 16.Qxd2
dxc4 17.Qb4 c5 18.dxc5 Qc6
19.Rad1 a5 20.Qxc4 b5 21.Qd3
Ra7 22.Qe3 Rg8 23.Rd6 1-0 (23)
Khandelwal, A (2221)-Vinke, D (2126)
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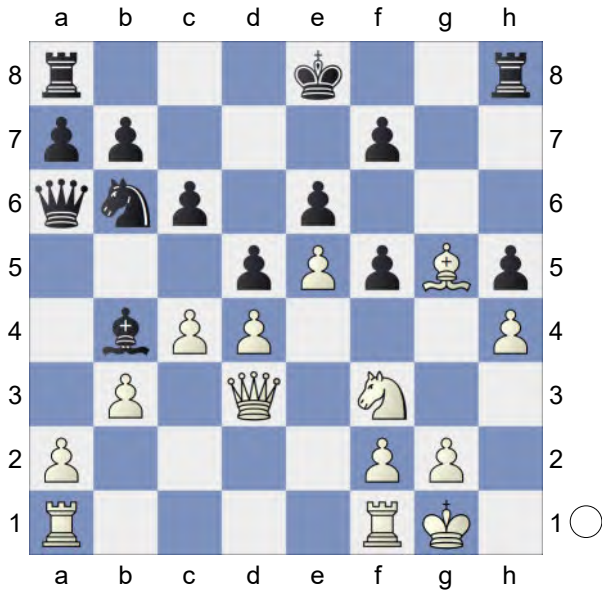
14...Nb6 2.22/3

[14...Ba3 1.82/4 keeps fighting.

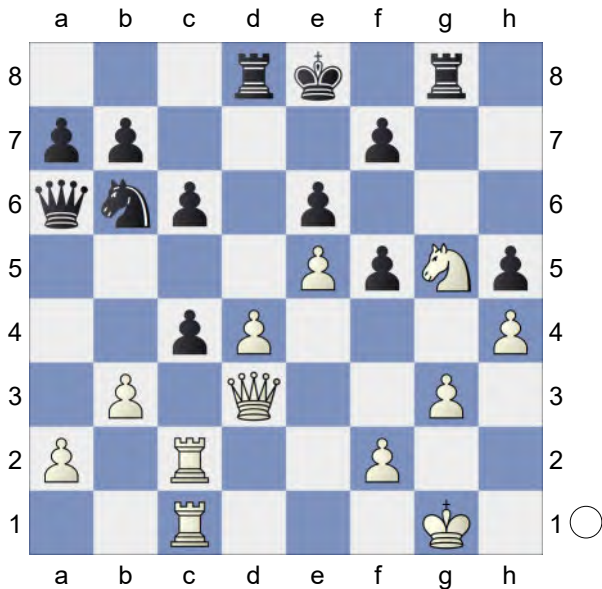
15.Nxf5 gxf5]

15.Nxf5 gxf5

(Diagram)

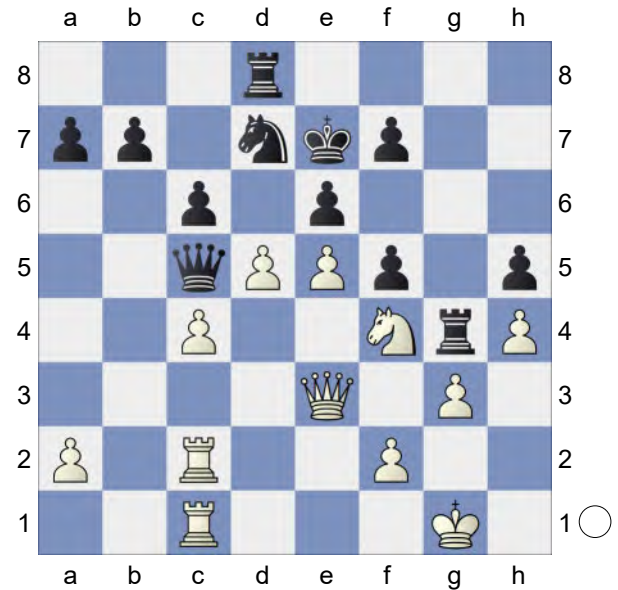


16.Rac1 Rg8 17.Rc2 Be7 18.g3 Bxg5
19.Nxg5
[19.hxg5 0-0-0±]
19...Rd8 20.Rfc1 dxc4

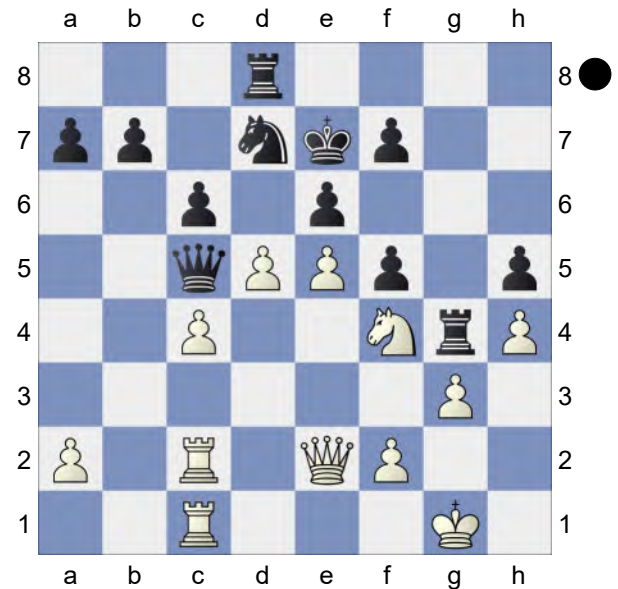


21.bxc4 Qa5 22.Qe3 Nd7 23.Nh3
Rg4 24.Nf4 Ke7 25.d5
[Weaker is 25.Nxh5 Rdg8±]
25...Qc5

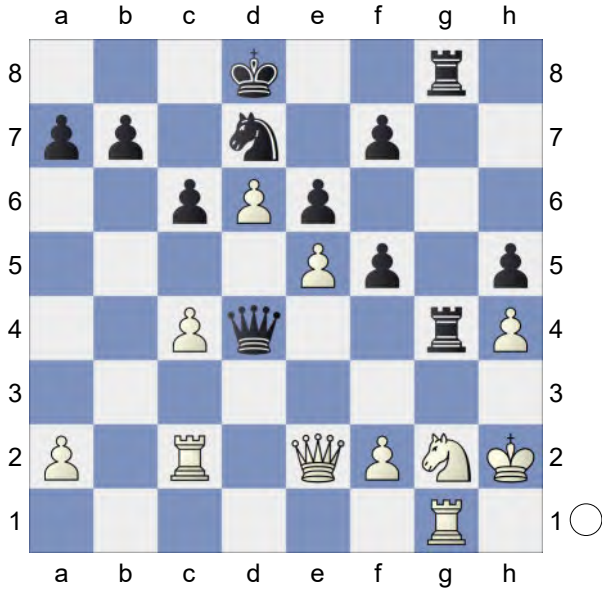
(Diagram)



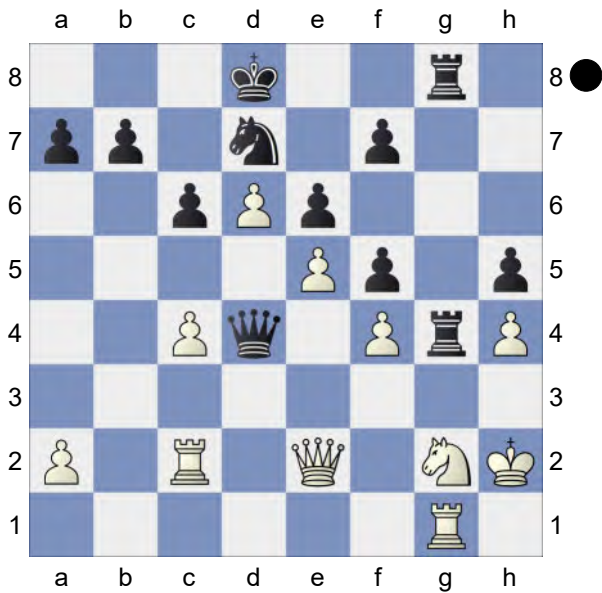
26.Qe2 -2.52/4
[26.d6+- 2.10/1 was the only
winning move. Kf8 27.Re1]



26...Rxc3+!-+
[Don't do 26...exd5 27.cxd5 Qd4
28.d6+ (28.dxc6 Qxf4 29.cxd7
Rxd7±; 28.Nxh5 Qxd5 29.f3 Rd4±)
28...Ke8 29.Nxh5+-]
27.Kh2 Rg4 28.Ng2 -6.28/3
[28.d6+ -2.19/2 Kf8 29.Re1]
28...Rdg8 29.Rg1 Qd4 30.d6+ Kd8
(Diagram)

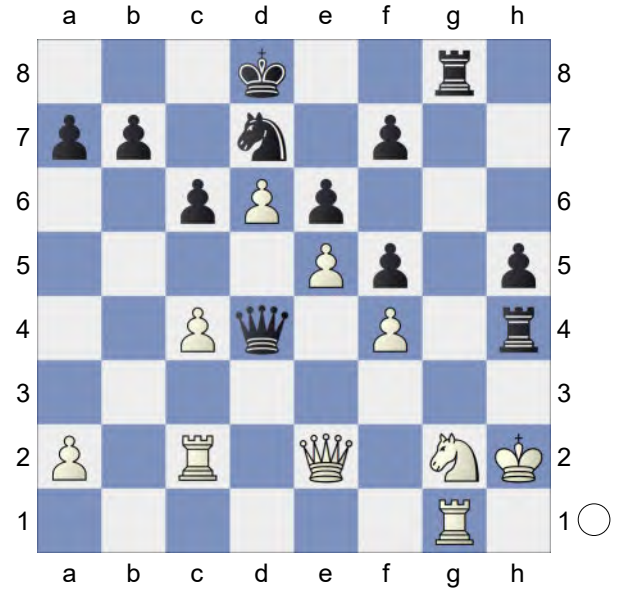


(-> ...Rxh4+) **31.f4**



Rxh4+!

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.98/
Black=0.14 (very precise)

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□ Aronian,L

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■ Donchenko,Alexa

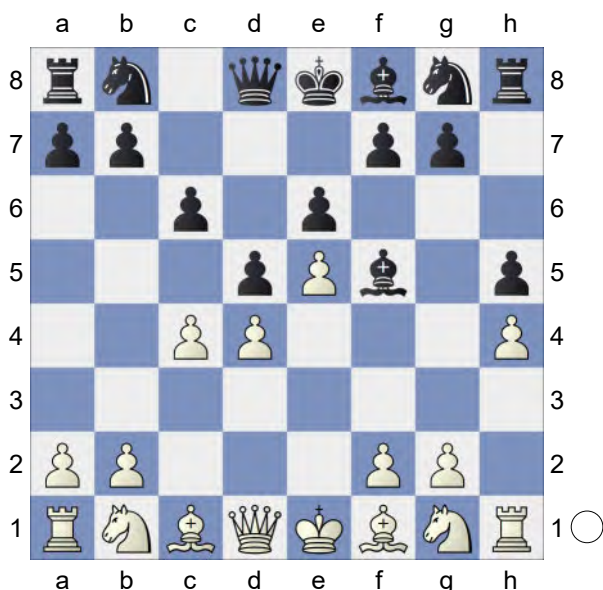
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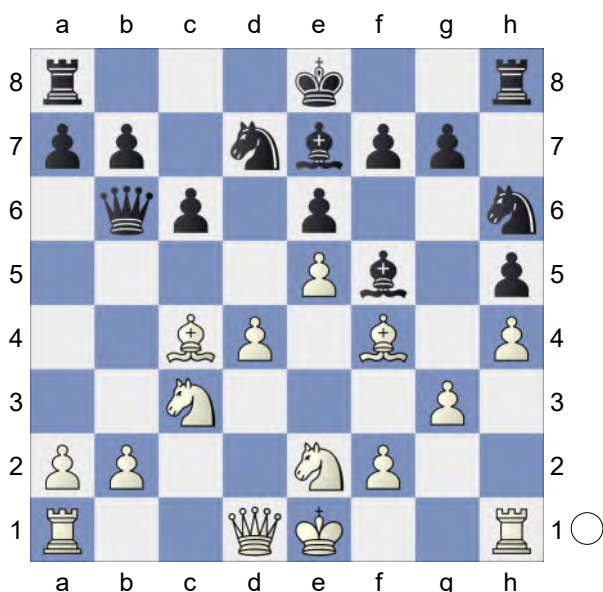
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.c4 e6



6.Nc3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 Nd7 8.Nge2 Be7!
9.g3 Nh6 10.Bf4 Qb6



White has an edge. 11.Qd2N -0.16/16

[Δ11.0-0 0.23/19 Bg6 (11...Rd8
12.Qc1 a6 13.Bb3 Bg6 14.Bg5 Qb4
15.Bd2 Qb6 16.Nf4 Nf8 17.d5 exd5
18.Ncxd5 Rxd5 19.Bxd5 cxd5
20.Nxd5 Qc6 21.Nxe7 Kxe7
22.Bg5+ Ke6 23.Rd1 Qxc1
24.Raxc1 Be4 25.Rd6+ Kxe5
26.Bf4+ Mohandesi,S (2632)-Mamaev,
V (2501) Wijk aan Zee 2023 CBM 053
ext [John Watson] ½-½ (71)) 12.Be3
Ng4 13.Nf4 Bf5 14.Bd3 g6 15.Rc1
Rd8 16.Qe2 Bxd3 17.Nxd3 Qa6
18.Rfd1 Nh6 19.Bxh6 Rxh6 20.Ne4
Rh8 21.a3 Kf8 22.Qf3 Kg7 23.Ndc5
Qb6 24.b4 Rhf8 25.Qc3 Kh7
26.Rd3 Ragger,M (2632)-Haba,P
(2451) Austria 2023 ½-½ (50) Qc7
27.Qd2 b6 28.Nb3 Nb8 29.Qe2 Kg7
30.Nbd2 Qd7 31.Nf3 Qd5 32.Qe3
a5 33.Nc3 Qd7 34.bxa5 Bxa3
35.Ra1 Bb2 36.Ra2 Bxc3 37.Rxc3
bxa5 38.Rxa5 Qe7 39.Ng5 Rd5
40.Ra4 Qb7 41.Ne4 Mohandesi,S
(2632)-Wiesinger,R (2451) Wijk aan
Zee 2023 CBM 053 ext [John Watson]
½-½ (50)]

11...Rd8!= 12.a3 -1.27/19

[12.0-0= -0.08/20]

12...a6? 0.27/18

[Black should play 12...Ng4!± -1.27/19
Threatens to win with ...Ndxe5!
13.Na4 Qc7]

13.b4 -0.86/17

[13.f3= 0.27/18 keeps the balance.]

13...Ng4± Strongly threatening ...Ndxe5!

14.Qb2 -2.16/18

[14.Qa2± -0.88/20 keeps fighting.]

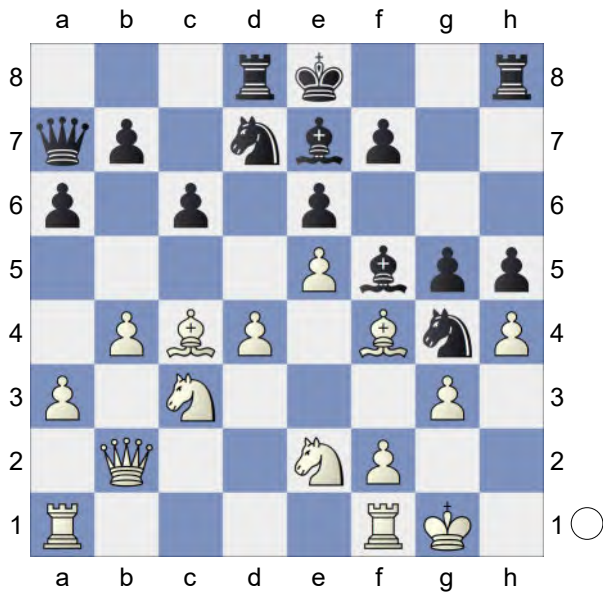
14...Qa7? 0.38/19

[14...c5!-+ -2.16/18 15.f3 (15.dxc5?
Bxc5 16.0-0-0 Bxf2-+) 15...cxd4!
16.fxg4 dxc3 17.Qxc3 Bxg4]

15.0-0 g5 0.99/21

[15...b5= 0.29/21 remains equal.

16.Bb3 f6]



16.hxg5±

[16.Bxg5 Bxg5 17.hxg5 h4±]

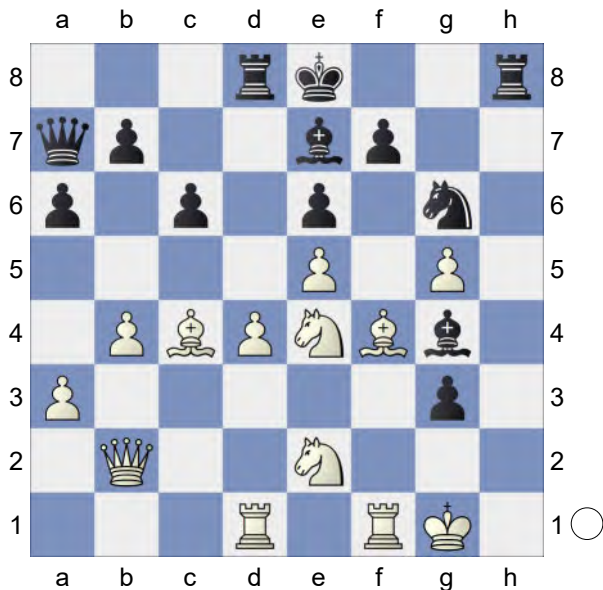
16...h4 1.43/18

[16...Nf8 0.77/19]

17.Rad1! Nf8? 3.27/19

[17...a5± 1.38/16 was called for.]

18.f3+- Ng6 White must now prevent ... N4xe5. 19.fxg4 Bxg4 20.Ne4 hxg3

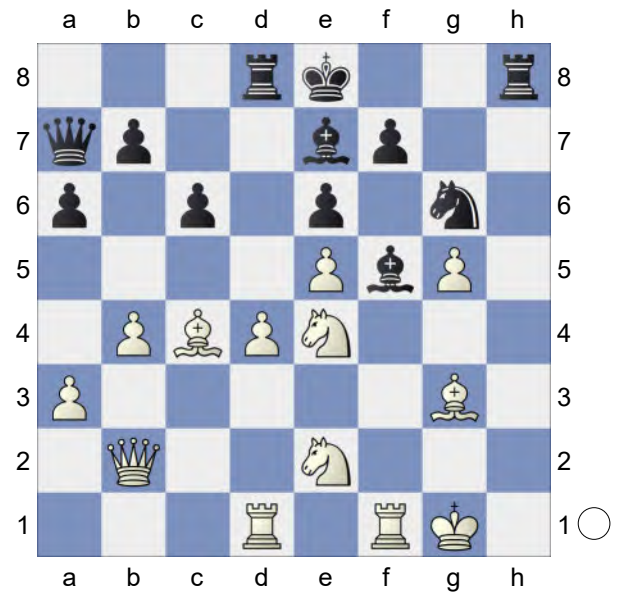


21.Bxg3 Bf5 5.50/17

[21...b5 3.50/17 is a better defense.

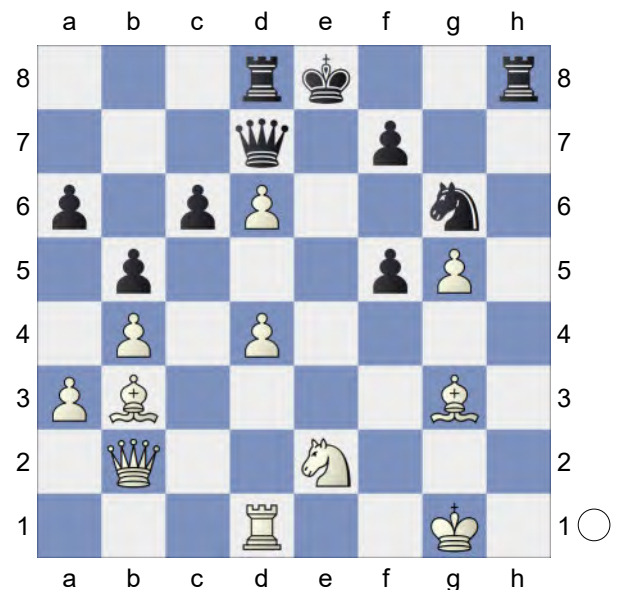
22.Bd3 Qd7 23.Nd6+ Bxd6 24.exd6

Rh3 25.Bxg6 fxg6]



22.Rxf5! exf5 23.Nd6+ Bxd6 24.exd6 b5 25.Bb3 aiming for Qc2. 25...Qd7 6.73/18

[25...Rh3 4.18/17 26.Kg2 Rh5]



26.Re1

And now Nf4+ would win.

26...Kf8 5.52/22

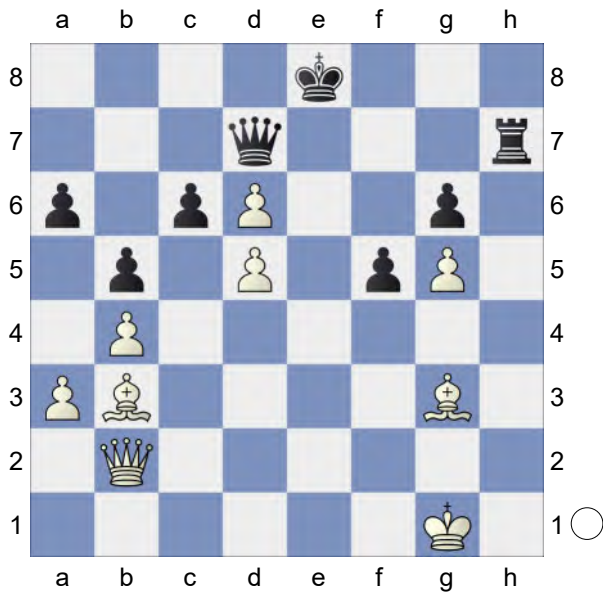
[26...0-0 3.51/20 27.Rf1 f4]

27.Nf4 Re8? 11.22/21

[27...Nxf4 3.91/16 28.Bxf4 Re8]

28.Rxe8+ Kxe8 29.Nxg6 fxg6 30.d5

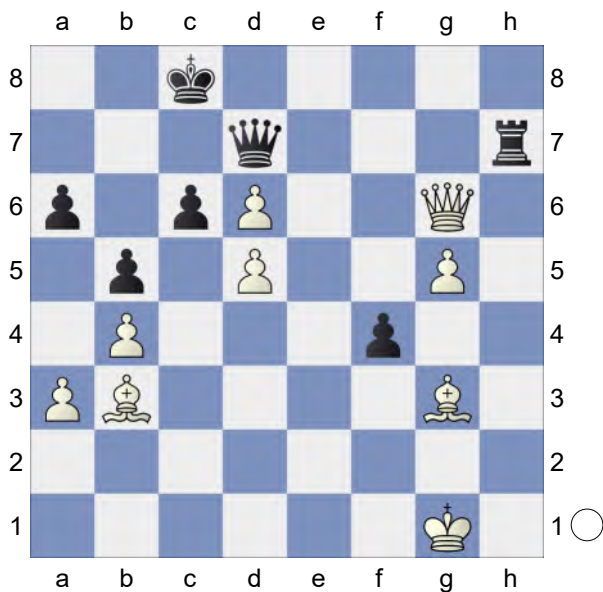
Rh7



31.Qe5+ Kd8 32.Qf6+ Kc8 33.Qxg6
9.94/19

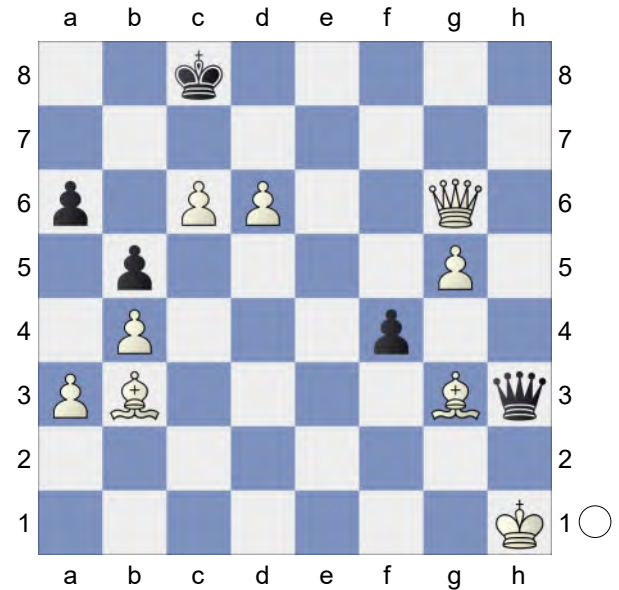
[33.dxc6 #13/16 Qxc6 34.Qe6+
 Kd8 35.Qg8+ Qe8 36.Qxh7 Qe3+
 37.Bf2 Qc1+ 38.Kh2]

33...f4



34.dxc6! 9.09/21 Rh1+ 35.Kxh1 Qh3+

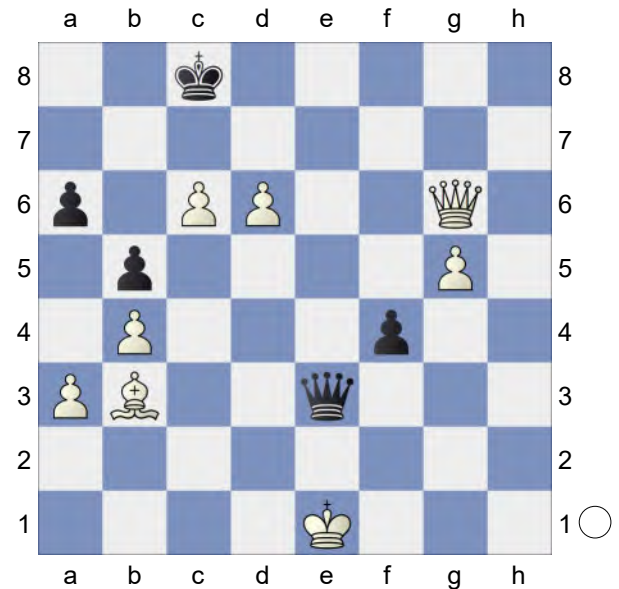
(Diagram)



36.Kg1!

[36.Bh2 Qf1+ 37.Bg1 Qh3+ 38.Bh2
 Qf1+ 39.Bg1 Qh3+ 40.Bh2=]

36...Qxg3+ 37.Kf1 Qf3+ 38.Ke1 Qe3+

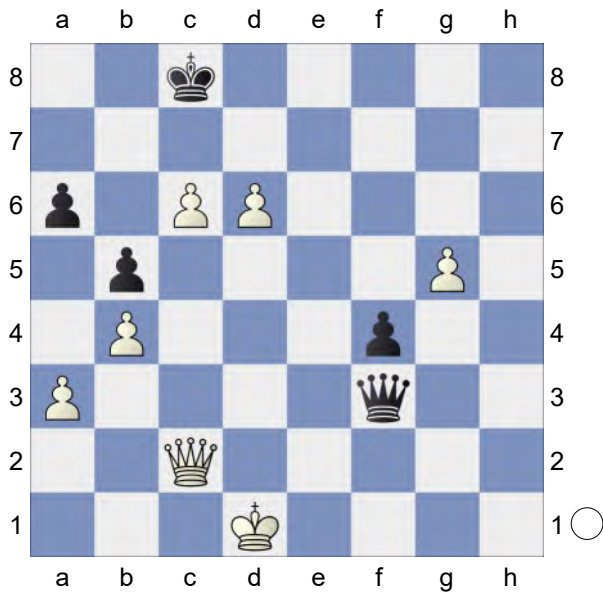


39.Kd1!

Intending Qg8+ and mate.

39...Qxb3+ Endgame KQ-KQ 40.Qc2

[Stronger than 40.Ke2 Qe3+ 41.Kf1
 Qf3+ 42.Kg1 Qg3+ 43.Kh1 Qf3+
 44.Kh2 (44.Kg1 Qe3+ 45.Kg2 Qg3+
 46.Kh1 Qf3+ 47.Kh2 Qg3+
 48.Kh1=) 44...Qg3+ 45.Kh1 Qf3+
 46.Kh2 (46.Kg1 Qe3+ 47.Kg2 Qg3+
 48.Kh1=) 46...Qg3+ 47.Kh1=]

40...Qf3+**41.Ke1? 1.29/20**

[41.Qe2!+- 6.03/26 Qb3+ 42.Ke1 Qc3+ 43.Kf2 Qd4+ 44.Kf3 Qd5+ 45.Qe4 Qd1+ 46.Kxf4 Qxd6+ 47.Kg4]

41...Qh1+± 42.Kd2 Qd5+ 8.52/19

[42...Qh2+ 2.21/20 43.Kc1 Qg1+ 44.Qd1 Qe3+ 45.Kc2 Qe4+ 46.Qd3 Qg2+ 47.Kb3 Qxc6 48.Qf5+ Qd7]

43.Kc3? 1.12/21

[And not 43.Ke2 Qg2+ 44.Kd1 Qg1+ 45.Ke2 Qg2+ 46.Kd3 Qd5+ 47.Ke2 Qg2+=]

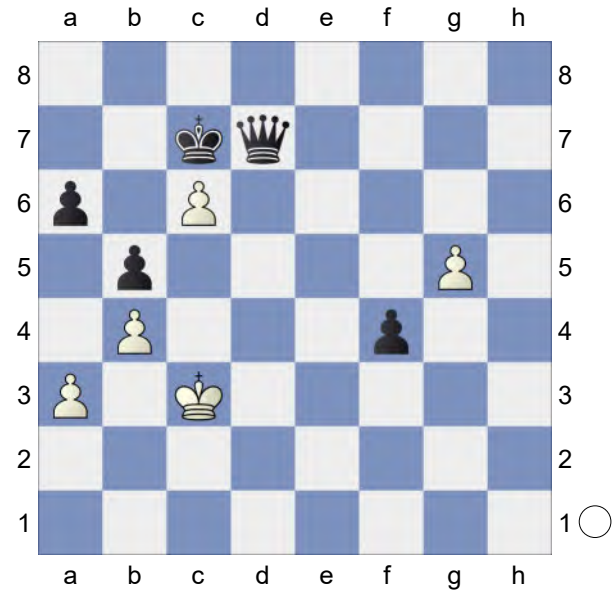
[43.Qd3+- 8.52/19 Qg2+ 44.Ke1 Qg1+ 45.Kd2 Qg2+ 46.Ke1 Qg1+ 47.Ke2 Qg2+ 48.Kd1 Qh1+ 49.Kc2 Qg2+ 50.Kb3 Qxc6 51.Qf5+ Kb7 52.Qxf4]

43...Qxd6 9.62/21

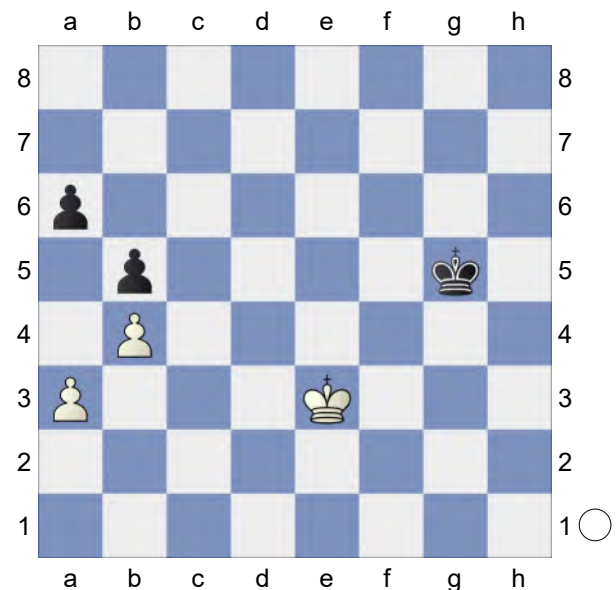
[43...Qe5+± 1.12/21 44.Kb3 Qd5+ 45.Kb2 Qxg5]

44.Qf5+- Kc7 45.Qd7+ Qxd7

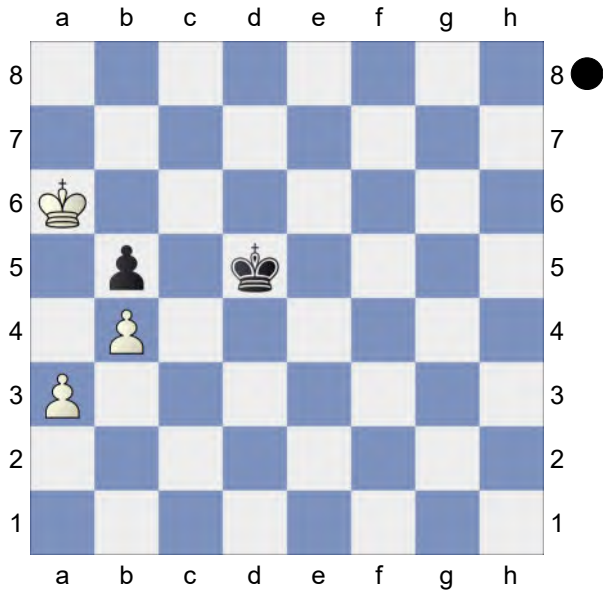
(Diagram)

**46.cxd7 Kxd7 K3P-K3P 47.Kd4 29.00/26**

[47.Kd3 #44/31 Ke6 48.Ke4 f3 49.Kxf3 Kf5 50.Ke3 Kxg5 51.Kd4 Kf4 52.Kc5]

47...Ke6 48.Ke4 f3 49.Kxf3 Kf5 50.Ke3 Kxg5**51.Kd4 Kf5 52.Kc5 Kb6 would kill now. 52...Ke5 53.Kb6 Kd5 54.Kxa6**

(Diagram)



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Black=1.07
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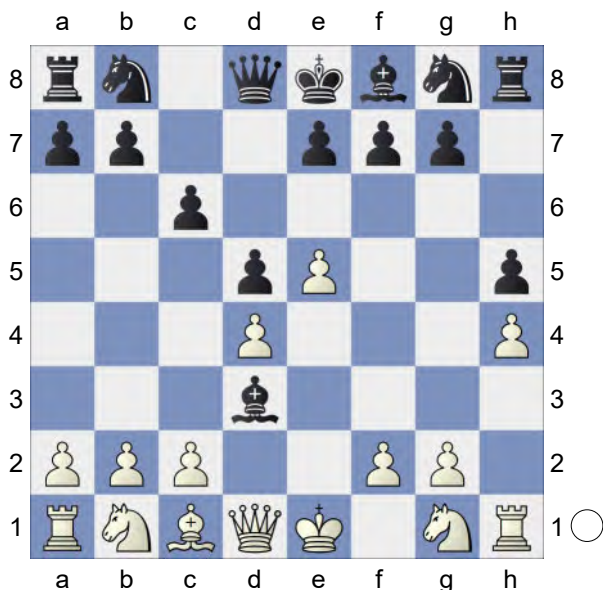
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[Kitty Kat]

B12**2738****2734****B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation**

In this example, we are going to examine another interesting gambit line. The starting position of this variation arises after **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3**

**6.Qxd3 aiming for e6!**

[6.cxd3 e6=]

6...Qa5+ 7.b4 Qxb4+ 8.Nd2White has an edge. **8...e6**

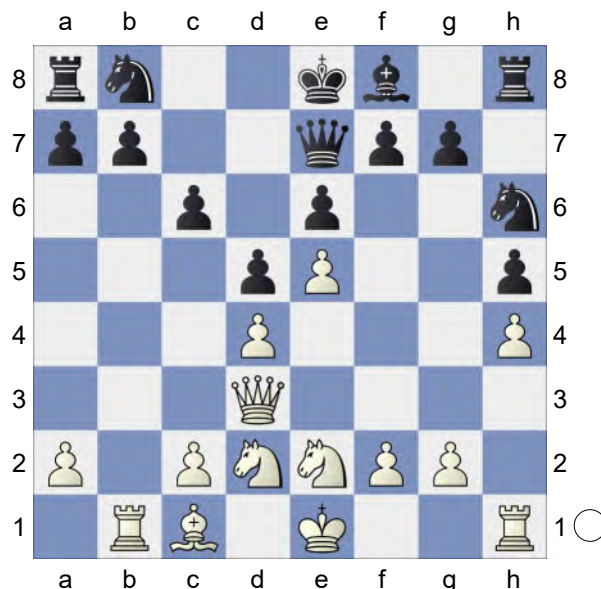
[8...Qb5 9.c4 dxc4 10.Nxc4 e6 11.a4 Qa6 12.Ba3 Nd7 13.Bxf8 Kxf8 14.Nf3 Ne7 15.0-0 Nb6 16.Rfc1 Rd8 17.Rab1 Rd7 18.Qb3 Nxc4 19.Rxc4 Nd5 20.g3 g6 21.Ng5 Kg7 22.Rbc1 Rhd8 23.Qf3 Chigaev,M (2643)-Karjakin,S (2757) Moscow 2021 CBM 206 [Schandorff, Lars] 1-0 (41)]

9.Rb1! White has compensation. 9...Qe7**10.Ne2**

[10.c4 Nh6 11.Ne2 Nf5 12.Ng3 Nxh4 13.Nde4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Qd8 15.Bg5 Qa5+ 16.Bd2 Qd8 17.Bg5 Qa5+ 18.Bd2 Qd8 19.Bg5 0-1 (19) Martinez Alcantara,J (2607)-Eljanov,P (2705) Chess.com INT 2023 [GM Grigor Grigorov]]

10...Nh6N 0.35/21

[10...b5= 0.00/18 deserves consideration. 11.Nf3 Na6 12.Nf4 (12.0-0 Nc7 13.a4 Qd7 14.Nf4 a5 15.Bd2 Ne7 16.Ra1 b4 17.c3 Nf5 18.cxb4 axb4 19.Rfc1 Na6 20.Qc2 c5 21.dxc5 Bxc5 22.Qd3 g6 23.Qb5 Nd4 24.Nxd4 Bxd4 25.Rab1 Bxe5 26.Nd3 Bc3 Neumann,J (2628)-Van Riemsdijk,D (2577) Minsk 2021 OPN 78, D44 [Bellmann,HerbertRepp, Heinrich] 1-0 (40)) 12...Nc7 13.Ng5 a5 14.Rh3 Nh6 15.Nxh5 Nf5 16.g4 b4 17.a4 Rxh5 18.gxh5 c5 19.dxc5 Qxc5 20.c3 Qc4 21.cxb4 axb4 22.Bd2 Rxa4 23.Rc1 Qxd3 24.Rxd3 Ra7 25.Nh7 Be7 Cheparinov,I (2659)-Anton Guijarro,D (2658) Espana 2021 1½-½ (47)]

**11.0-0 Nf5 12.Nf3 b6 13.Bg5 0.02/19**

[13.c4!± 0.38/21 should be considered.]

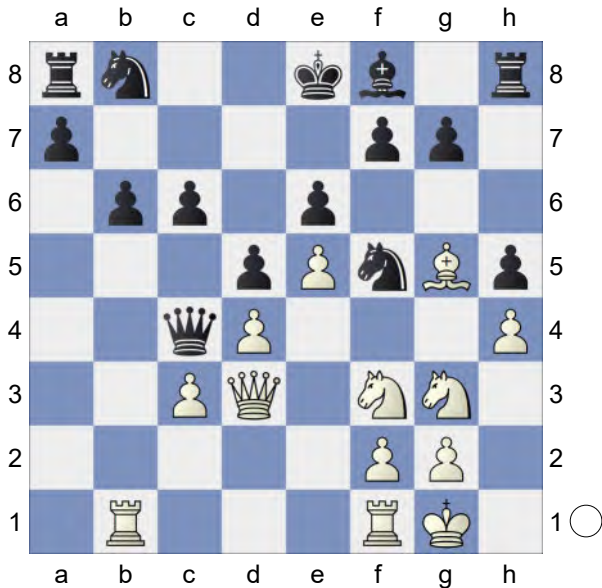
13...Qa3!= And now ...Qxd3 would win.

14.c3 Qxa2 15.Ng3 -0.40/18

[15.Nd2= 0.08/21 Qa6 16.c4]

15...Qc4 0.21/20

[15...Qa6!± -0.40/18 16.Qc2 Ne7]



16.Qc2! g6 1.06/19

[16...Ne7!± 0.39/21]

17.Nxf5± gxf5 18.Ra1 0.29/19
Prevents Qa6.

[White should play 18.Nd2± 0.93/19
Qa6 19.c4]

18...a5!= 19.Rfb1 -1.06/22

[19.Ra4± 0.36/22 stays ahead. Qa6
20.Rfa1]

19...Nd7 0.01/22

[19...Qa6!± -1.06/22 20.Bf6 Rh7]

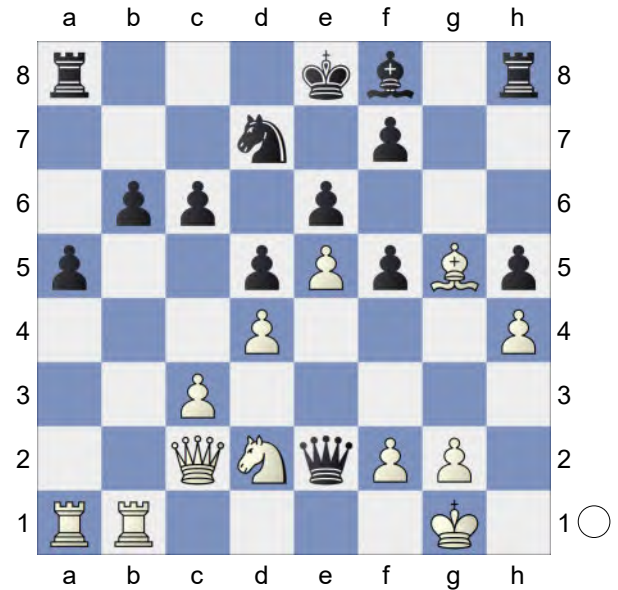
20.Nd2 -0.41/25

[20.Ra4= 0.01/22 Qa6 21.Rba1]

20...Qe2 0.00/22

[20...Qa6± -0.41/25]

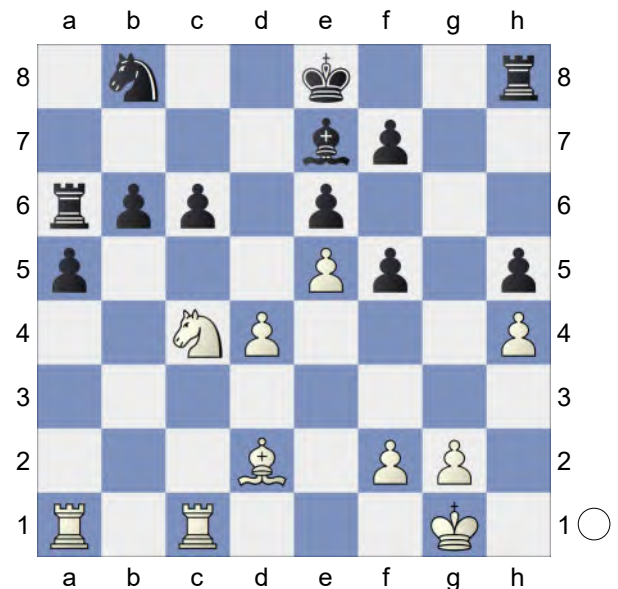
(Diagram)



21.c4? -2.16/22 White is on the road to losing.

[21.Qa4!= 0.00/22 Rc8 22.Nf3]

21...dxc4!-+ 22.Qxc4 Qxc4 23.Nxc4
Ra6 24.Rc1 Nb8 25.Bd2 Be7

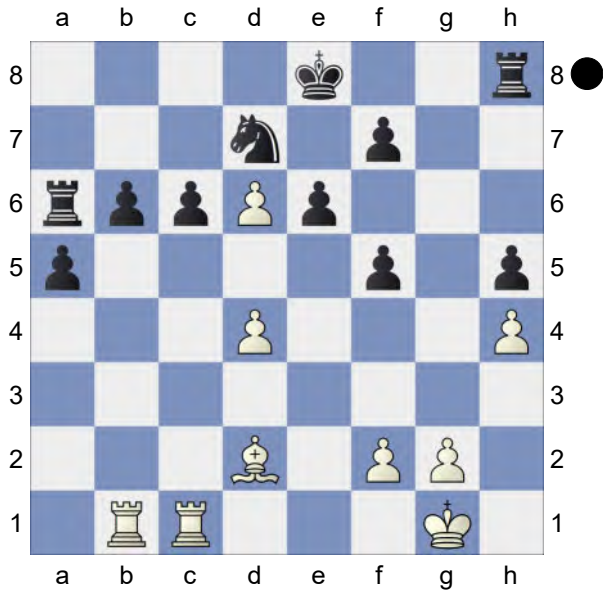


26.Rab1 Nd7

[26...Bxh4 27.Nxb6 0-0 28.Na4=]

27.Nd6+ Bxd6 28.exd6

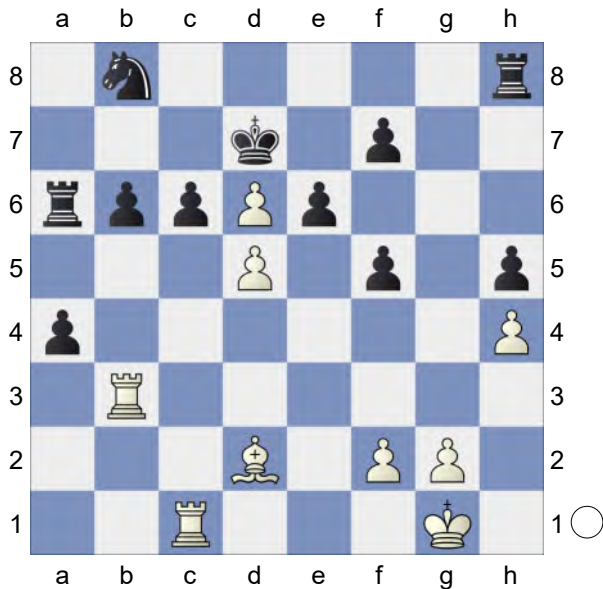
(Diagram)



Nb8 29.d5 Kd7

[But not 29...exd5? 30.Re1+ Kd8
31.Re7-+]

30.Rb3 a4



31.Rg3 a3

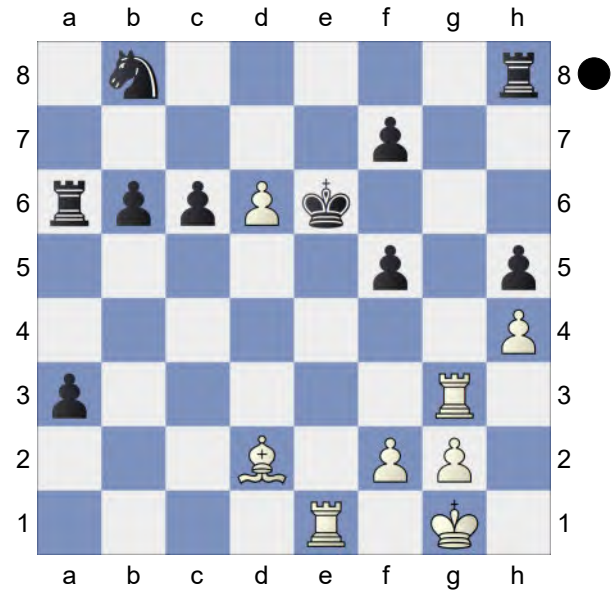
[31...Kxd6 32.dxe6 Kxe6 33.Re1+
Kd7 34.Bc3±]

32.dxe6+ Kxe6

[Avoid the trap 32...fxe6? 33.Bf4 Rh7
34.Rg8]

33.Re1+

(Diagram)



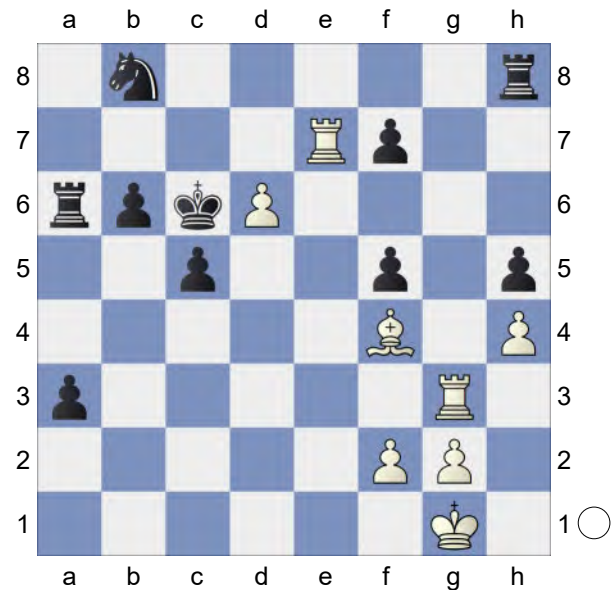
Kd7! Strongly threatening ...a2.

[33...Kxd6 34.Rd3+ Kc7 35.Re7+
Kc8 36.Bf4±]

34.Bf4? -3.89/22

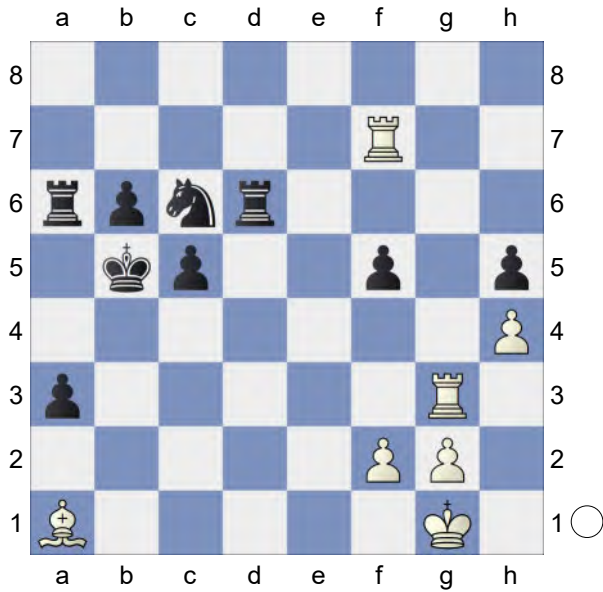
[34.Bc3 -2.11/18 was called for. Rf8
35.Rg5]

34...c5 35.Re7+ Kc6

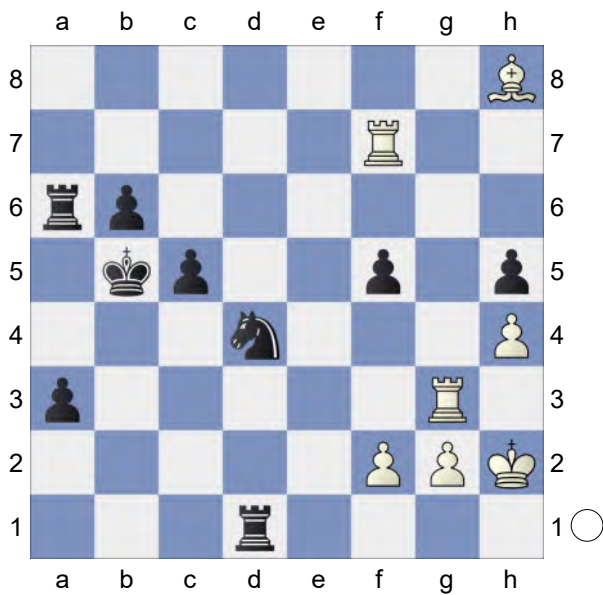


**36.Rc7+ Kb5 37.Be5 Re8 38.Re7
Rd8 Black is clearly winning. 39.Rxf7
Nc6 40.Ba1 Rxd6**

(Diagram)



41.Kh2 Rd1 42.Bh8 Nd4



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Black=0.16 (very precise)

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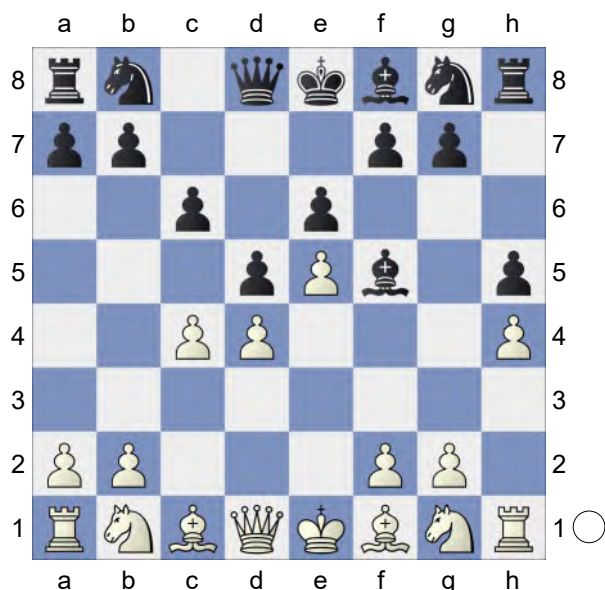
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

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5.c4 e6

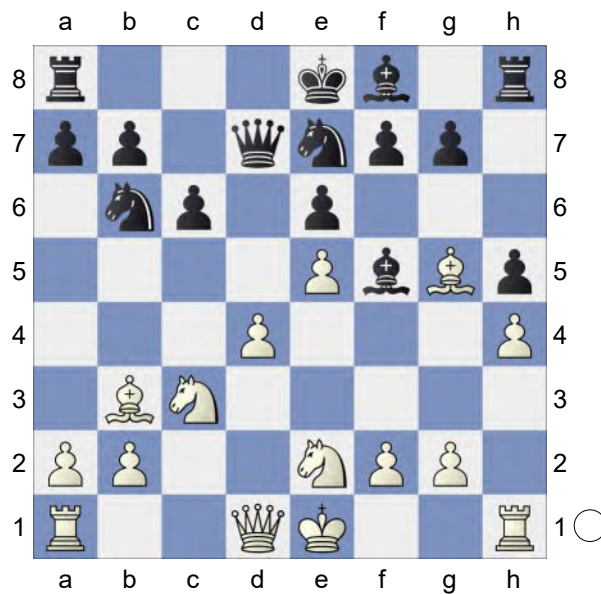


6.Nc3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 Nd7 8.Nge2 Nb6
9.Bb3 Ne7 1.09/18

[9...Be7± 0.51/18 10.g3 g5 11.hxg5
Bxg5 12.Nf4 h4 13.g4 Bh7 14.Be3
Bxf4 15.Bxf4 Nd5 16.Bxd5 exd5
17.Qd2 Be4 18.Rh3 Bg2 19.Re3 h3
20.Bh2 Qh4 21.0-0-0 Qxg4 22.e6 f6
23.Rg3 Qh4 24.Ne2 Ne7
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(35)]

10.Bg5± Qd7

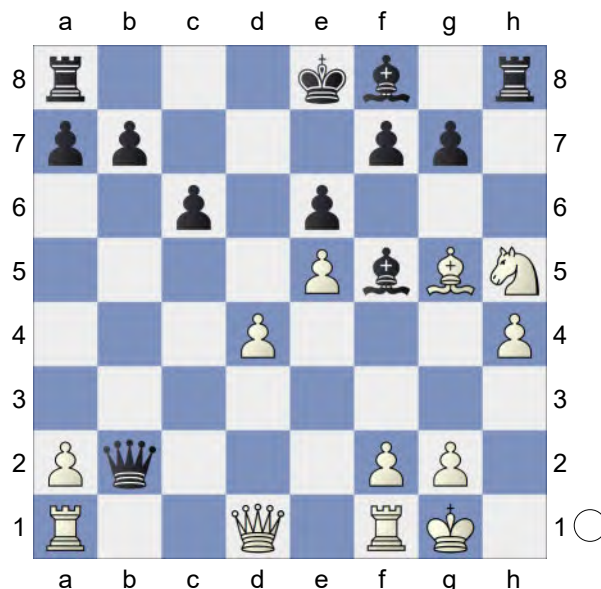
(Diagram)



11.0-0 Ned5 White is better. 12.Nxd5N

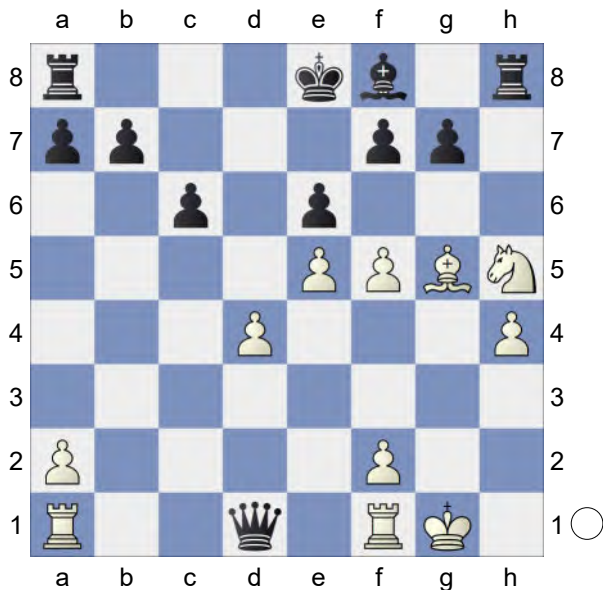
[12.Ng3 Bg6 13.Nce4 a5 14.a3 a4
15.Ba2 Nc7 16.Qe2 Nb5 17.Rac1
Be7 18.Rfd1 Bxg5 19.Nxg5 Rd8
20.N3e4 0-0 21.Nc5 Qe7 22.Qe3
Nd5 23.Qg3 b6 24.Nxa4 Qa7
25.Bxd5 Rxd5 26.Nc3 Nxd4
Miles,E (2610)-Maksimovic,D (2470)
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[John Watson] 1-0 (41)]

12...Nxd5 13.Bxd5 Qxd5 14.Nf4! Qb5
15.Nxh5 Qxb2



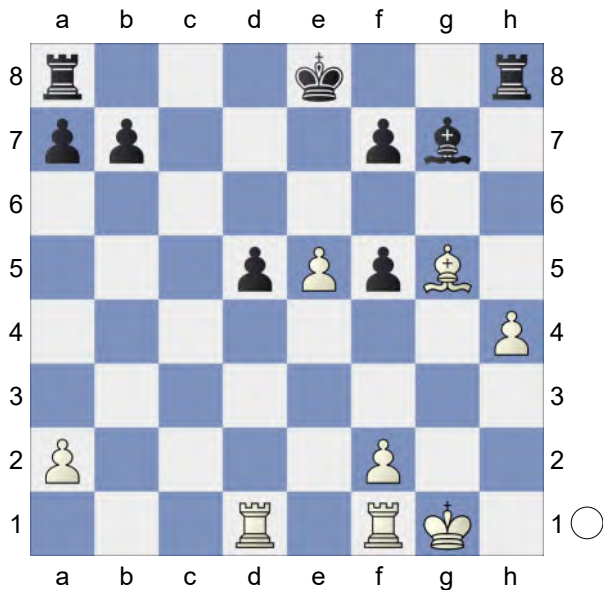
16.g4 0.70/20

[16.Ng3± 1.36/20]
 16...Qc2 1.19/20 17.gxf5 Qxd1



18.Nxg7+ Bxg7 19.Raxd1 Strongly threatening fxe6. 19...exf5 20.d5 0.38/21

[White should try 20.Rd3± 1.10/19]
 20...cxd5

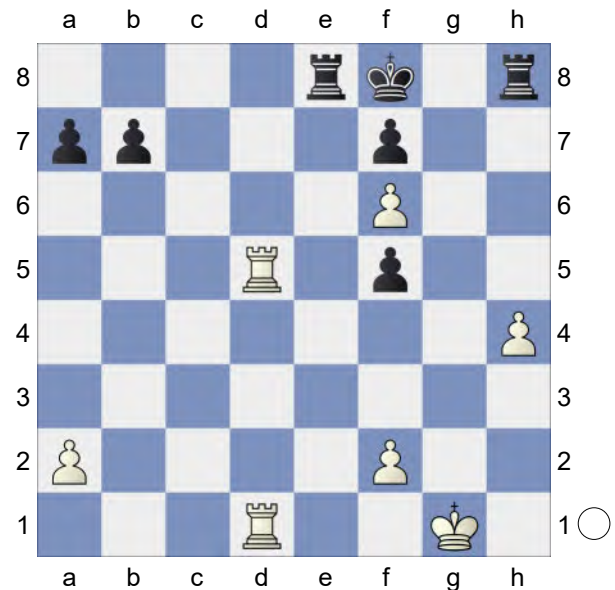


21.Rxd5 aiming for Rb1. 21...Bh6!
 22.Bf6 Bg7 23.Re1 0.11/17

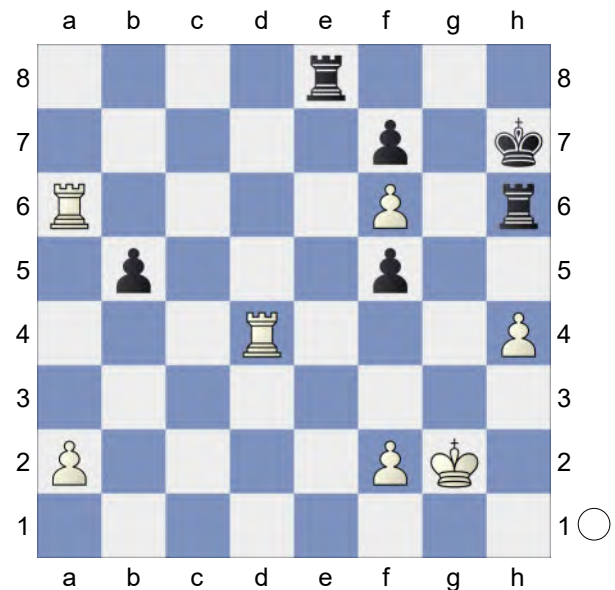
[23.Bxg7± 0.48/21 Rg8 24.Kh2!
 Rxg7 25.Rc1]

23...Bxf6!= 24.exf6+ Endgame KRR-KRR
 24...Kf8 25.Red1 Threatening

mate with Rd8+. 25...Re8

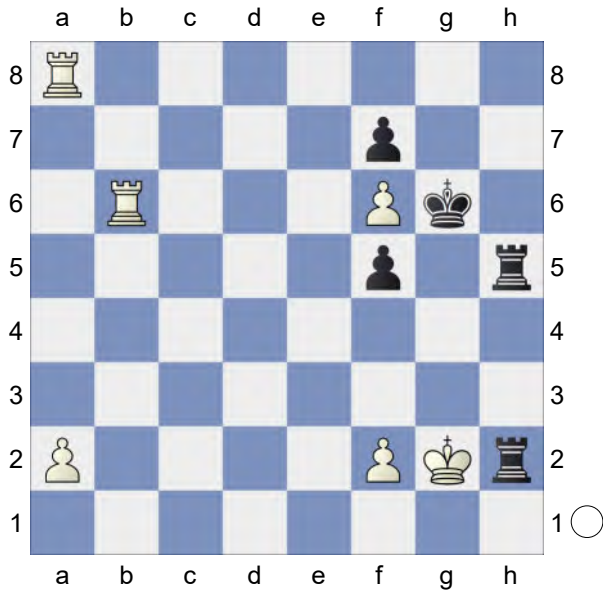


26.R1d4 Rh5 27.Kg2 Kg8 28.Rd7 b5
 29.Rxa7 Rh6 30.Ra6 Kh7

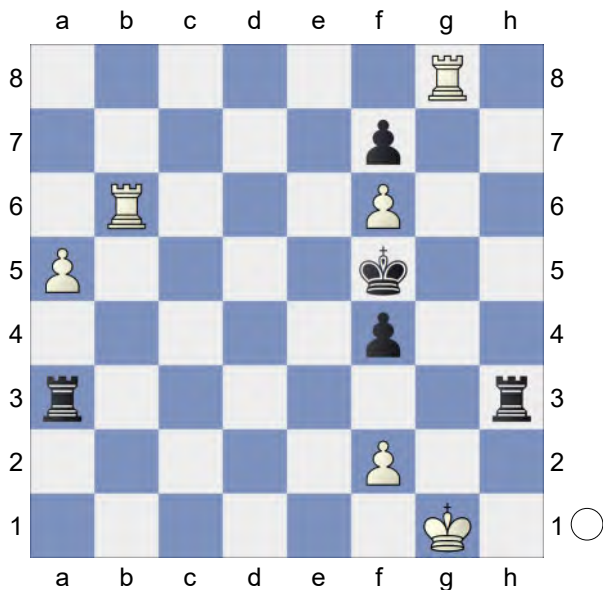


31.Rb4 Kg6 32.Ra5 Re4 33.Rbxb5
 Rh5 34.Ra8 Rexh4 35.Rb6 Rh2+

(Diagram)

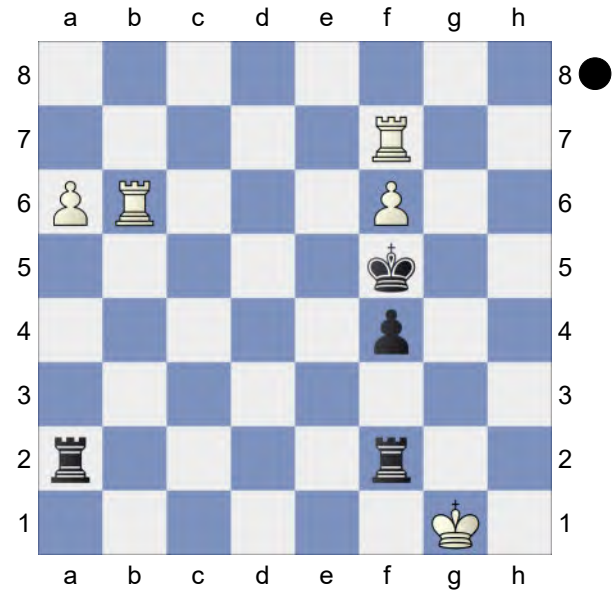


36.Kf1 And now Rg8+ would win. **36...f4**
37.Rg8+ Kf5 38.a4 R5h3 39.a5 Ra3
40.Kg1 Rhh3



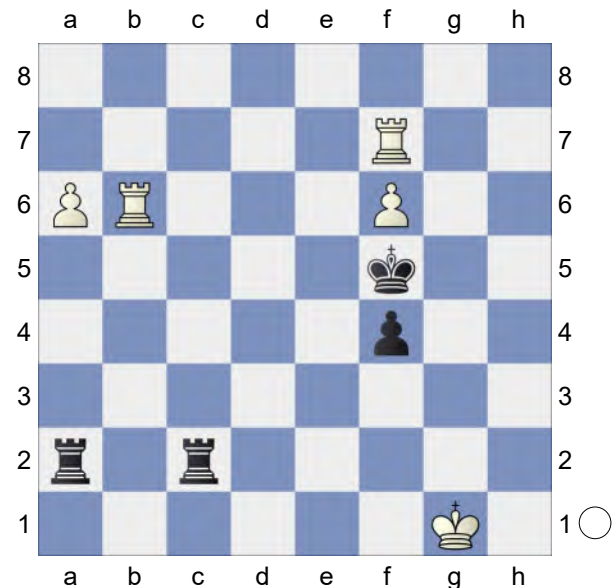
41.Kg2 Rhc3 42.a6 Rc2 43.Rg7 Raa2
44.Rxf7? -8.43/22
 [44.Rb5+= -0.02/19 Kxf6 45.Rg4]
44...Rxf2+-+ 45.Kg1

(Diagram)



Rfc2? -0.02/23

[45...Rg2+!-+ -7.09/19 46.Kf1 Rh2
 47.Rb5+ Kg6 48.Rg7+ Kxf6 49.Ra5
 Rxa5 50.Rg2 Rxc2 51.Kxc2 Kf5
 52.Kf3 Rxa6 53.Ke2 Ke4 54.Kf2
 Ra2+ 55.Ke1 f3 56.Kf1 Ke3 57.Kg1
 Ra1+ 58.Kh2 Kf4 59.Kh3 Rh1#]



46.Rb5+? -8.84/27

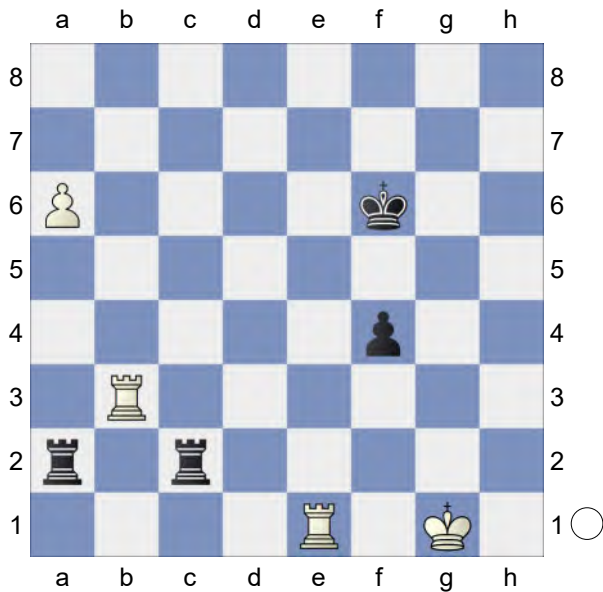
[46.Rb1= -0.02/23]

46...Kg4? 0.00/28

[46...Kg6+- -8.84/27 47.Rg7+ Kxf6]

47.Rg7+= Kf3! 48.Rb3+ Ke4 49.Re7+

Kf5 50.Re1 Against Rc1 50...Kxf6



51.Rf3 Kg5

[51...Kf5 is interesting. 52.Re8 Kg4
53.a7 Kxf3 54.a8Q+ Rxa8 55.Rxa8
Rc1+]

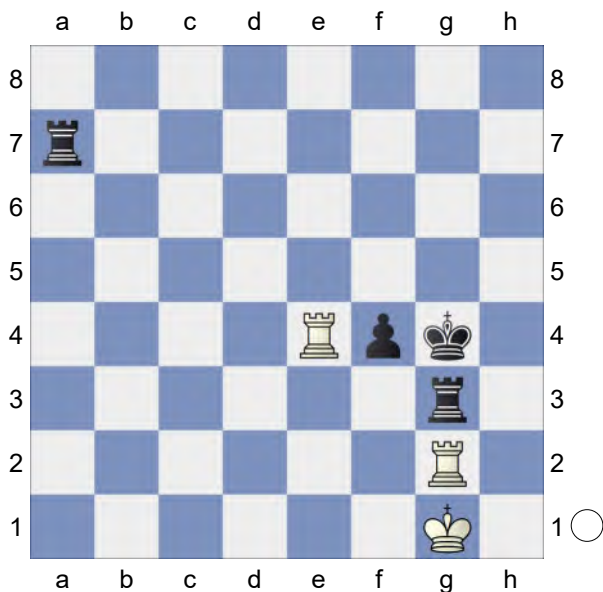
52.a7

[52.Re8 is more complex. Kg4 53.a7
Kxf3 54.a8Q+]

52...Rxa7

[52...Kg4 feels hotter. 53.Re8 Kxf3
54.a8Q+ Rxa8 55.Rxa8 Rc1+]

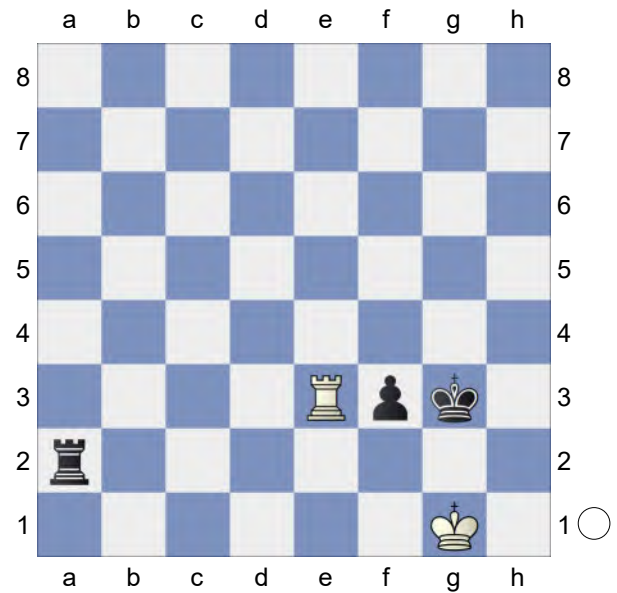
53.Rf2 Rc3 54.Re4 Rg3+ 55.Rg2 Kg4



(-> ...Kh3) **56.Re1? -#17/29**

[56.Re8= -0.04/23]

**56...Ra2 Black mates. 57.Rxg3+ Kxg3
58.Kh1 Rh2+ 59.Kg1 f3 60.Re3 Ra2**



Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/
Black=0.28 (precise)

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□ Rapport,Richard

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■ Carlsen,Magnus

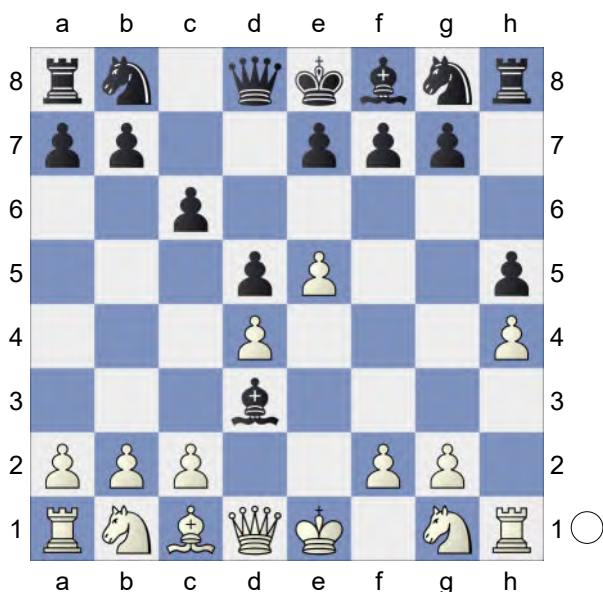
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GRENKE Chess Classic 2024 rapid (1.2)

[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation In this example, we are going to examine another interesting gambit line. The starting position of this variation arises after **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3**



6.Qxd3 e6! is the strong threat. **6...Qa5+ 7.c3**

[7.Nd2 e6 8.Ngf3 Nh6 9.0-0 Nf5 10.Nb3 Qb5 11.Qd1 c5 12.a4 Qb6 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.Nxc5 Qxc5 15.Bg5 Nc6 16.c3 Rc8 17.Re1 Qb6 18.Rb1 Na5 19.b4 Nc4 20.Nd4 Nxd4 21.cxd4 Rc7 Ter Sahakyan,S (2644)-Aryan,C (2630) Saint Louis USA 2024 [Marian Petrov] ½-½ (55)]

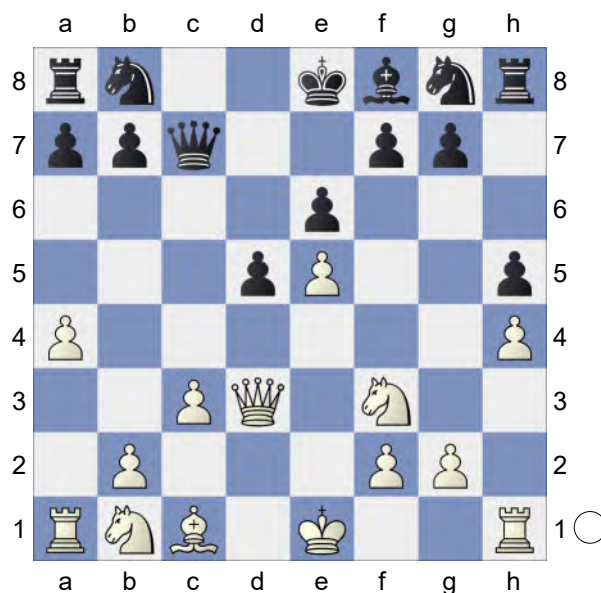
7...e6 8.a4 White is slightly better.

8...c5N Prevents b4.

[8...Qa6 9.Qd1 Ne7 (9...c5 10.Na3 cxd4 11.Nb5 Qb6 12.Nxd4 Nc6

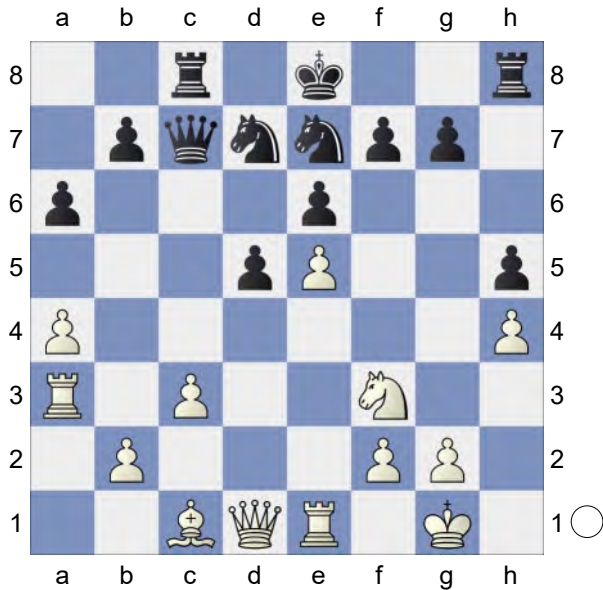
13.Ngf3 Nge7 14.0-0 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Nc6 16.Nf3 a6 17.Re1 Be7 18.Qd3 Qc7 19.Bg5 g6 20.Qe3 Bxg5 21.Qxg5 Qd8 22.Qf4 Ne7 23.Rad1 Qc7 24.c4 Blomqvist,E (2527)-Mitrabha,G (2540) Stavanger 2024 Mega2024 Update 31 [MH] 0-1 (37)) 10.b4 Nf5 11.Nf3 Nd7 12.Na3 Nb6 13.a5 Nc4 14.0-0 Be7 15.g3 b5 16.Nc2 0-0-0 17.Bg5 Qb7 18.Qe2 a6 19.Nce1 Bxg5 20.hxg5 Qe7 21.Nd3 Kb7 22.Kg2 Ka7 23.Rae1 Adhiban,B (2598)-Kushagra,M (2426) Abu Dhabi 2022 [Daniel Fernandez] 1-0 (51)]

9.dxc5 Qxc5 10.Nf3 Qc7



11.Na3 Bxa3 12.Rxa3 Nd7 13.0-0! Ne7 14.Re1 Rc8 15.Qd1 a6

(Diagram)



16.Bg5 Ng6 17.a5 0-0 18.Ra4 Rce8
0.84/19

[18...Ngxe5= **0.29/21** 19.Nxe5 Nxe5]

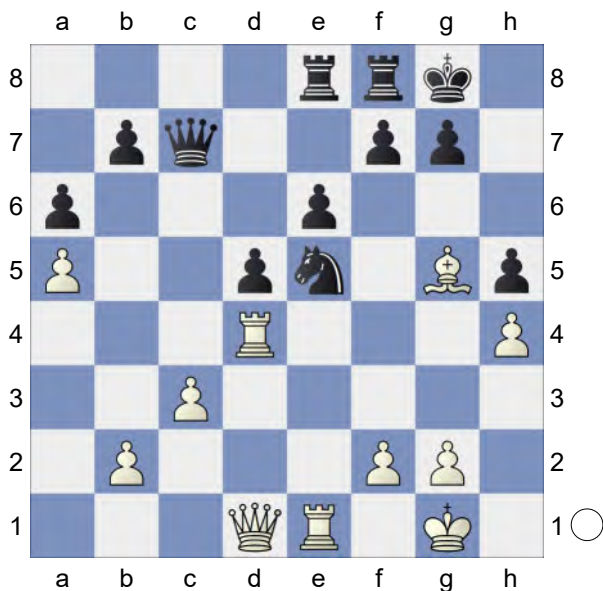
19.Rd4 0.00/19 &Bianco is more active.

[19.Qe2± **0.84/19**]

19...Ndxe5 1.15/24

[19...Qxa5= **0.00/19** remains equal.
 20.c4 Qc7]

20.Nxe5± Nxe5

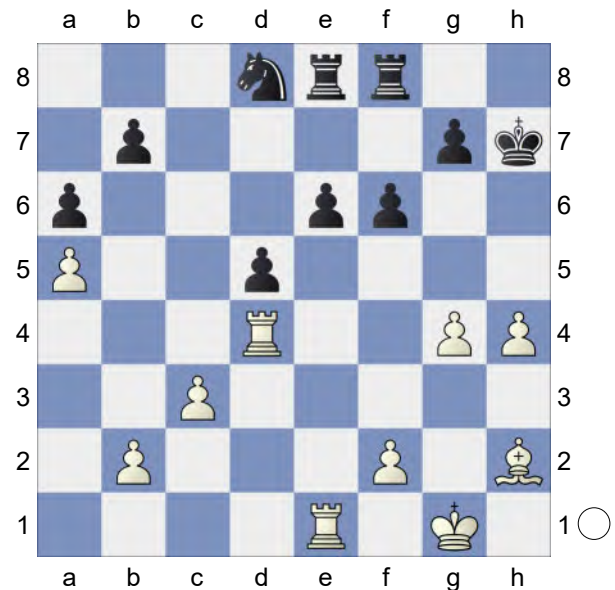


21.Bf4 0.31/16

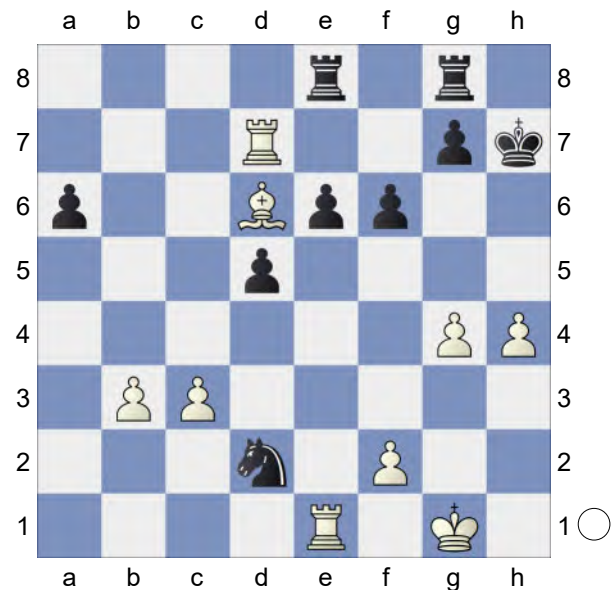
[21.Qxh5± **1.04/24** Hoping for Bf4.
 Nc6 22.Rd3]

21...f6± 22.Qxh5 Qf7 23.Qxf7+ Nxf7

24.Bh2 Kh7 25.g4 Nd8

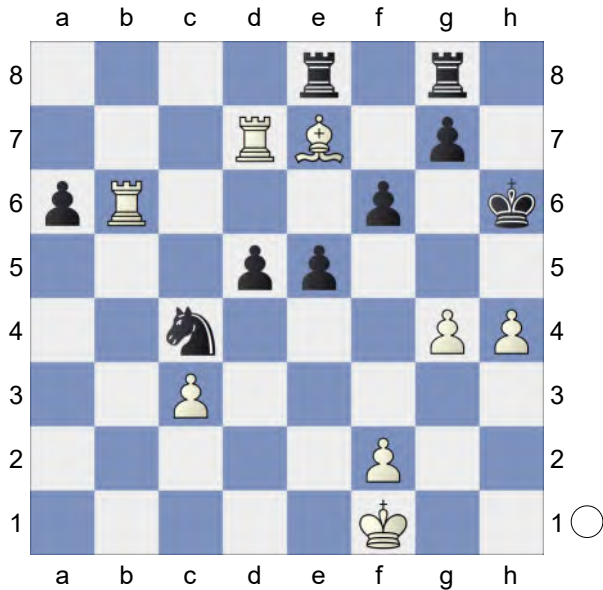


26.Bd6 Rg8 27.Rb4 Nc6 28.Rxb7
Nxa5 29.Rd7 Nc4 30.b3 Nd2



Threatens to win with ...Nf3+. **31.Re2**
Nxb3 32.Be7 Inhibits Rd8. **32...Kh6**
33.Kf1 e5 34.Rb2 Na5 35.Rb6
 And now Bxf6! would win. **35...Nc4**

(Diagram)



36.Rxa6 Strongly threatening Bxf6!

36...Ra8

[36...Kg6 seems wilder. 37.Kg2 e4
38.Kg3 Ne5]

**37.Rxa8 Rxa8 38.Rxd5 Ra2 39.Bc5
Rc2 0.59/19**

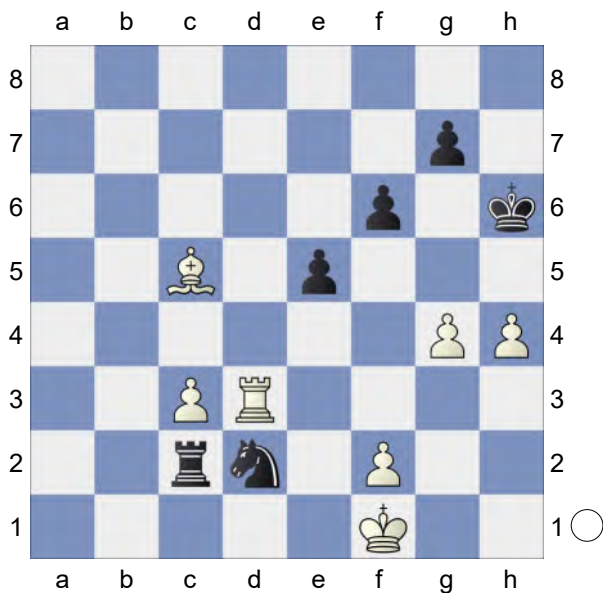
[Black should try 39...Kh7= 0.03/20]

40.Rd3 0.03/29

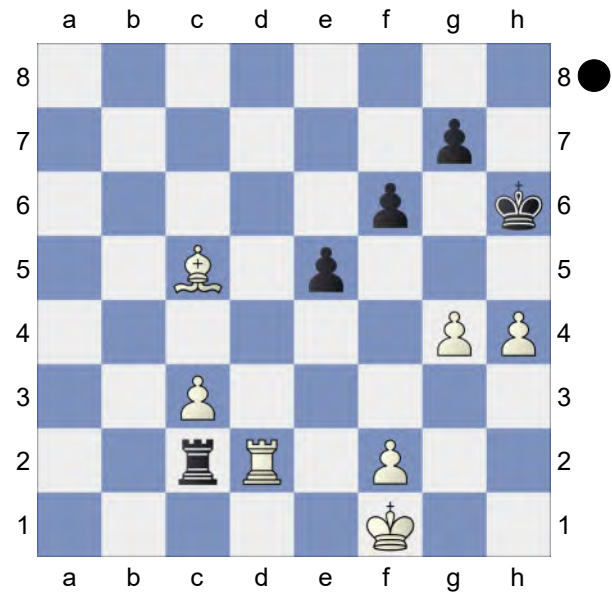
[40.Rd7± 0.59/19]

40...Nd2+? 5.37/29

[40...Kh7= 0.03/29 and Black has
nothing to worry.]



41.Rxd2!



Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very
precise) /Black=0.34

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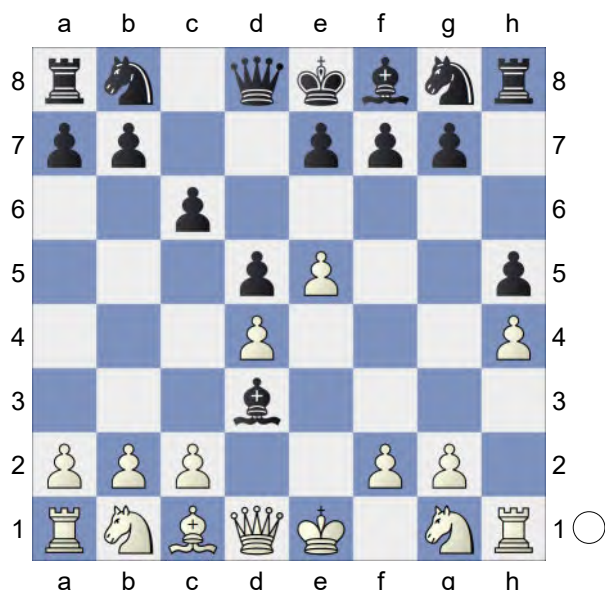
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

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Grigor Grigorov: 'In this example, we are going to examine another interesting gambit line. The starting position of this variation arises after' **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3**

**6.Qxd3 e6!** is the strong threat.

[6.cxd3 e6=]

6...Qa5+ 7.b4 0.12/22

[7.Nd2± 0.52/22]

7...Qa6 8.Qb3 White is slightly better.**8...e6 9.a4 Nh6 0.55/19**

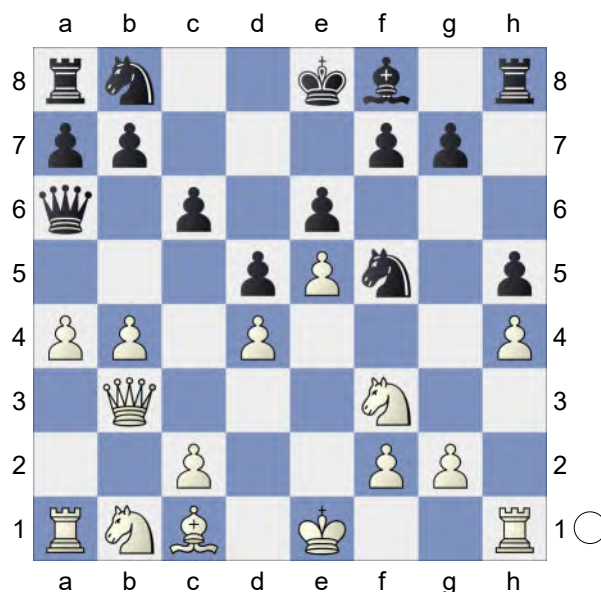
[9...Qb6= 0.21/20 feels stronger.]

10.Nf3

[10.Bxh6!? Rxh6 11.Nd2±]

10...Nf5

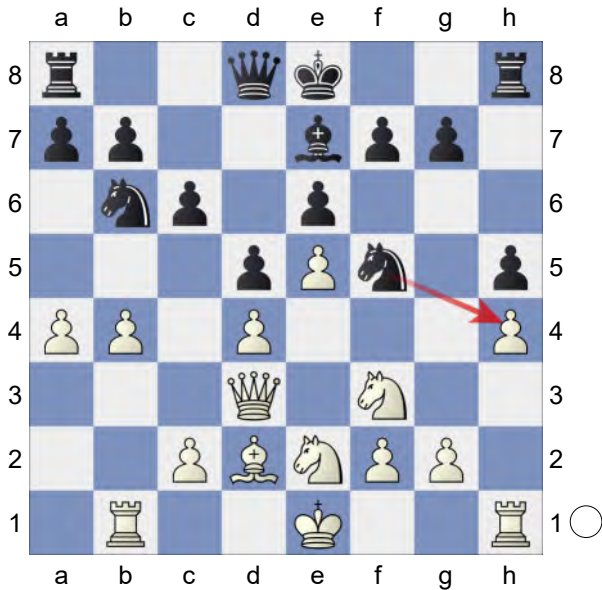
(Diagram)

**11.Bd2 Nd7 12.Nc3 Qb6N**

[12...Be7 13.Ra2 0-0 14.Ne2 b5 15.a5 f6 16.Nf4 fxe5 17.Nxe6 e4 18.Nfg5 Qc8 19.Nxf8 Nxf8 20.c3 Qe8 21.Qd1 Qg6 22.g4 hxg4 23.Qxg4 Nh6 24.h5 e3 25.hxg6 exd2+ 26.Rxd2 Nxd2 27.Nf3 5.dc5 Bc5 6.Bf4_52057 (2671)-Levitina,I (2675) Moscow 2020 OPN 78, D44 [MH] 0-1 (79) Bf6 28.Re2 Nh6 29.a6 Nf5 30.Ne5 Ne7 31.f4 Bxe5 32.fxe5 Nexg6 33.Rg2 Nf4 34.Rg4 N4e6 35.Kd2 Rb8 36.Rgh4 Ng6 37.Rg4 Ngf8 38.Rgh4 Rb6 39.Rh8+ Kf7 40.Ra1 Ke7 41.Rg8 Rb8 42.Rg1 5.dc5 ♕c5 6.♕f4_52057 (2671)-Levitina,I (2675) Moscow 2020 OPN 78, D44 [Bellmann,Herbert Repp,Heinrich] 0-1 (79)]

[12...Nb6 13.a5 Nc4 14.Bg5 Rc8 15.Ne2 b6 16.0-0 bxa5 17.bxa5 Be7 18.Bxe7 Kxe7 19.Rfb1 Rhd8 20.Nf4 c5 21.Nxh5 Nxd4 22.Nxd4 cxd4 23.Qg3 g6 24.Nf6 Nd2 25.Qa3+ 1-0 (25) Grieve,H (2418)-Rowson,J (2561) London ENG 2022 [Daniel Fernandez]]

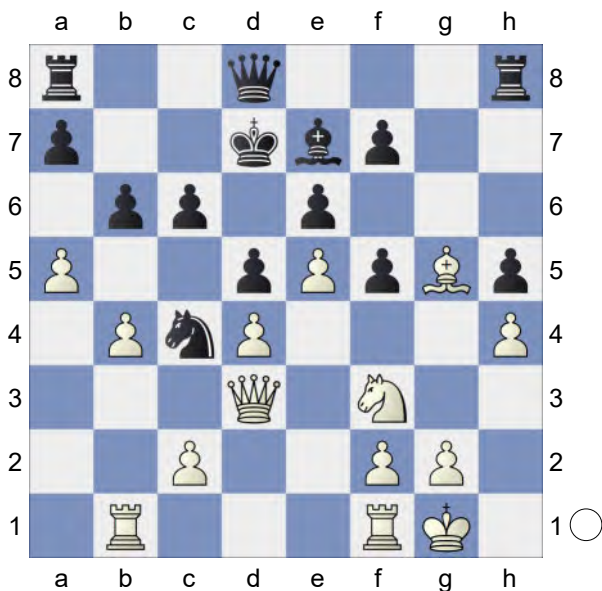
13.Ne2 Be7 14.Rb1 Qd8 15.Qd3 Nb6



16.a5! Nc4 17.Bg5 b6 18.Ng3! g6
0.86/25

[18...Bxg5± 0.55/19 19.Nxf5 Be7
20.Nxe7 (20.Nxg7+ Kf8)
20...Qxe7]

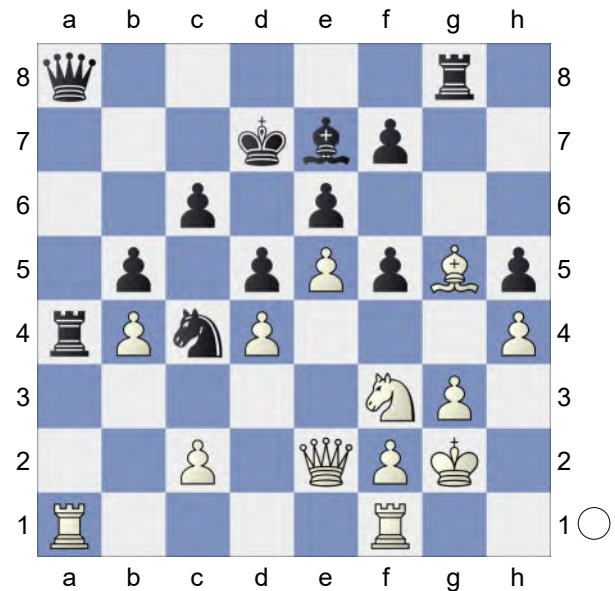
19.Nxf5± gxf5 20.0-0 Kd7 1.37/22
[20...Bxg5± 0.51/22 21.Nxg5
(21.hxg5 h4=) 21...Kf8]



21.axb6! axb6 22.Ra1 Rg8 2.09/20
[22...b5± 1.37/20]

23.g3 1.22/19
[23.Rfb1!+- 2.09/20]

23...b5 24.Kg2 Ra4 25.Qe2 0.36/20
[25.c3± 1.00/22]
25...Qa8!±



26.Rab1 -0.27/20

[26.Rxa4± 0.63/20 bxa4 27.Bxe7
Kxe7 28.Ra1]

26...Ra2 0.68/22

[26...Bxb4= -0.27/20 27.Rfc1 Bc3]

27.Bxe7 Kxe7 28.Ng5 Rh8 29.Nh3
0.32/19

[29.Rfc1 0.68/24]

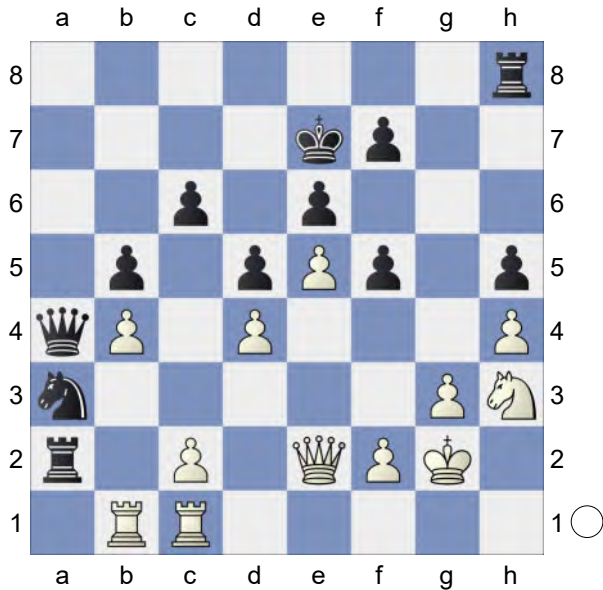
29...Qa4 1.00/22

[29...Qa3± 0.32/19]

30.Rfc1± Na3? 2.69/19

[30...Qa7± 0.83/22 was worth a try.]

(Diagram)



31.Ra1+- Rxa1 32.Rxa1 Qxb4 33.Qe3 Ra8

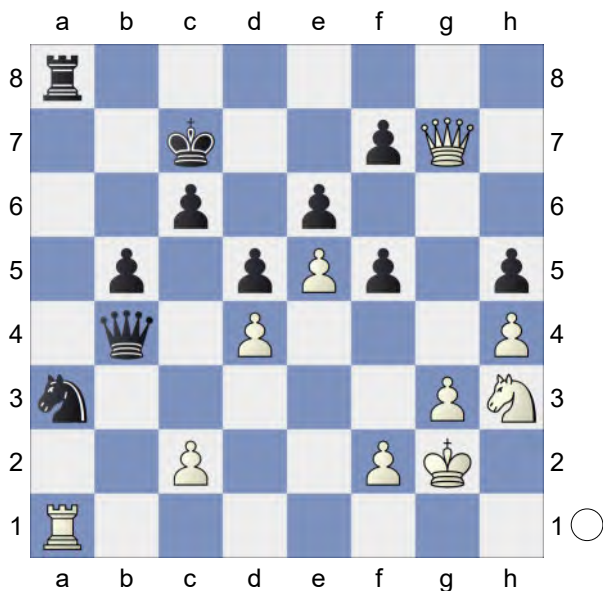
[33...Nxc2? 34.Qg5+ Kd7 35.Ra7+ Kc8 36.Ra8+ Kb7 37.Rxh8+-]

34.Qg5+

[34.Qh6 Kd7±]

34...Kd7 35.Qg7 Kc7? 4.58/20

[35...Ra4 1.65/20]



36.Qxf7+ Kb6 37.Nf4 Qxd4 38.Nxe6
Intending Qc7+ and mate.

[38.Qc7+ Kxc7 39.Nxe6+ Kb6 40.Nxd4 b4=]

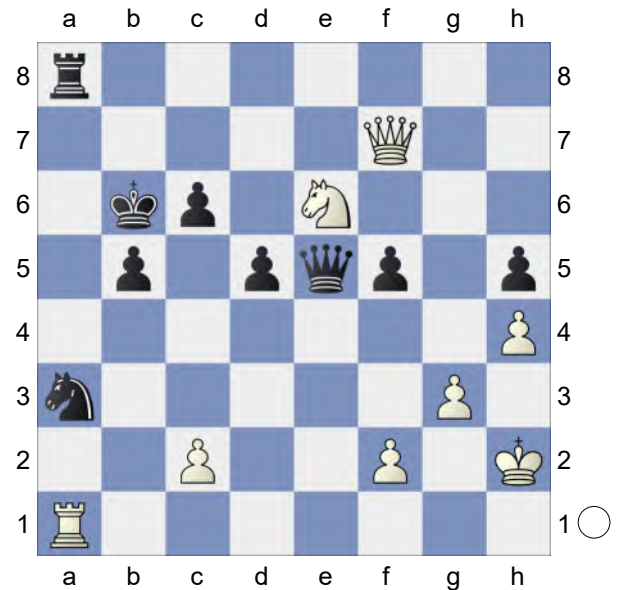
38...Qe4+ 6.53/22

[38...Qxa1? 39.Qc7+ Ka6 40.Nc5#]

[38...Qxe5 4.20/23 39.Qe7 d4]

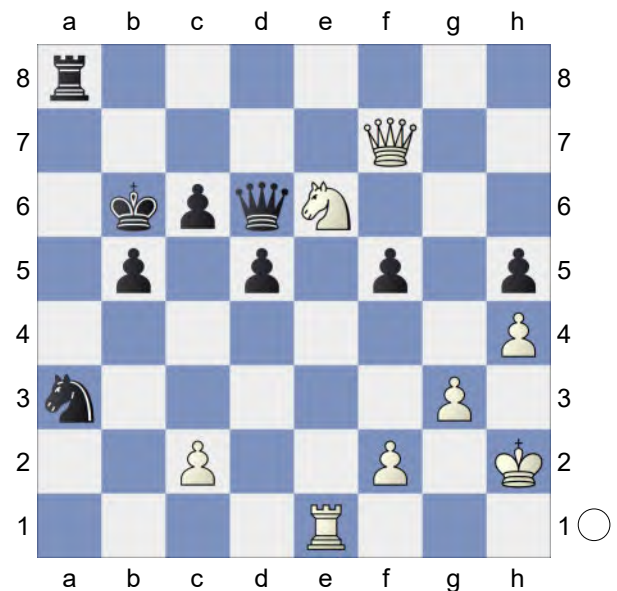
39.Kh2 Threatening mate with Qc7+.

39...Qxe5



40.Re1!! 1.41/19 Qd6±

[40...Qxe1? leads to mate. 41.Qc7+ Ka6 42.Nc5#]

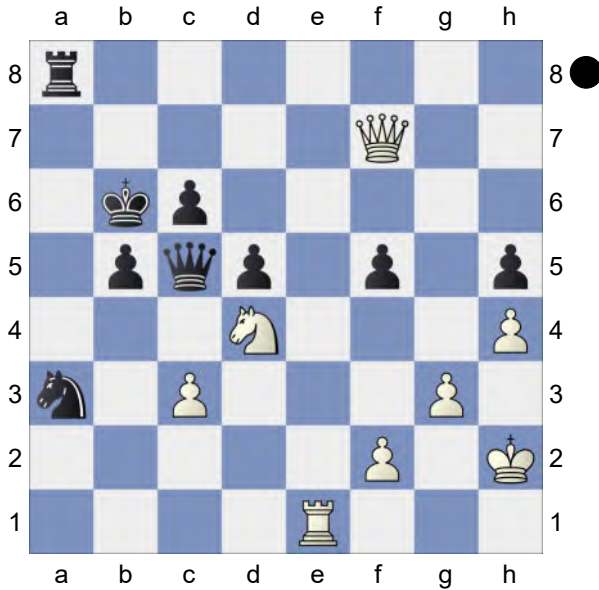


41.Nd4 -0.38/24

0x0.00211a66b5dddp-1022s more active pieces.

[Stronger than 41.Qxf5 Re8=]

[White has to play 41.c3!± 1.31/19]
41...Qc5 42.c3 -1.87/27
 [42.Ne6 -1.04/21 Qxf2+ 43.Kh3]



42...Qxc3? 0.00/25

[Black should play 42...Nc2!-+
 -1.87/27 43.Rf1 (43.Re5 Nxd4)
 43...Nxd4 44.cxd4 Qc4]

43.Ne6!= Ra7 Against Qc7+

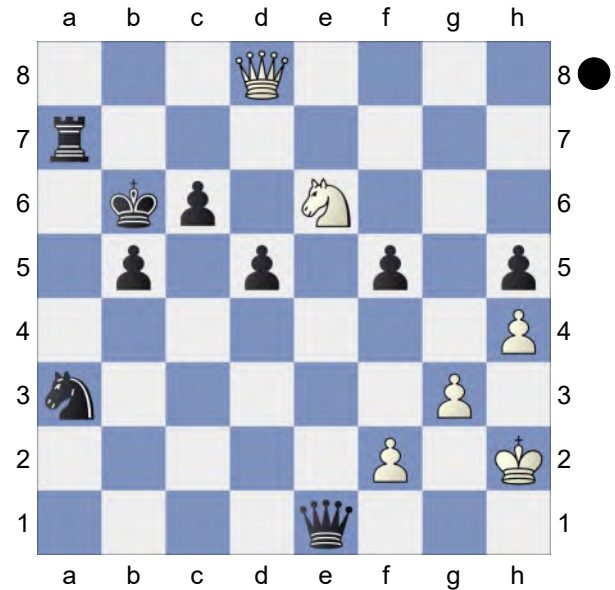
[43...Qxe1? is a self mate. 44.Qc7+
 Ka6 45.Nc5#]

44.Qf8 Threatens to win with Re3. Really sharp! **44...Qxe1** #3/20

[44...Nc2= 0.00/26 45.Qd8+ Ka6]

45.Qd8+

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/
 Black=0.54

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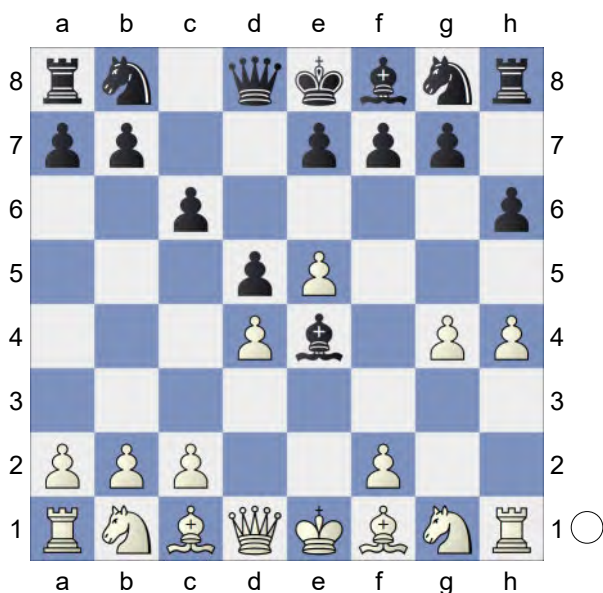
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

This was a training game based on Dan's notes to the correspondence game, Leisebein, P - Markus, R. To make things interesting, the training session consisted of 6 games where Black was assisted by an engine (either LeelaZero or Stockfish). 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6 5.g4 Be4



6.f3 Bh7 7.e6 Qd6! 8.exf7+ Kxf7 9.f4 Nf6 10.Bh3 The position is equal.

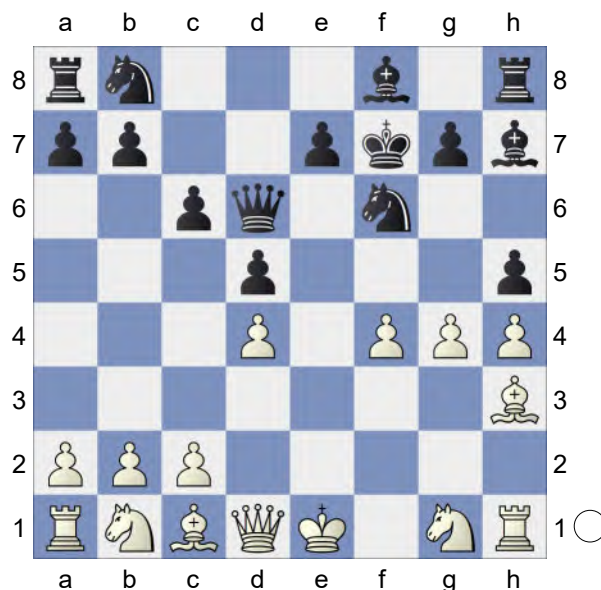
[10.Nf3 Nxg4 11.Bh3 h5 12.Ne5+ Ke8 13.Bxg4 hxg4 14.Qxg4 Be4 15.Qc8+ Qd8 16.Qxb7 Nd7 17.Rh2 Rc8 18.Qxd7+ Qxd7 19.Nxd7 Kxd7 20.Nc3 Bf5 21.Be3 e6 22.0-0-0 Be7 23.Rg1 g6 24.Bf2 Rh7 Kiolbasa, O (2429)-Rudzinska, M (2244) Warsaw 2023 0-1 (55)]

10...h5N 0.59/22

[10...c5= 0.15/19 was preferable.

11.g5 Nc6 12.gxf6 Nxd4 13.Rh2 exf6 14.Nc3 Rd8 15.Nf3 Nf5 16.Re2 Be7 17.Kf2 Rhe8 18.Bg4 Kf8 19.Bh5 g6 20.Bg4 d4 21.Ne4 Ne3 22.Nxd6 Nxd1+ 23.Ke1 Rxd6 24.Kxd1 d3 25.Re6 dxc2+ Harvey, M (2445)-Tan, J (2496) lichess.org 2020 [Justin Tan] 0-1 (36)]

[10...Qe6+ 11.Kf1 Ne4 12.Rh2 h5 13.Nc3 hxg4 14.Bxg4 Bf5 15.Nxe4 dxe4 16.Bxf5 Qxf5 17.Nh3 Nd7 18.Ng5+ Ke8 19.Qe2 Nf6 20.Bd2 Rd8 21.c3 c5 22.Qb5+ Rd7 23.Qxc5 Qxc5 24.dxc5 Ng4 25.Rg2 Kurnosov, I (2593)-Vallejo Pons, F (2684) Plovdiv 2008 [The Anatomy of a Key Pawn Push (e5-e6) Part 2] ½-½ (56)]



11.gxh5± e6 12.Nf3 Threatens to win with Ng5+. 12...Bf5 13.Nc3 Rxh5 1.18/22

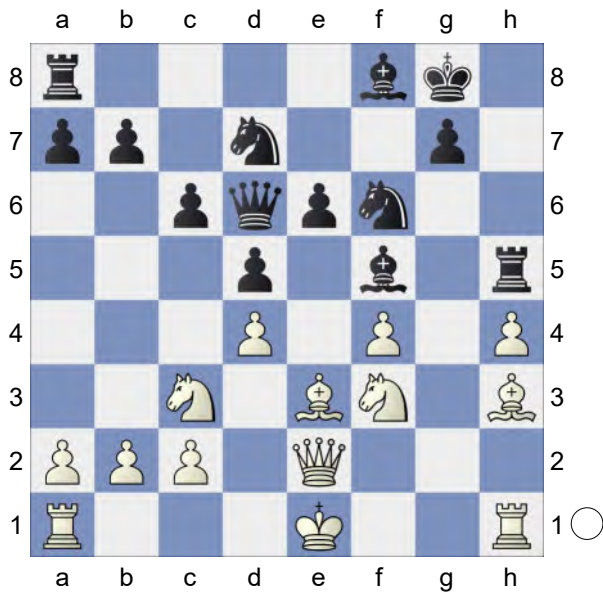
[13...Nbd7± 0.59/22]

14.Be3 0.79/18

[♖14.Qe2! 1.18/22]

14...Nbd7± 15.Qe2 Kg8 1.12/20

[15...Nb6!± 0.65/19 should be considered.]



16.0-0-0! Qb4 1.52/22

[16...Nb6 1.06/20]

17.Ne5 Strongly threatening Nxd7.

17...Nb6 18.Rdg1 1.14/18

[White should play 18.a3 1.46/23 Qe7 19.Rdg1]

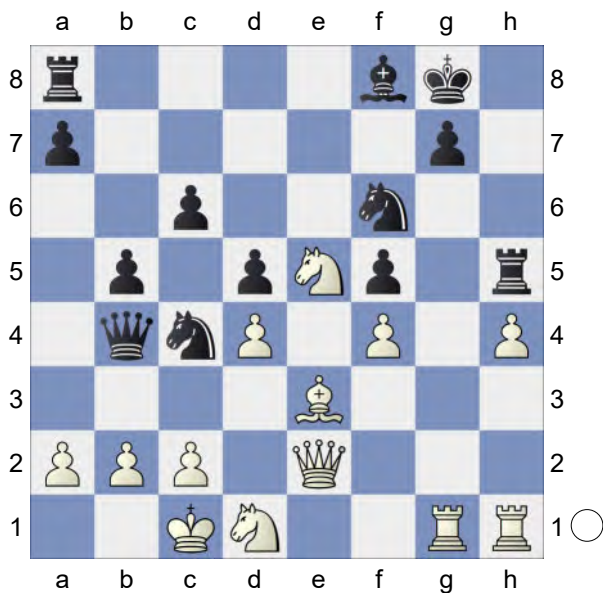
18...Nc4 19.Nd1 b5 2.15/17

[19...Re8± 1.15/18 might work better.]

20.Bxf5+- Dancing on a razor blade.

[20.Nxc6 Qa4 21.Bxf5 Rxf5±]

20...exf5



21.Rg5

[21.Nxc6?! Qa4 22.Kb1 Rc8±]

21...Rh7 22.Rxf5

[22.Nxc6 Qa4 23.Kb1 Rc8±]

22...Ne4 23.Rg1 Against Ng3

[Not 23.Nxc6 Qa4 24.Kb1 Rc8 25.Rxf8+ Kxf8±]

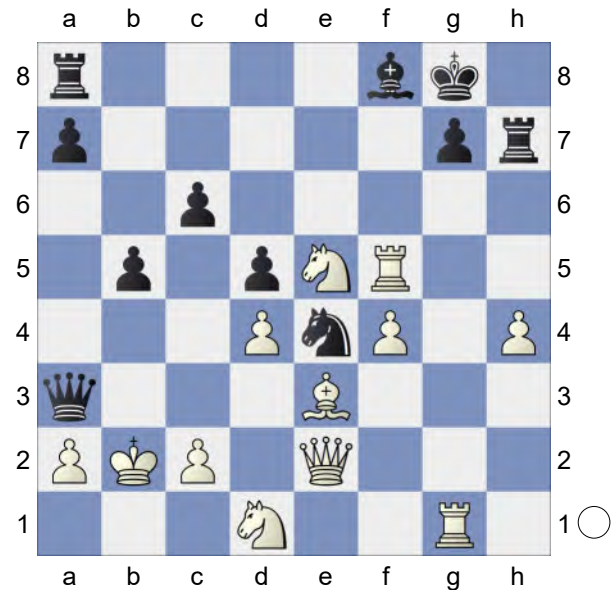
23...Qa4 24.Kb1 Qg4 is the strong threat. **24...Nxb2?** 4.67/19

[24...Ba3 2.16/18 25.Rh5 (25.bxa3 Nxa3+ 26.Kc1 Nc4+-; 25.Nxc6 Nxb2 26.Ne7+ Bxe7±) 25...Qb4 26.Nxc4 bxc4]

25.Kxb2

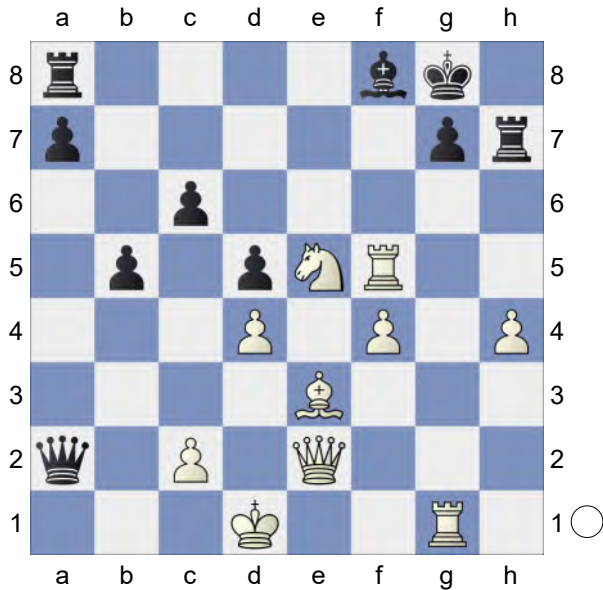
[Less strong is 25.Rxf8+ Kxf8 26.Kxb2 Kg8+-]

25...Qa3+



26.Ka1 Nc3 27.Nxc3 Qxc3+ 28.Kb1 aiming for Bd2. **28...Qb4+ 29.Kc1** **Qa3+ 30.Kd1 Qxa2**

(Diagram)

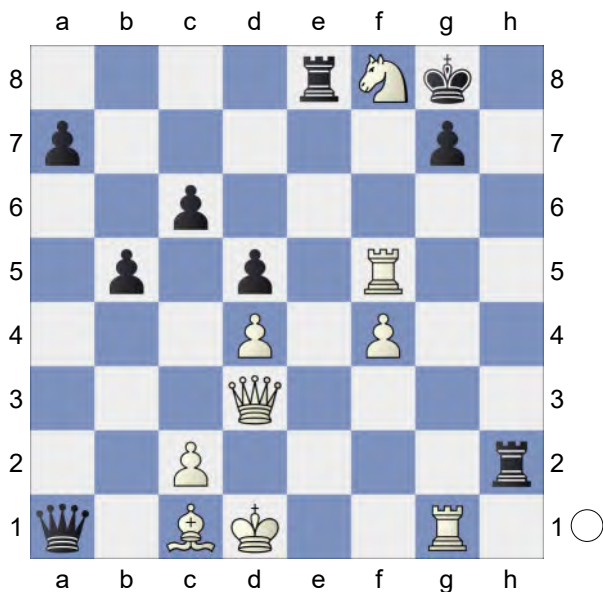


White must now prevent ...Qa1+. **31.Qd3** 4.69/17

[Δ31.Qg4 #11/17 Qb1+ 32.Bc1 Qxc1+ 33.Kxc1 Ba3+ 34.Kb1 Re8 35.Qg6 Re7 36.Nxc6 Re2 37.Qf7+ Kh8 38.Qf8+!! Bxf8 39.Rxf8#]

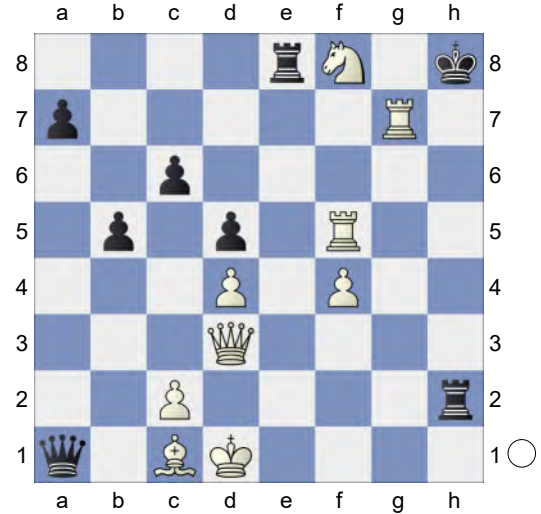
31...Rxxh4 32.Ng6 Rh2 33.Nxf8 Intending Rxg7+! and mate. **33...Qa1+** 13.89/5

[Δ33...Qc4 5.11/18 34.Qxc4 bxc4] **34.Bc1** Rxg7+! would kill now. **34...Re8**



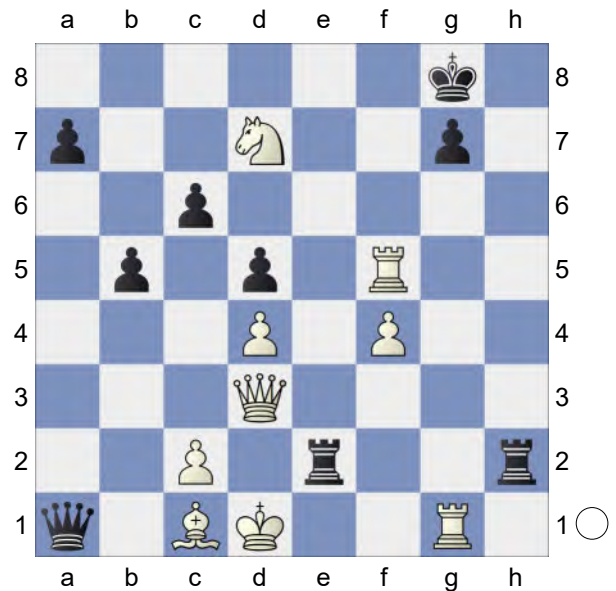
35.Nd7 12.94/20

[Δ35.Rxg7+!! #5/21 Kh8



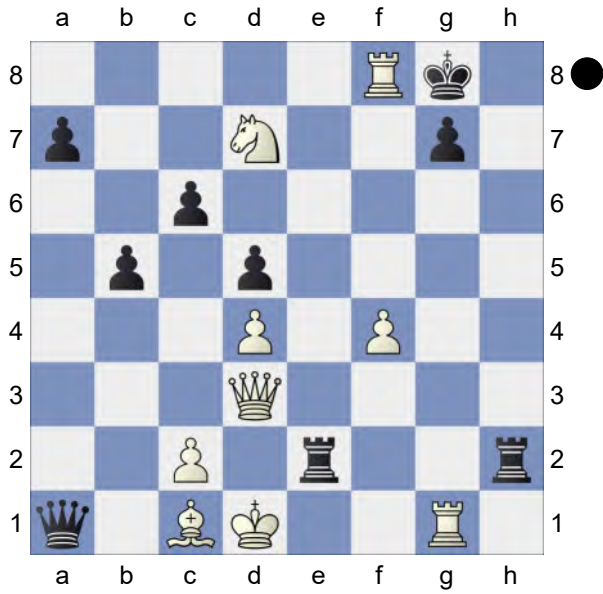
36.Rg8+!! Kxg8 37.Qg3+ Kh8
38.Qxh2+ Kg8 39.Qh7#]

35...Ree2



36.Rf8#

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/
Black=0.91
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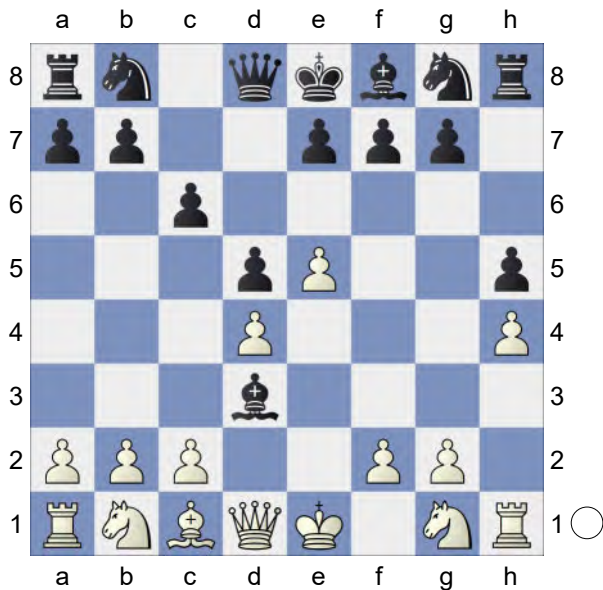
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3

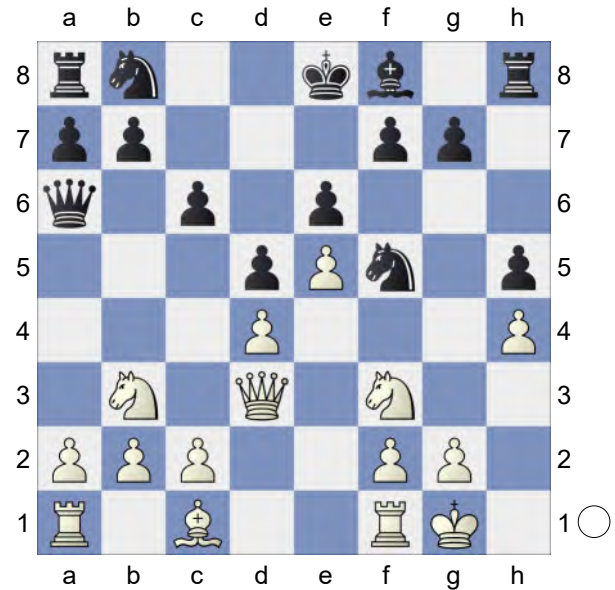


6.Qxd3

[6.cxd3 e6=]

6...Qa5+ 7.Nd2 Black must now prevent
e6! 7...e6 8.Ngf3 White is slightly
better. 8...Nh6 9.0-0 Nf5 10.Nb3 Qa6

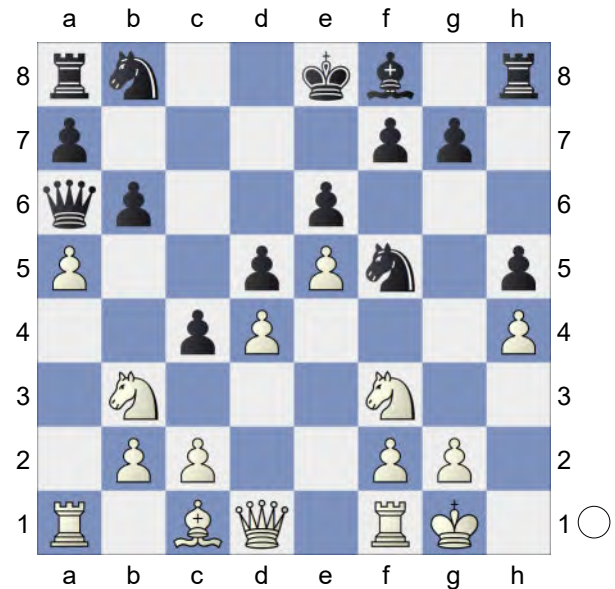
(Diagram)



11.Qd1 b6 12.a4

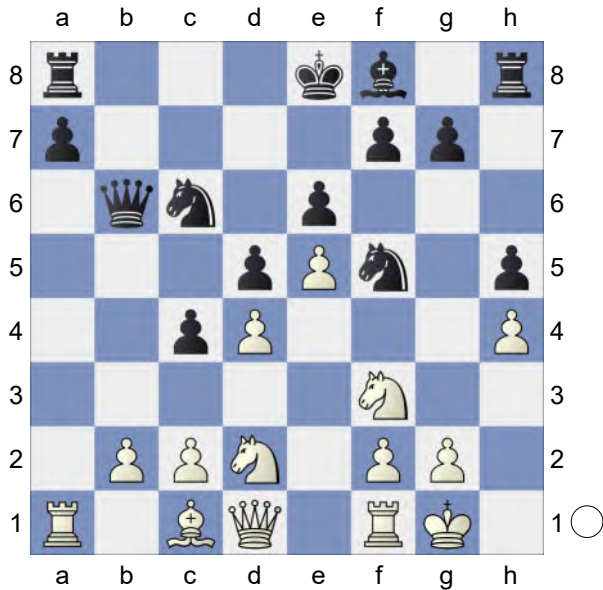
[12.Bg5 is more complex. c5 13.dxc5
Bxc5 14.Re1]

12...c5 13.a5 c4

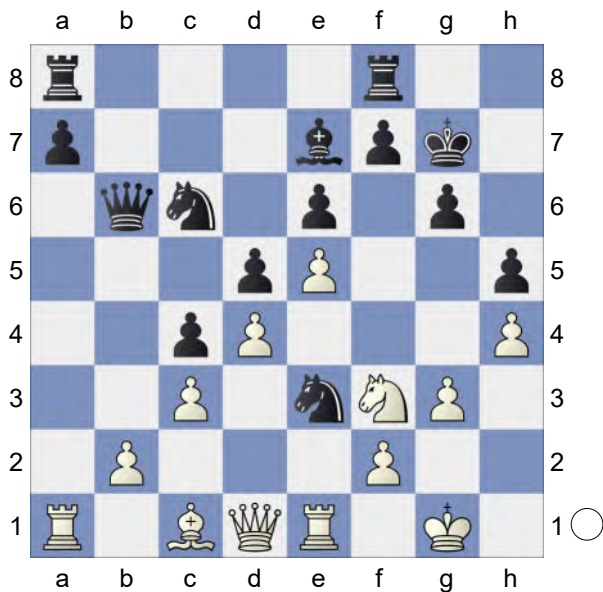


14.axb6! Qxb6 15.Nbd2 Nc6

(Diagram)



16.c3 Be7 17.g3 0-0 18.Re1 g6
19.Nf1 Kg7 20.Ne3 Nxe3



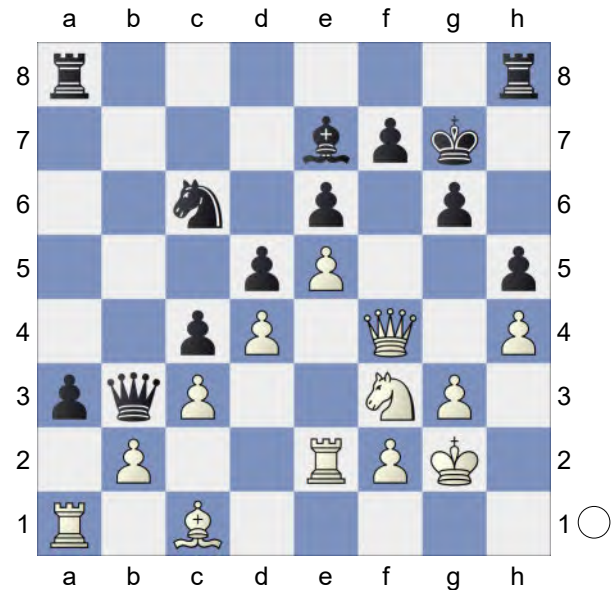
21.Rxe3N

[21.fxe3 Na5 22.e4 Nb3 23.Rb1
Nxc1 24.Qxc1 a5 25.Ng5 a4 26.Qf4
Rab8 27.g4 hxg4 28.Rf1 a3 29.h5
gxh5 30.Nxf7 Kg8 31.exd5 exd5
32.Qf5 Kg7 33.e6 Qc7 34.Rf4 Bh4
35.Rbf1 Rxf7 Shirov,A (2660)-Dautov,
R (2575) Baden-Baden 2024
Mega2024 Update 33 [MH] 1-0 (36)]

21...a5 22.Re2 Qb3 23.Qd2
Qh6+ is the strong threat. 23...Rh8

Inhibits Qh6+. 24.Qf4 a4 25.Kg2 a3
0.52/21

[25...Qd1= 0.09/21 26.Qh6+
(26.Re1 Qc2=) 26...Kg8]



26.Ng5? -1.21/21

[26.Rxa3!± 0.52/21 was forced to
keep a grip. Bxa3 27.bxa3 Qxc3
28.Ng5]

26...Bxg5 27.Qxg5 a2 Active counter
play! 28.Qf6+ Kg8 29.Bg5 Qb7
-0.34/21

[Black should try 29...Rh7 29...Rh7
30.f3 Qa4]

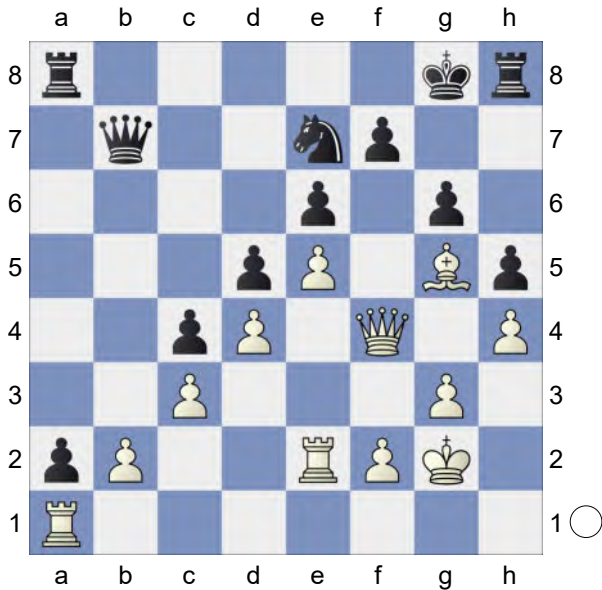
30.Qf4 -0.90/22

[30.f3 30.f3 -0.34/21]

30...Ne7 -0.29/25

[30...Qb5 30...Qb5 -0.90/22 Hoping for ...
Qa4. 31.Bf6 Rh7]

(Diagram)



31.Bf6 Rh7 32.Qd2 Nf5 33.Ree1 Kf8
34.f3 -0.70/25

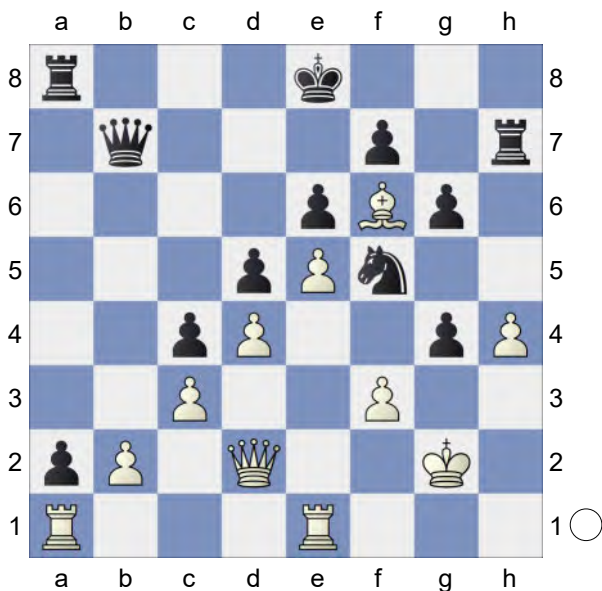
[34.Re2= -0.28/31 is superior.]

34...Ke8 -0.28/24

[Better is 34...Ne7 ♞ -0.70/25]

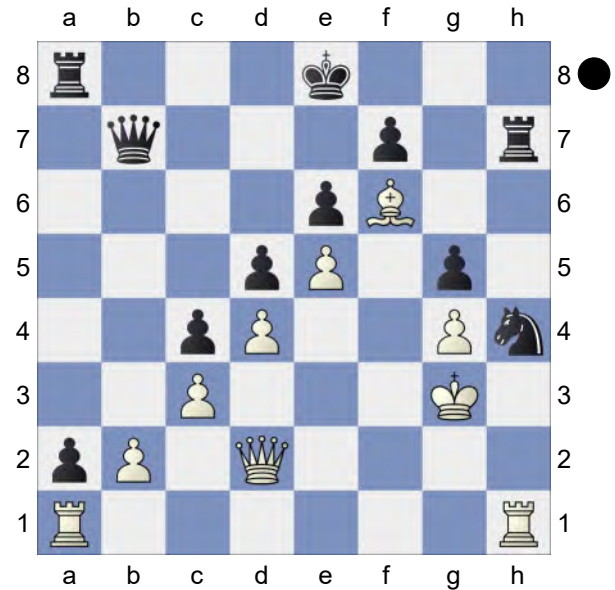
35.g4 hxg4 -0.08/18

[35...Ne7 ♞ -0.49/19
is more appropriate.]

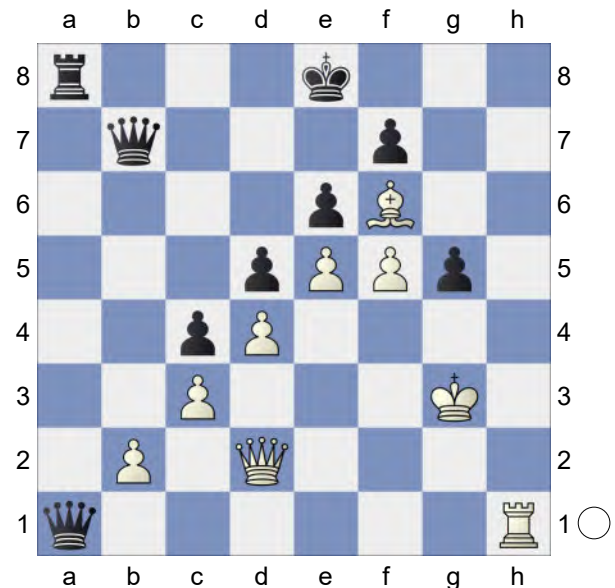


36.fxg4= Nxh4+ 37.Kg3 g5
next ...Ng6 is good for Black. 38.Rh1

(Diagram)

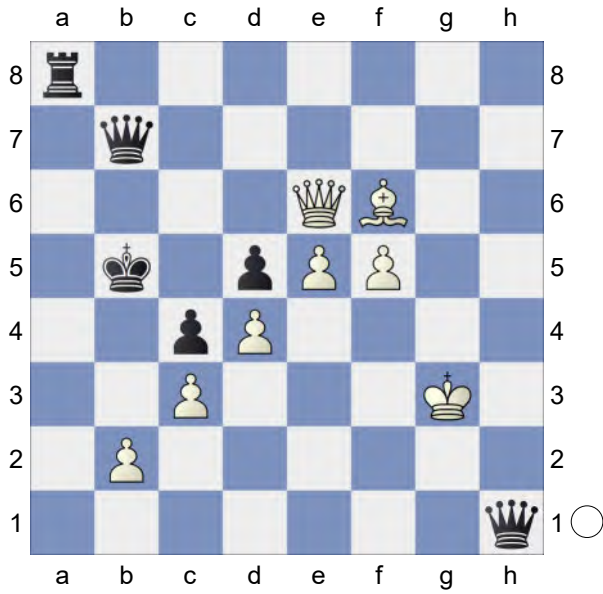


aiming for Rh2. 38...Nf5+! 39.gxf5
Rhx1 Really sharp! 40.Rhx1 Strongly
threatening fxe6. 40...a1Q
[Don't take 40...exf5 41.Ra1±
(41.Qxg5 Kd7=)]



41.Qxg5? -12.56/19 Now White is
beyond hope. 41...Qxh1-+ Black is
clearly winning. 42.Qg8+ Kd7 43.Qxf7+
Kc6 44.Qxe6+ Kb5

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/
Black=0.11 (very precise)

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■ Donchenko, Alexander

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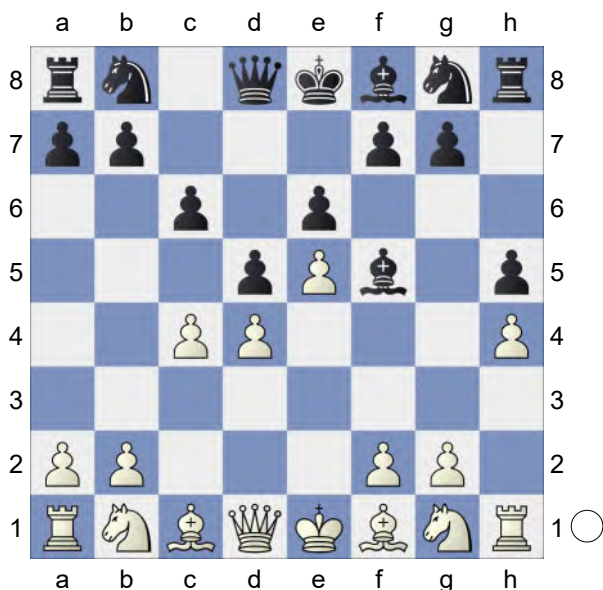
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On the one hand I was plagued by doubt as to whether I should actually try and tackle this game, because there is just such an awful lot to talk about. On the other hand, I suspect it is not the last time we have occasion to cover 11.a4 and so this represents, on some level, the first iteration of an undoubtedly protracted and iterative process. 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.c4 e6



6.Nc3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 Nd7 8.Nge2 Be7!

9.Nf4N -0.16/21 9.g3 is setting a new trend. Exploring less charted territory. 9.g3 setzt einen neuen Trend. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.

[9.g3 0.21/22

A) 9...Nh6 10.Bf4 Qb6 11.Qd2 (11.0-0 Bg6 12.Be3 Ng4 13.Nf4 Bf5 14.Bd3 g6 15.Rc1 Rd8

16.Qe2 Bxd3 17.Nxd3 Qa6 18.Rfd1 Nh6 19.Bxh6 Rxh6 20.Ne4 Rh8 21.a3 Kf8 22.Qf3 Kg7 23.Ndc5 Qb6 24.b4 Rhf8 25.Qc3 Kh7 ½-½ (50) Ragger, M (2632)-Haba, P (2451) AUT-chT 2223 2022 (7.2) 11...Qb4 12.Bb3 Rd8 13.Rd1 Nb6 14.Bg5 Ng4 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Qf4 Qb4 17.0-0 a5 18.Qc1 Nh6 19.Bc2 Bxc2 20.Qxc2 Nf5 21.a3 Qe7 22.Ne4 0-0 23.Rd3 Nd5 1-0 (41) Martirosyan, H (2656)-Kukhmazov, A (2480) Qatar Masters Open 2024 (3. 12);

B) 9...b5 10.Bb3 b4 11.Na4 Nh6 12.Bxh6 (12.0-0 g5 13.hxg5 Bxg5 14.Bxg5 Qxg5 15.Qc1 Qxc1 16.Raxc1 h4 Chapter Advance Variation-Caro-Kann Advance 4.h4 h5 5.c) 12...Rxh6 13.Rc1 (13.Bc2 c5 14.Bxf5 exf5 15.f4 cxd4 16.Nxd4 Nb6 17.Nxf5 Qxd1+ 18.Rxd1 Nxa4 19.Nxh6 gxh6 20.Rh2 Nc5 21.Rc2 Ne4 22.f5 b3 23.axb3 Bb4+ 24.Ke2 Nxg3+ 25.Kf3 Nxf5 Chapter 2: Advance Variation -Caro-Kann Advance 4.h4 h5 5.c) 13...Be4 14.0-0 Bxh4 15.f3 Rg6 16.fxe4 Bxg3 17.Rf3 Bxe5+ 18.Kf2 Qh4+ 19.Ke3 Rg4 Chapter 2: Advance Variation -Caro-Kann Advance 4.h4 h5 5.c]

[9.Ng3 Bg6 10.Nce4 (10.Be2 Qb6 11.a4 a5 12.Be3 Rd8 13.0-0 Qb4 14.Ra3 Nc5 15.Bxh5 Qxb2 16.Ra2 Qxc3 17.Bxg6 fxg6 18.Qg4 g5 19.dxc5 Qb3 20.Qe2 gxh4 21.Ne4 h3 22.g3 Qd5 23.Bf4 Bxc5 ½-½ (50) Karthikeyan, M (2611)-Maghsoodloo, P (2707) Qatar Masters 2023 (6.5) 10...Nh6 11.Bg5 Qa5+ 12.Kf1 Rd8 (12...Qb4 13.Rc1 Bxe4

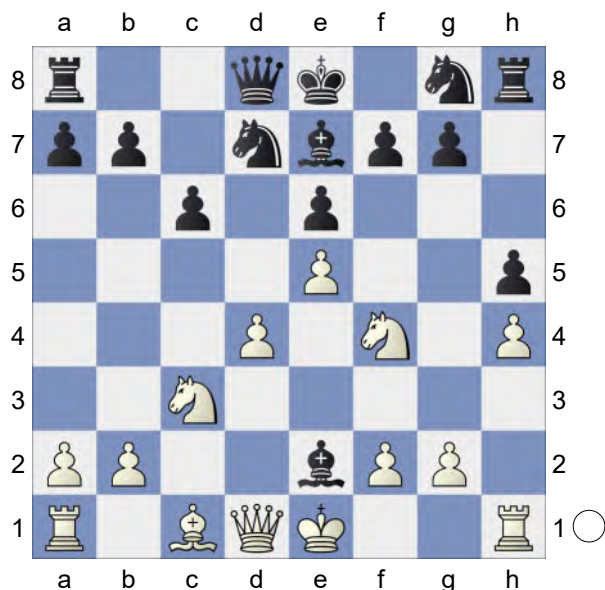
14.Nxe4 Nf5 15.Rh3 Qxb2 16.Bxe7 Kxe7 17.Nd6 Nxd4 18.Rd3 Qe2+ 19.Qxe2 Nxe2 20.Kxe2 Nxe5 21.Rd2 b6 22.f4 Nxc4 23.Nxc4 f6 24.Nd6 c5 25.Rcd1 Rhd8 26.a4 Rab8 27.f5 Bxc6 Bxc6 (2504)-Ulman, P (2319) Podgorica 2023 CB on-line [John Watson] ½-½ (66)) 13.Qb3 Nb6 14.Bxe7 Kxe7 15.Nd6 Ng4 16.Be2 Rd7 17.Bxg4 hxg4 18.h5 Bh7 19.Qe3 Rg8 20.Qg5+ Kf8 21.Qxg4 Qd5 22.h6 Nc4 23.Nxc4 Qxc4+ Bd7 (2660)-Taimanov With Nb5 (2474) URS 2020 200 Traps In The Opening [Volber,Uwe] 1-0 (35)]

9...Bg4 0.39/21

[9...Qb6= -0.16/21]

[9...g6= -0.14/23]

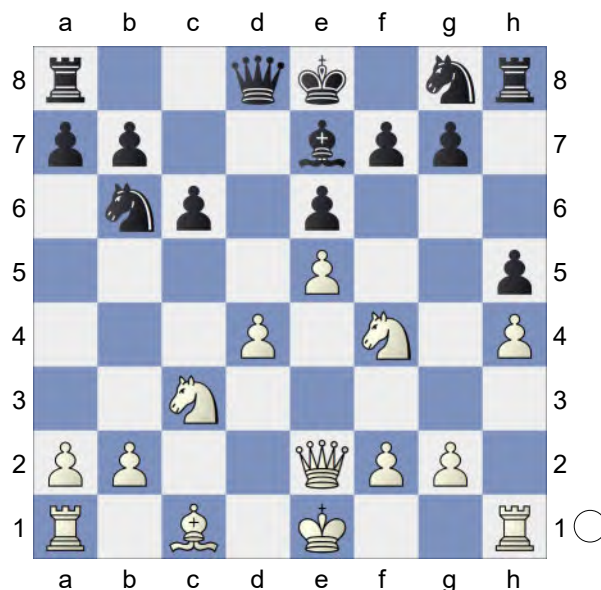
10.Be2± Bxe2



White is slightly better. **11.Qxe2 Nb6N 0.77/20**

[Vorgänger: 11...g6 12.Qc2 -0.07/24 (White should play 12.Nd3± 0.51/22) 12...Nh6!= 13.Be3 Nf5! 14.g3 Nb6 ...Nc4 is the strong threat. Threatens to win with ...Nc4! 15.0-0-0 Nd5 16.Rhe1 -0.59/19 (16.Ncxd5= -0.19/23 might be stronger. cxd5

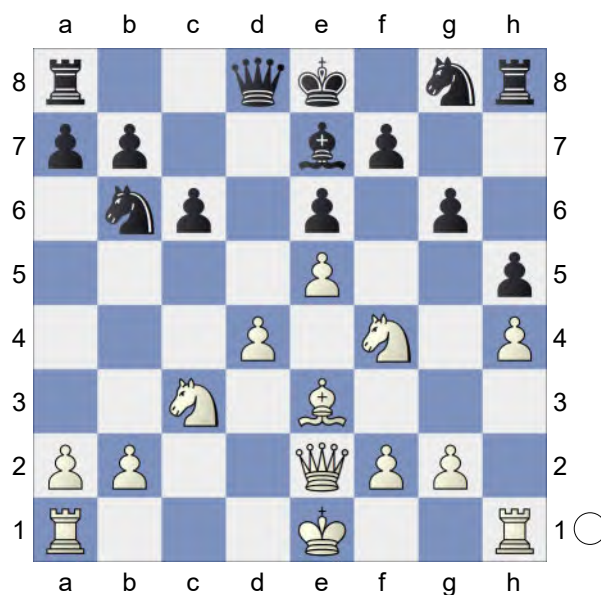
17.Rd3) 16...Kf8 -0.19/23 (16...Qa5± -0.59/19 was preferable.) 17.Kb1= Kg7 1-0 Remizov,Y (2437)-Murzin,V (2633) RUS-chT Blitz 2023 (4.21)] [11...g6± 0.42/23]



12.Be3±

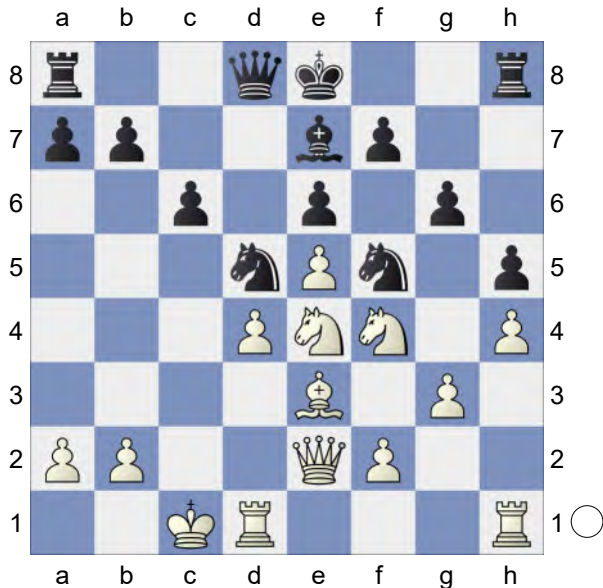
[Much weaker is Reject 12.Nxh5 g6 (12...Qxd4 13.Nxg7+ Kf8±) 13.Ng3 (13.Ng7+ Kf8±) 13...Qxd4±]

12...g6!



13.Ne4 0.00/25 &Bianco is more active. White is more active.

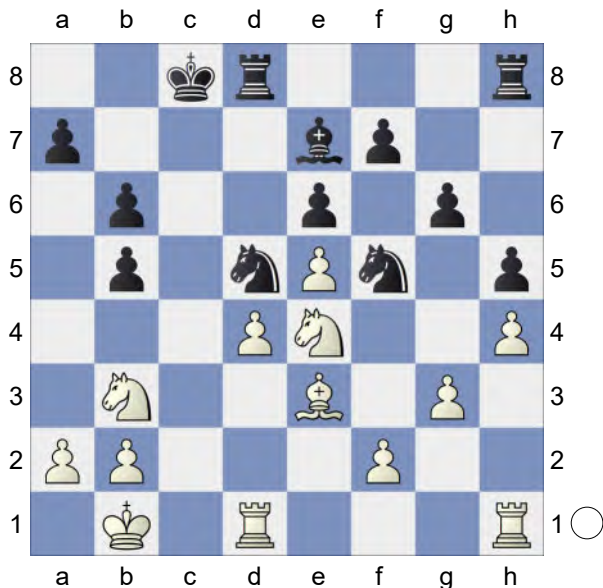
[White should try 13.Qd3!± 0.81/22]
 13...Nh6= 14.0-0-0 Nf5 15.g3 Nd5



16.Kb1 Qa5 0.29/23

[16...Qb6 -0.10/23]

17.Nd3 0-0-0 18.Ndc5 b6 19.Nb3
 Qb5 20.Qxb5 cxb5



21.Bg5

[21.Rd3 looks sharper. Nb4 22.Rc3+ Kb7 23.a3]

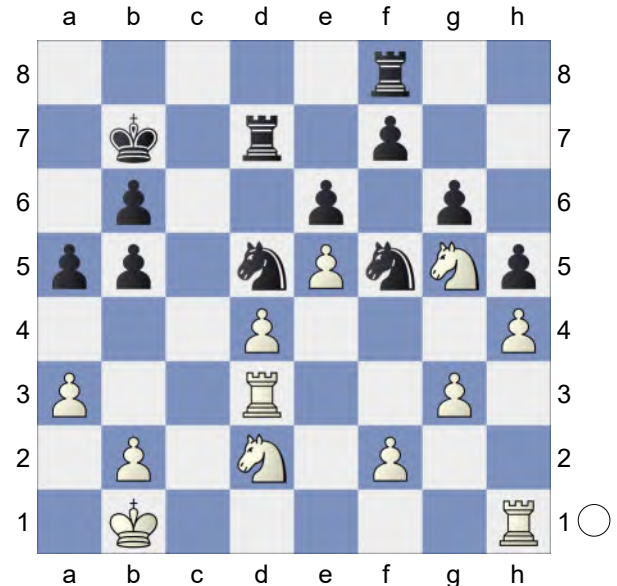
21...Kb7 22.Rd3 Bxg5

[22...Nb4 keeps more tension. 23.Rc3 Bxg5 24.Nxg5 Rd7]

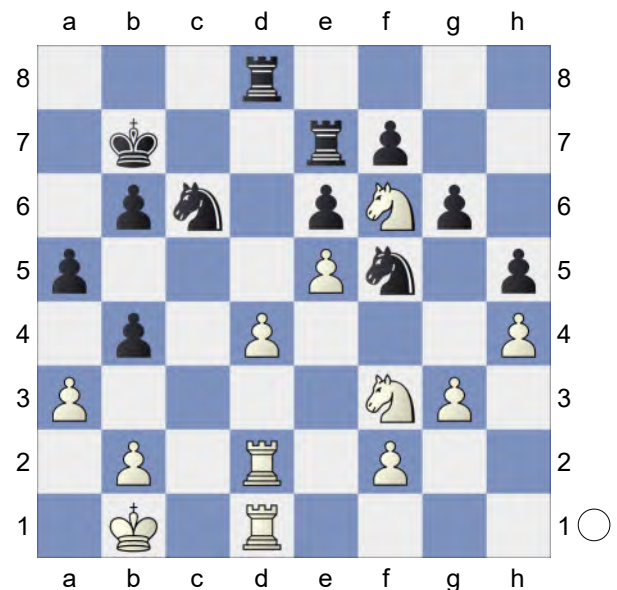
23.Nxg5 Rd7

[23...Nb4 is interesting. feels hotter.
 24.Rc3 Rd7 25.Rhc1 Rhd8
 (25...Nd5)]

24.a3 a5 25.Nd2 Rf8



26.Nde4 Nde7 27.Rhd1 Nc6 28.Nf3
 Rfd8 29.Nf6 Strongly threatening d5.
 29...Re7 30.R3d2 b4



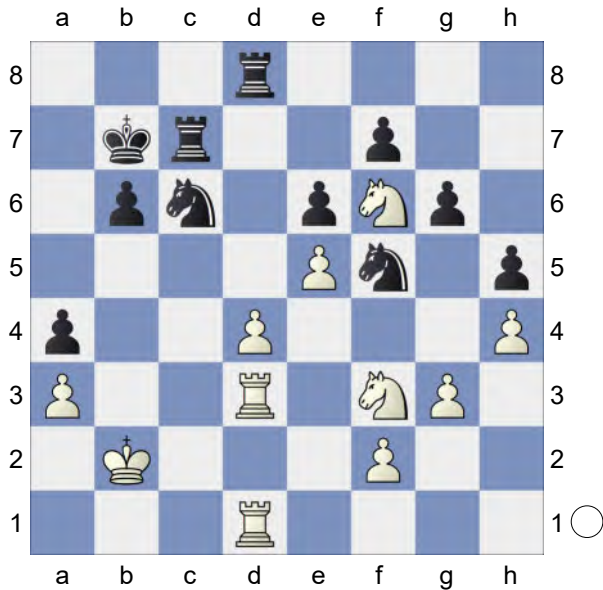
31.Rd3 bxa3 32.bxa3 Rc7 33.Kb2
 Nce7 34.Ng5 -0.38/27

[34.d5= 0.00/26 Nxd5 35.R1d2]

34...Nc6 -0.01/25

[34...Nd5 -0.38/27]

35.Nf3 a4



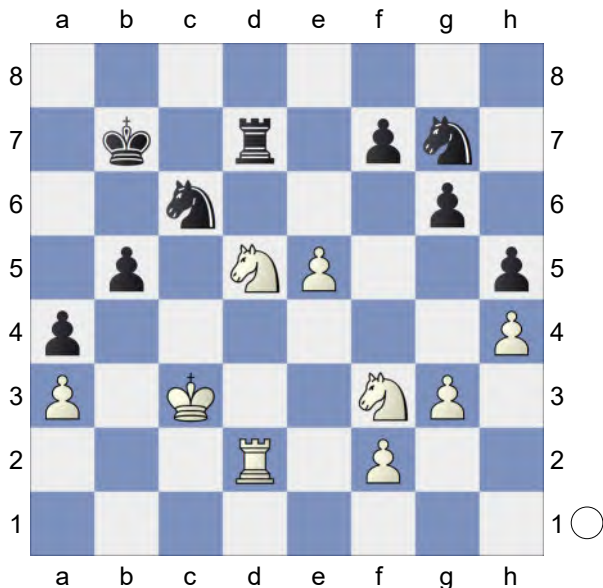
36.d5 exd5 37.Rxd5 Rxd5 38.Nxd5 Rd7 39.Kc3 b5 40.Rd2 -0.63/23

Against Ncd4

[40.Rd3!= -0.08/24 feels stronger.]

40...Ng7 -0.11/26

[Black should try 40...Na5! ̸ -0.63/23 deserves consideration. 41.Rd3 Nc4]

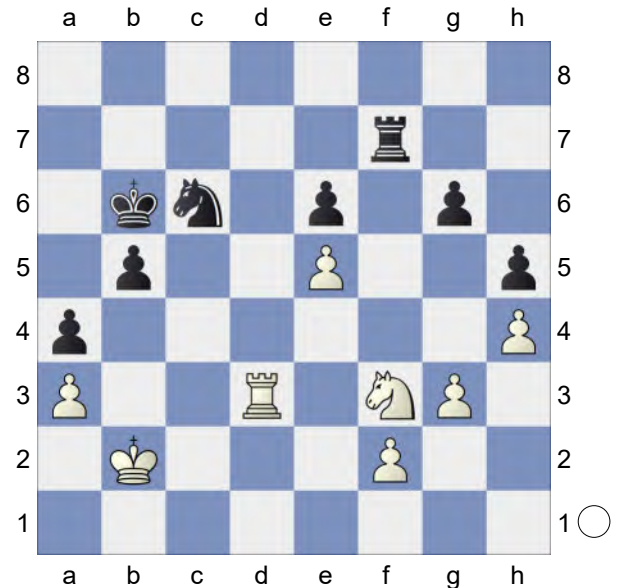


41.Nf4 Rc7 And now ...Nxe5+ would win. **42.Kb2! Ne6 43.Nxe6 fxe6** Endgame KRN-KRN Endgame. KRN-KRN **44.Rd6? -2.01/26**

[44.Re2= -0.19/23 and White is

okay.]

44...Rf7-+ 45.Rd3 Kb6



46.Kc3 Rf5 47.Re3 Kc5? 0.00/38

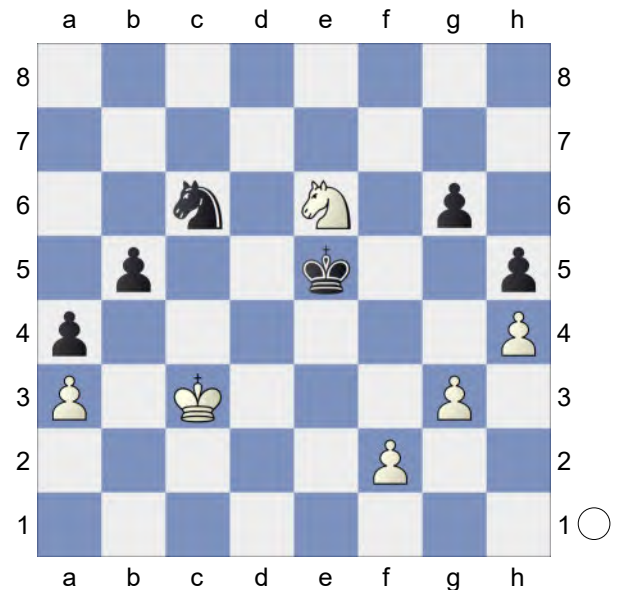
[Better is 47...Ka5-+ -1.64/20 48.Kd2 b4 49.axb4+ Kxb4]

[47...b4+-+ -2.06/22 48.axb4 Kb5]

48.Ng5= aiming for f4. **48...Rxe5**

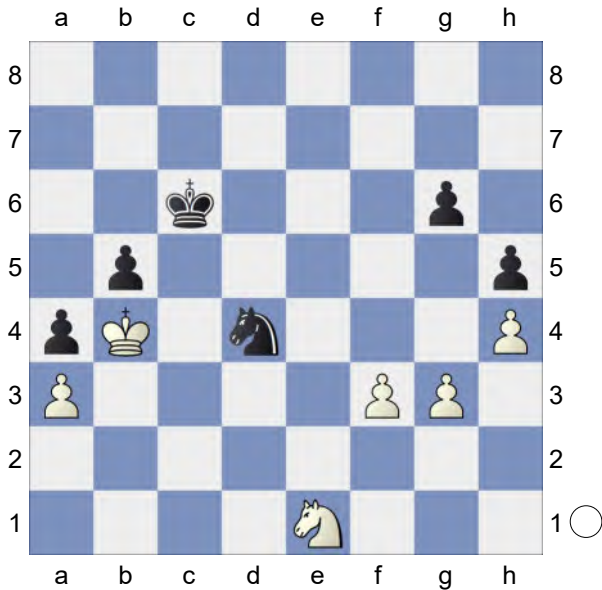
[48...Nxe5 feels hotter. 49.Nxe6+ Kd5 50.Kb4 Kxe6 51.f4 g5]

49.Nxe6+ Kd6 50.Rxe5 Kxe5

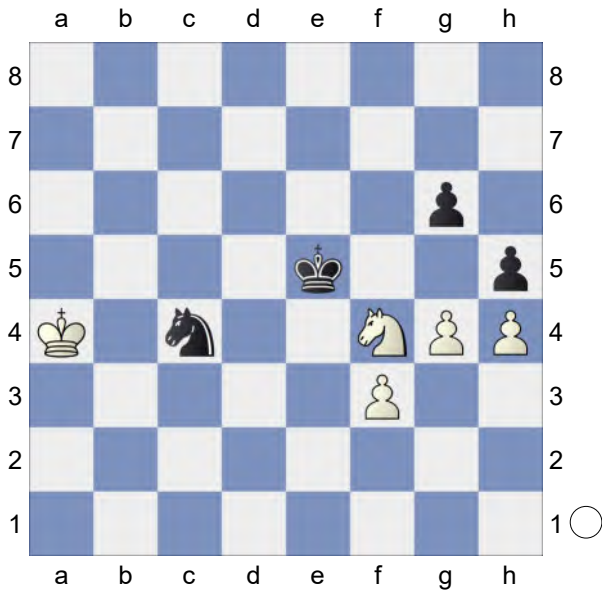


KN-KN **51.Nc5 Kd5 52.Nd3 Ke4** Hoping for ...Kf3. Strongly threatening ...Ne7. **53.Ne1! Kd5 54.f3 Nd4 55.Kb4**

Kc6

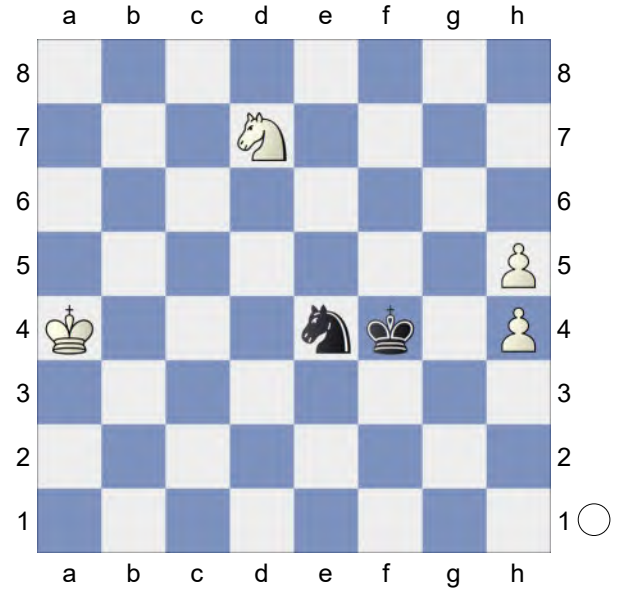


56.g4 Kd5 57.Ng2 Nc2+ 58.Kxb5
Nxa3+ 59.Kxa4 Nc4 60.Nf4+ Ke5

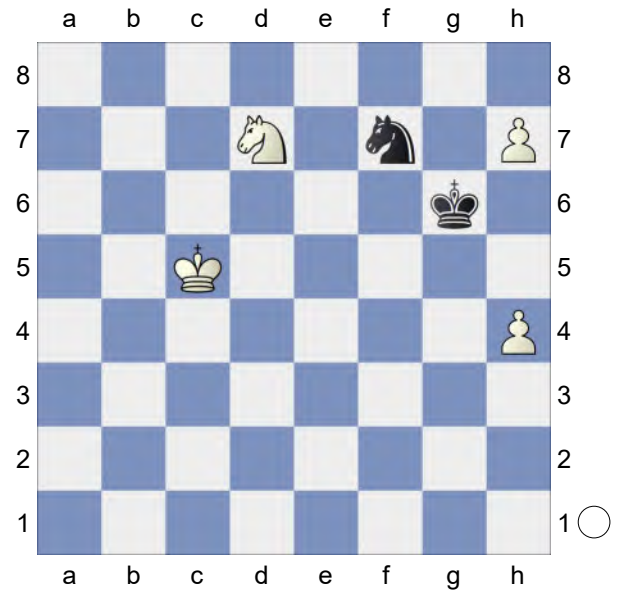


61.Nxg6+ Kf6 62.gxh5 Nd2 63.f4
aiming for Ne5. 63...Ne4 64.Ne5 Kf5
65.Nd7
[65.h6!? Nf6 66.Nd3=]
65...Kxf4

(Diagram)

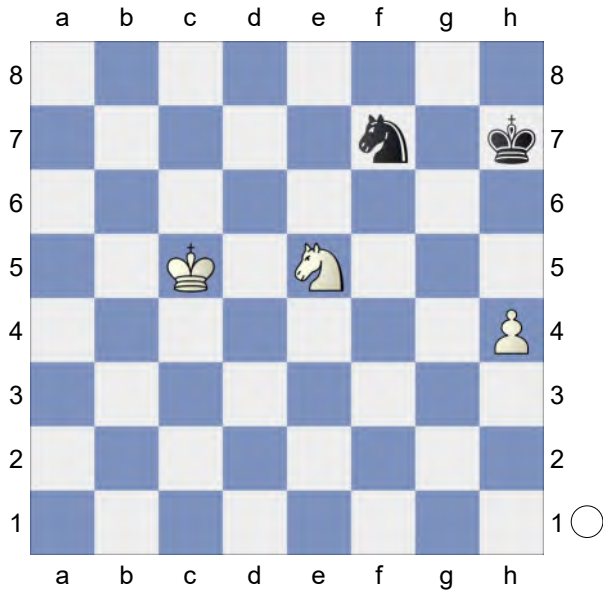


66.h6 Threatens to win with h7. h7
would now be deadly. 66...Nd6! 67.Kb4
Nf7 68.h7 Kf5 69.Kc5 Kg6? 25.34/30
[69...Ke6= 0.00/34]

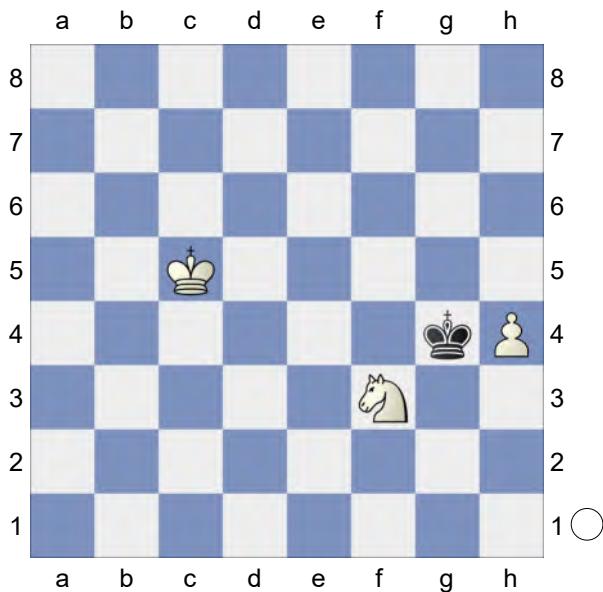


70.Ne5!+- Deflection, Promotion
70...Kxh7
[70...Nxe5 71.h8Q]

(Diagram)

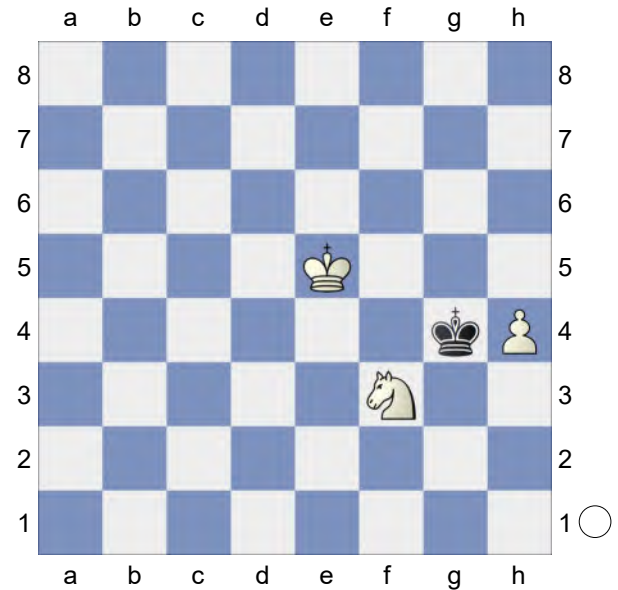


71.Nxf7 White mates. **71...Kg6** **72.Ng5**
Kh5 **73.Nf3** **Kg4**



74.Kd5! **Kh5**
[74...Kf4 75.Ke6]
75.Ke5 **Kg4**

(Diagram)

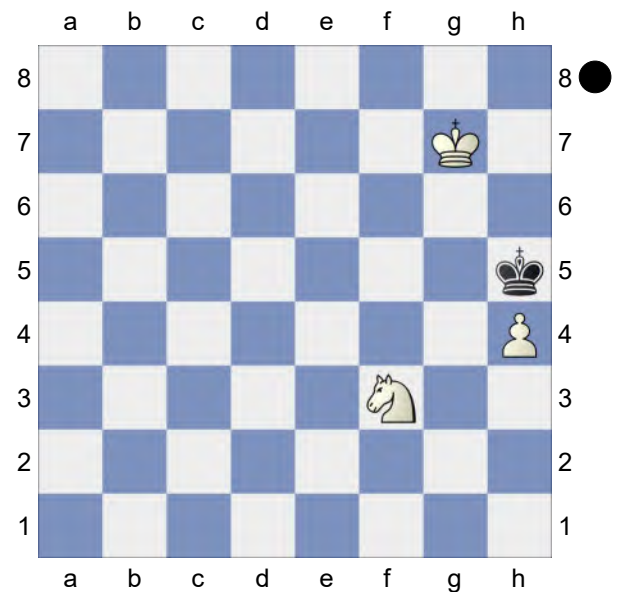


76.Kf6! **Kh5**

[76...Kxf3 77.Kf5]

77.Kg7? 2.66/5

[77.Kf5 #24/22 mates Kh6 78.Kg4
Kg6 79.h5+ Kf6 80.Kf4 Kf7 81.Ne5+
Kg7 82.Kg5]



Quite a comeback for White.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise)

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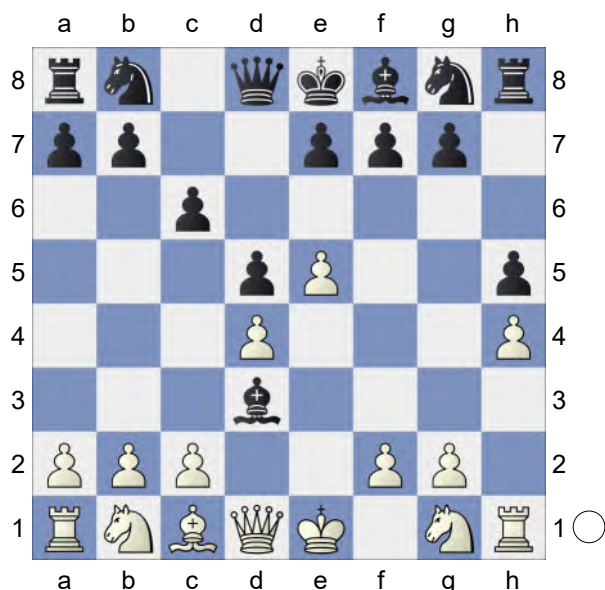
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 ☐ **Nepomniachtchi,I** **2770**
 ■ **Donchenko,Alexa** **2631**
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 Black must now prevent e6!

[Reject 6.cxd3 e6=]

6...Qa5+ 7.b4 0.14/24

[7.Nd2± 0.55/23]

7...Qa6 8.e6 0.01/20

[8.Qf3± 0.36/24]

[8.Qd1 e6 9.c3 Ne7 (9...Qb6
 10.Nd2 a5 11.bxa5 Qxa5 12.Rh3
 Ne7 13.c4 Nf5 14.c5 Qc7 15.Bb2
 Nd7 16.Rb3 Nxb4 17.Kf1 Be7
 18.Rb1 Rxa2 19.Ne2 Nf5 20.Ba3
 Qa5 21.Bb4 Qa8 22.Rh3 g6 23.Nf3
 g5 24.Nc3 Roebbers,E (2361)-
 Donchenko,A (2627) Wijk aan Zee
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 10.Ne2 Nd7 11.a4 Nf5 12.Nd2 Be7
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 16.0-0 a6 17.Bg5 axb5 18.axb5

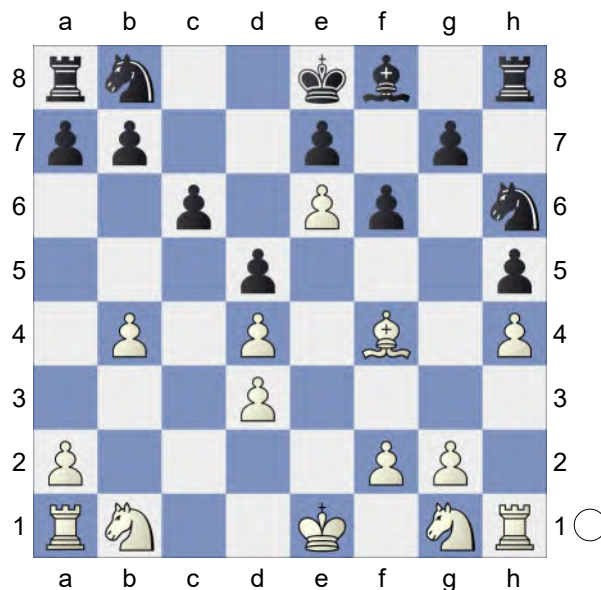
Rxa1 19.Qxa1 0-0 20.Bxe7 Nxe7
 21.Nf4 Ra8 22.Qd1 g6 Kramnik,V
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8...Qxd3= 9.cxd3 f6N 0.57/24

[9...fxe6= 0.08/24 10.Nc3 (10.Nd2
 Nh6 11.Ndf3 Nf5 12.Ne2 Na6
 13.Rb1 g6 14.Nf4 Bg7 15.Nxe6 Bf6
 16.Kd1 Kd7 17.Re1 Nc7 18.Nxc7
 Kxc7 19.Bf4+ Kd7 20.b5 cxb5
 21.Rxb5 b6 22.a4 Rhd8 23.Bg5
 Kc6 Trent,L (2398)-Prohaszka,P
 (2579) Hamburg 153/(45) 2022)
 10...Nd7]

[9...Na6 10.exf7+ Kxf7 11.a3 e6
 12.Nd2 Nh6 13.Ndf3 Bd6 14.Nh3
 Nf5 15.0-0 Nc7 16.Re1 a5
 Mittag,L (2591)-Heigermoser,R (2505)
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10.Bf4 Nh6



11.Nf3 Na6 0.94/22

[11...g6± 0.58/23 feels stronger.]

12.a3 -0.30/27

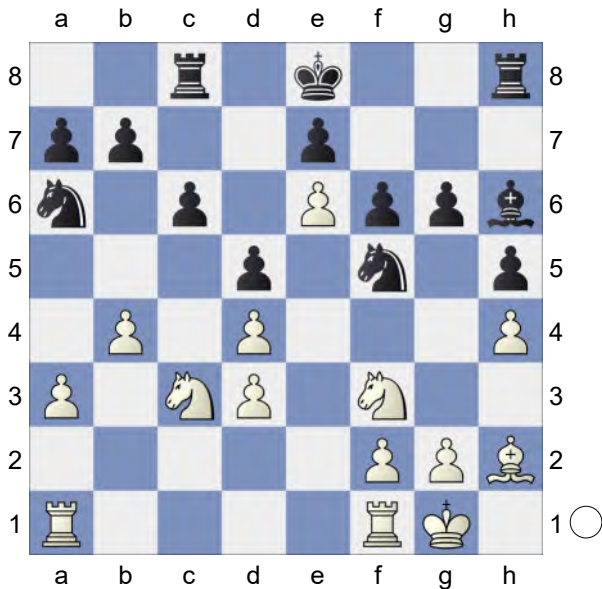
[12.b5± 0.94/22 cxb5 13.Nc3]

12...Nf5 0.31/25

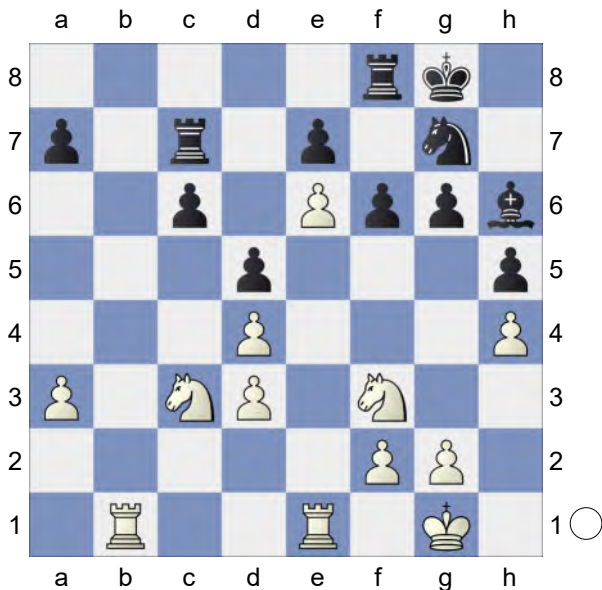
[12...Kd8= -0.30/27]

13.Nc3 -0.39/25

[13.b5!± 0.31/25 cxb5 14.Nc3]
13...g6 0.48/26
 [Black should play 13...Nd6± -0.39/25]
14.0-0 -0.55/25
 [14.b5± 0.48/26 cxb5 15.0-0
 (15.Nxd5 Ng7=)]
14...Bh6± 15.Bh2 Rc8!

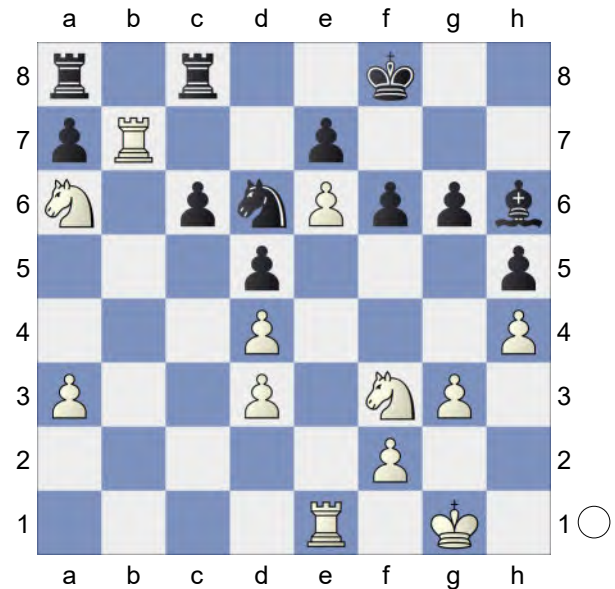


16.b5 Nc7 17.bxc6 bxc6 18.Rfe1 Ng7 -0.08/24
 [18...0-0± -0.85/25]
19.Bxc7= Rxc7 20.Rab1 Intending Rb8+ and mate. 20...0-0

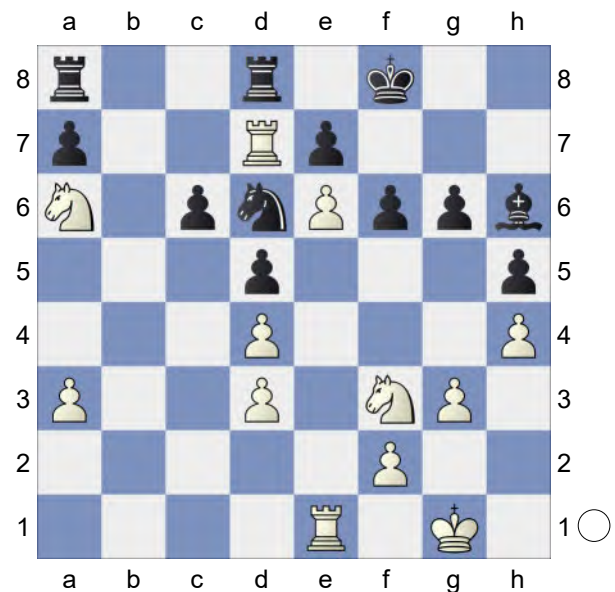


21.Na4 Nf5 22.Nc5 Ra8 0.55/27

[22...Kg7= -0.16/25]
23.Na6↑ White has the initiative.
23...Rcc8 24.Rb7 0.00/24
 [24.g3!± 0.46/28]
24...Kf8 1.31/25
 [24...Bf4= 0.00/24]
25.g3!± Nd6



26.Rd7 Rd8 1.99/27
 [26...Nf5± 1.49/21 keeps fighting.
 27.Rb1 Ng7]



27.Nc5? 0.31/28 Pair of Knights!
 [27.Rb1!+- 1.99/27]

27...Ke8 0.65/24

[27...Rdb8 0.31/28 should be considered.]

28.Rb1 0.32/24

[28.Kh1 0.65/24]

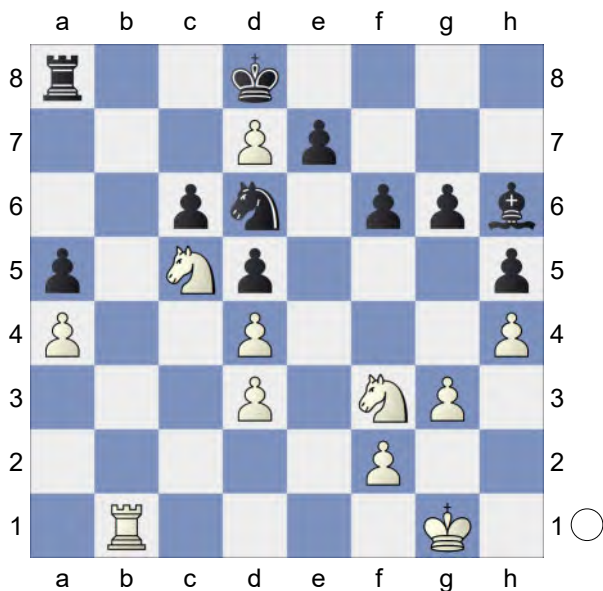
28...Rxd7 1.49/26

[Black should try 28...Rab8± 0.32/24
29.Nb7 Rxd7 30.Nxd6+ Rxd6
31.Rxb8+ Rd8]

29.exd7+

[Much worse is 29.Nxd7?! Kd8=]

29...Kd8 30.a4 Prevents Nb5. 30...a5

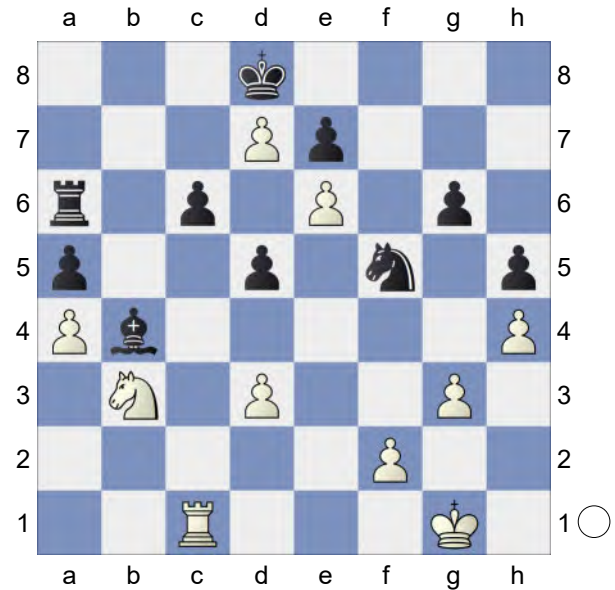


31.Ne5? -2.60/27 Now White is beyond hope. 31...fxe5+ 32.dxe5 Bd2 33.e6? -4.68/24

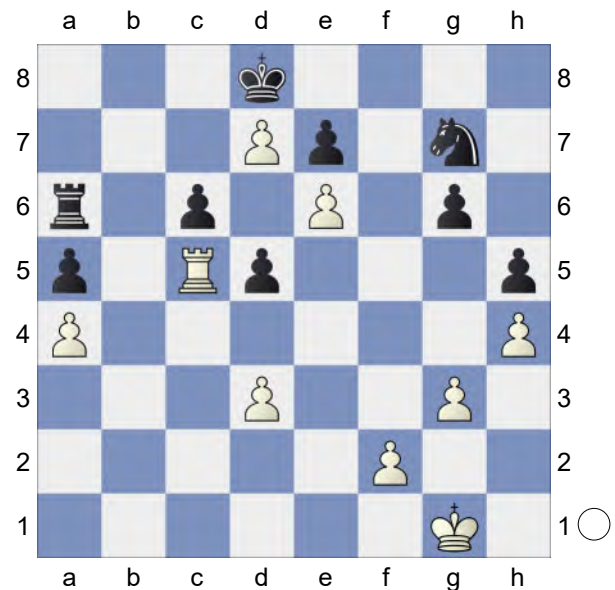
[33.exd6 -2.17/25 might work better.
exd6 34.Nb3]

33...Bb4 Black is clearly winning. **34.Nb3 Nf5** Against Nd4 **35.Rc1 Ra6**

(Diagram)



36.Rb1 Ng7 37.Nc5 And now Nb7+ would win. 37...Rb6 Prevents Nb7+. **38.Rc1 Bxc5 39.Rxc5 Ra6**



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Black=0.35

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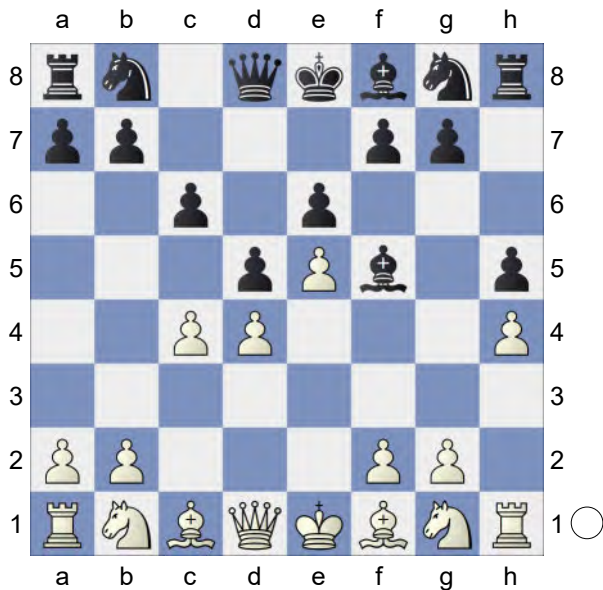
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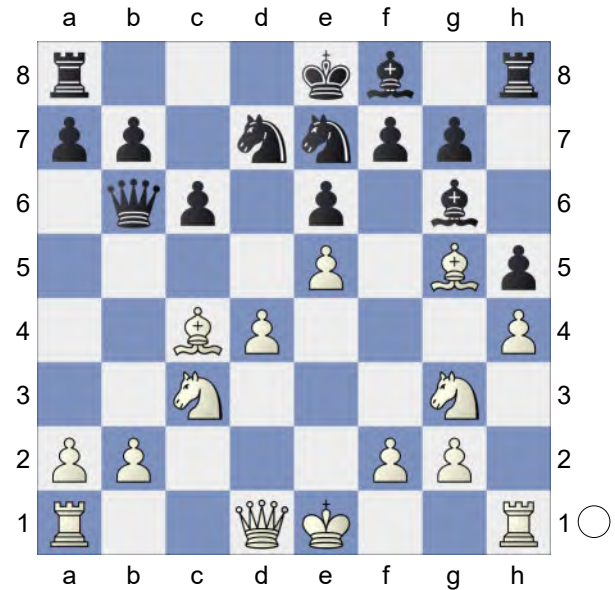
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.c4 e66.Nc3 **dxc4!** is currently scoring better
than 6...Ne7. wohl besser als 6...Se7.

7.Bxc4 Nd7 8.Nge2 Ne7 0.48/20

[8...Be7!= 0.04/19 might be
stronger.]9.Ng3± Bg6 10.Bg5 Strongly
threatening Nge4. 10...Qb6

(Diagram)

White is slightly better. 11.0-0 Nf5
0.97/19[11...0-0-0!= 0.30/20 12.Re1 Qxb2
13.Nge4 Bxe4 14.Nxe4 Nxe5
15.Rb1 Qxd4 16.Qb3 Rd7 17.Red1
Qxe4 18.Rxd7 Qxb1+ 19.Qxb1 Nxd7
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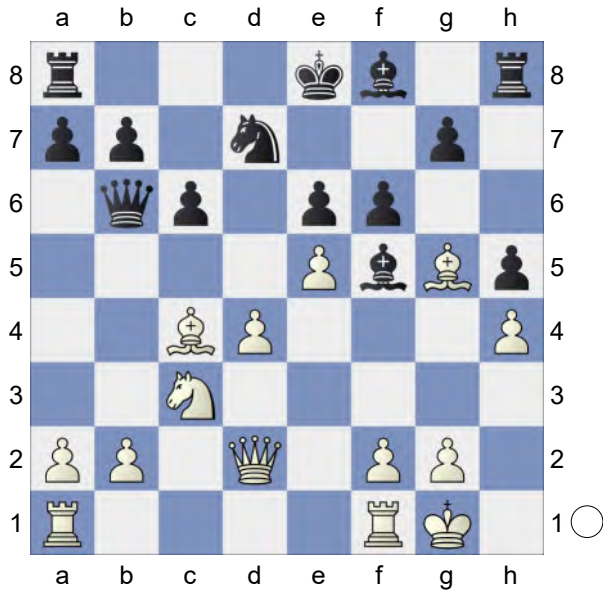
12.Nxf5± Bxf5 13.Qd2 0.61/20

[13.Rc1± 0.98/20]

13...f6N 1.10/19

[13...Qb4± 0.61/20
is more appropriate. 14.Qe2 Nb6][13...Qc7 14.Rac1 Nb6 15.Bb3 Be7
16.Nb5 Qd7 17.Bxe7 Kxe7 18.Qc2
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(Diagram)



14.Be3N 0.68/19

[14.exf6 gxf6 15.Bf4 Threatens to win with Rfe1. Qb4 1.67/21 (15...0-0-0± 1.06/19 was worth a try.) 16.Qe2+- Kf7 17.Rfe1 Qe7 3.24/20 (17...Re8 1.78/17 is a better defense. 18.a3 Qe7) 18.Ne4+- And now Nd6+ would win. Bxe4 19.Qxe4 Re8 20.Qxe6+ 2.50/18 (20.Qd3 4.52/22) 20...Qxe6+- 21.Rxe6 Rxe6 1-0 Sanchez Aller,F (2335)-Dahlgren, J (1894) Sanxenxo Carlos op 5th 2013 (2)]

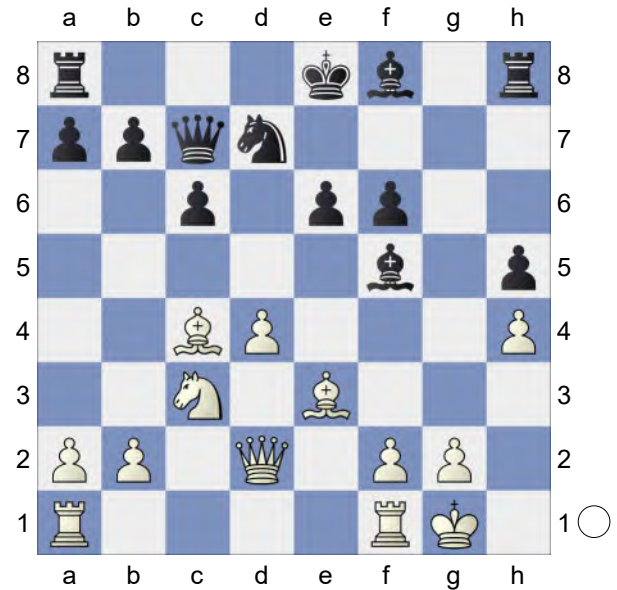
[Better is 14.exf6!± 1.10/19 gxf6 15.Bf4]

14...Qc7 15.exf6 0.57/19 & Bianco is more active.

[White should play 15.Bd3± 0.91/18]

15...gxf6

(Diagram)



16.Rac1 Hoping for Rfe1. 16...Nb6

17.Bd3 -0.10/22

[White should try 17.Bb3± 0.57/21]

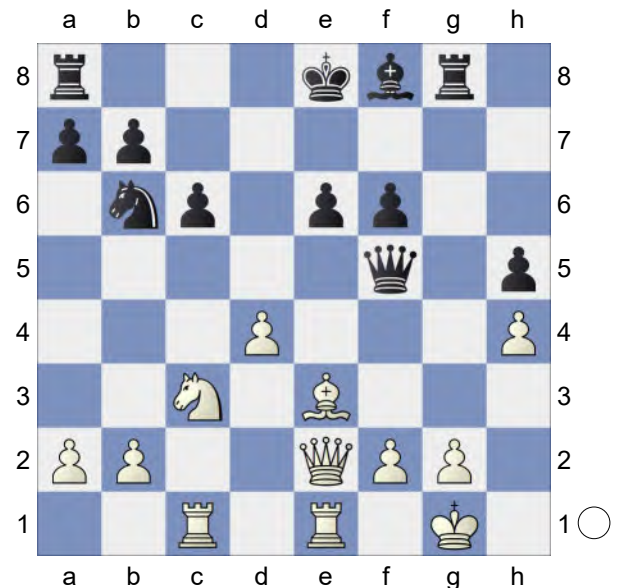
17...Bxd3

[17...Qh7!? 18.Rfd1 0-0-0=]

18.Qxd3 Qh7 19.Qe2

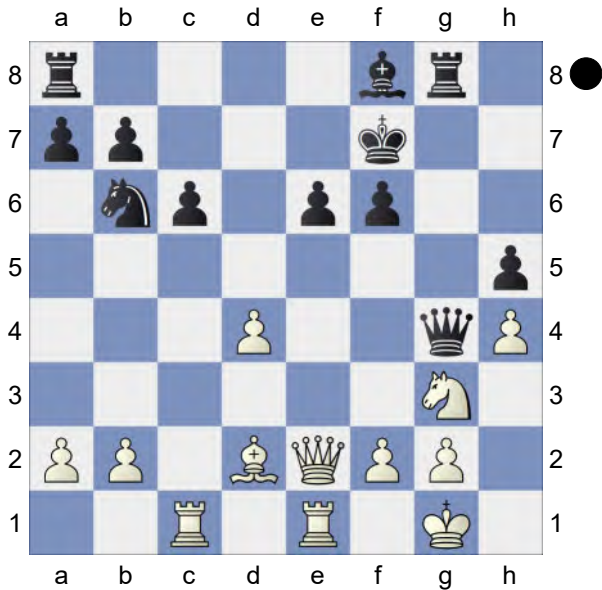
[19.Ne4!? Nd5 20.Bd2=]

19...Qf5 Against d5 20.Rfe1 Rg8



21.Bd2 Kf7! 22.Ne4 Qg4 23.Ng3 -1.08/19

[23.f3= -0.19/22 Qxh4 24.Nd6+ Bxd6 25.Qxe6+ Kg6 26.Qxd6]



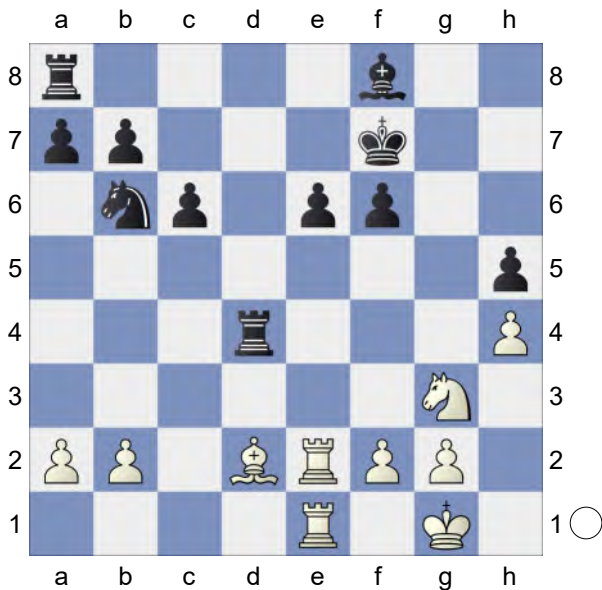
23...Qxe2 -0.31/21

[23...Rd8! -1.08/19 24.Rc3 Qxe2
25.Nxe2 Bb4]

24.Rxe2 Rg4 25.Rce1 -1.51/21

[25.Nxh5= -0.13/22 Rxh4 26.Nf4]

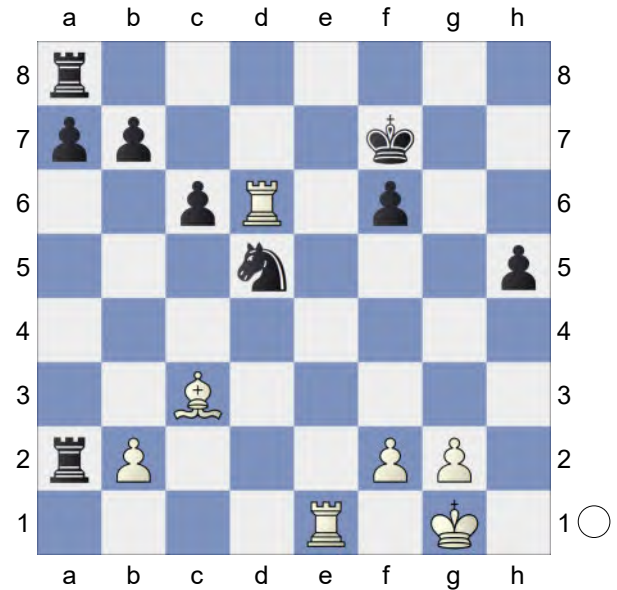
25...Rxd4



26.Bc3 Rxh4 27.Rxe6 Black must now
prevent Nf5. **27...Nd5 28.Nf5 Ra4**
29.Nd6+ Bxd6 30.Rxd6 Rxa2 -0.40/21

[30...Kg6 -1.58/23 aiming for ...a5.
31.Ra1 Re8]

(Diagram)



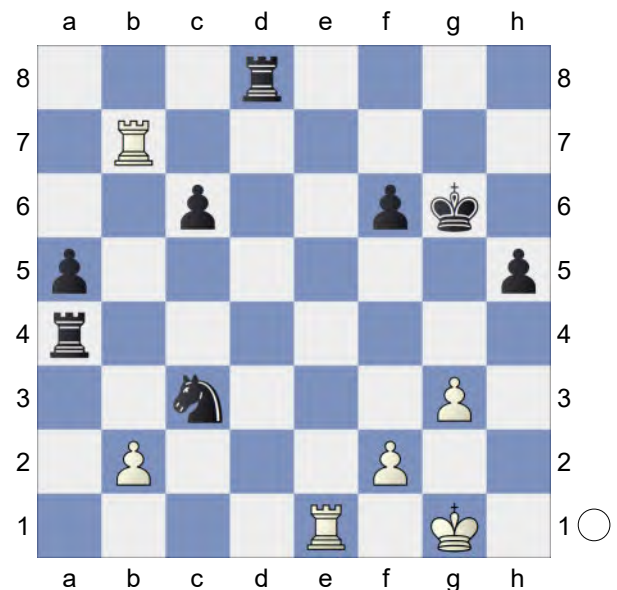
31.Rd7+ Kg6 32.Rxb7 Rd8

[Wrong is 32...Nxc3? 33.bxc3 a5
34.Rbb1+]

33.Bd4 a5 34.g3 Ra4 35.Bc3 -1.04/19

[35.Ba7 -0.56/20 should be
considered.]

35...Nxc3



36.bxc3 Endgame KRR-KRR 36...Ra2
-0.38/23

[36...Rd3 -1.16/21 37.Re8 Rxc3
38.Rg8+ Kf5]

37.Re4 -0.84/25

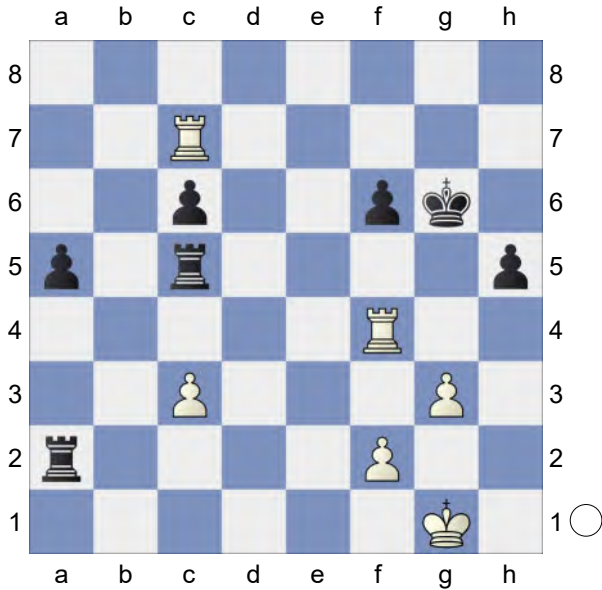
[37.Re3 -0.38/23]

37...Rd5 38.Rf4 Rc5 -0.02/32

[38...Rc2 $\bar{\text{f}}$ -0.58/25]

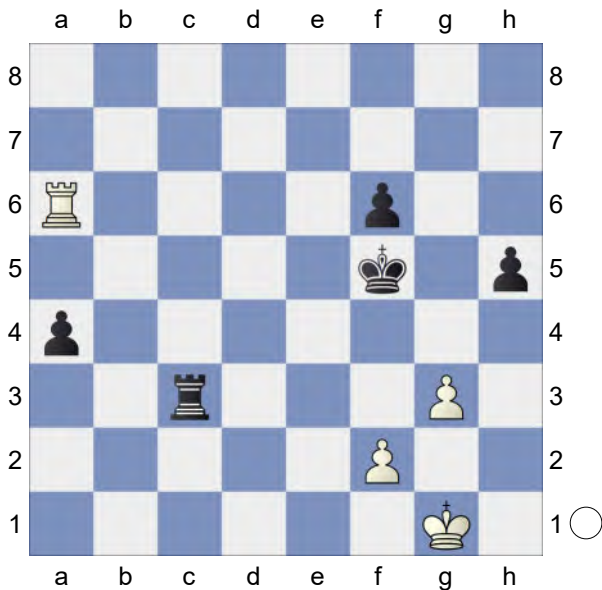
39.Rd7 The position is equal. **39...Rd5**

40.Rc7 Rc5



41.Rd7 Rc2 42.Rd6 Rf5 43.Rxf5 Kxf5

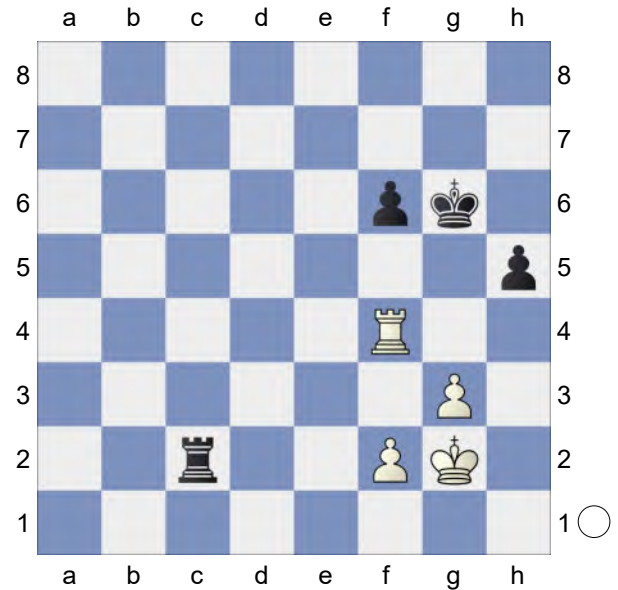
44.Rxc6= KR-KR 44...a4 45.Ra6 Rxc3



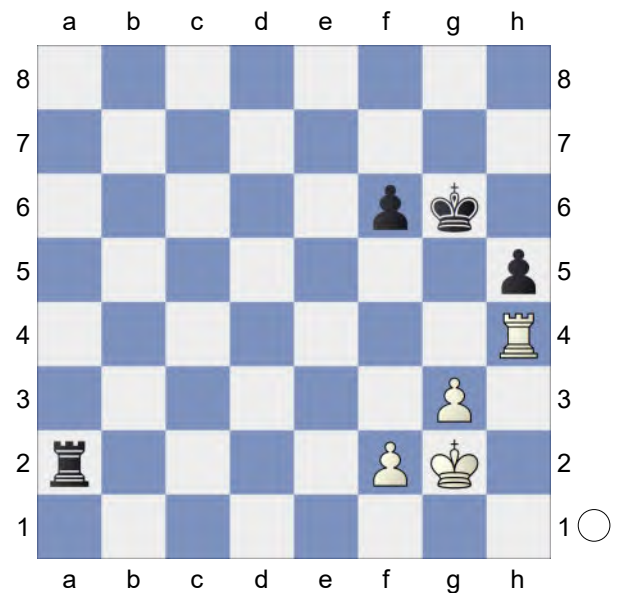
46.Rxa4 Kg6 47.Kg2 Rc2 48.Rf4 Rb2

49.Rh4 Ra2 50.Rf4 Rc2

(Diagram)



51.Rh4 Ra2 52.Rf4 Rc2 53.Rh4 Ra2



Whites escaped into a draw.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.21 (precise)

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■ Tabatabaei,M

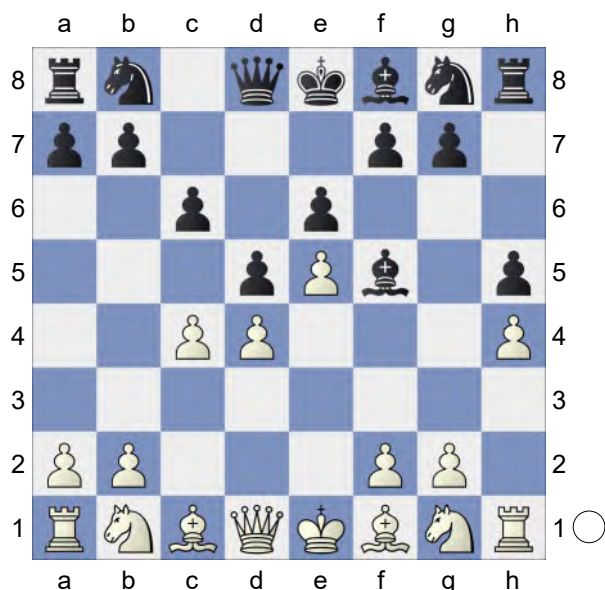
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[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

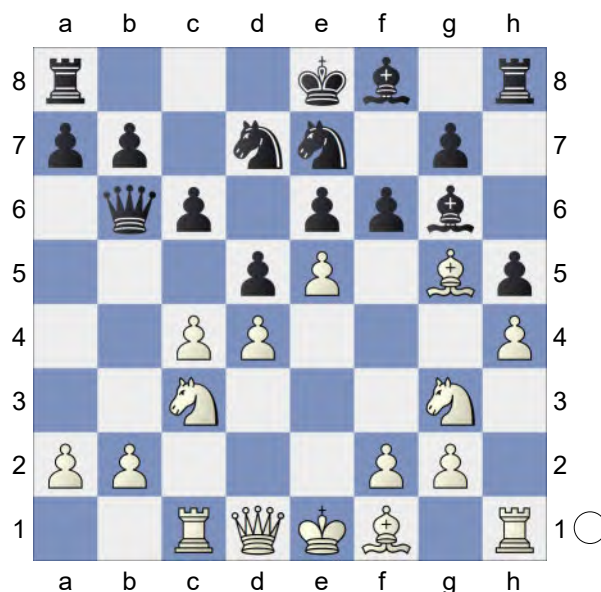
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.c4 e6



6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Nge2 Nd7 8.Ng3 Bg6
9.Bg5 And now cxd5 would win. White is
slightly better. 9...Qb6 10.Rc1 f6
0.36/20

[10...Qxb2= -0.03/21 11.Bd3 dxc4
12.Bxc4 Qb4]

[10...dxc4 11.Bxc4 Nf5 12.0-0 Be7
13.Nxf5 Bxf5 14.Bxe7 Kxe7 15.Qd2
Qd8 16.Nd1 Nb6 17.Ne3 Kf8
18.Nxf5 exf5 19.Bb3 Qxh4 20.Rfe1
Rh6 21.e6 fxe6 22.Bxe6 Re8
23.Bxf5 Rxe1+ 24.Rxe1 Qd8
25.Qd3 Gazi,M (2723)-C 10/12
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Championship 2020 200 Traps In The
Opening [Shkurovich Khazin; Harding]
1-0 (57)]

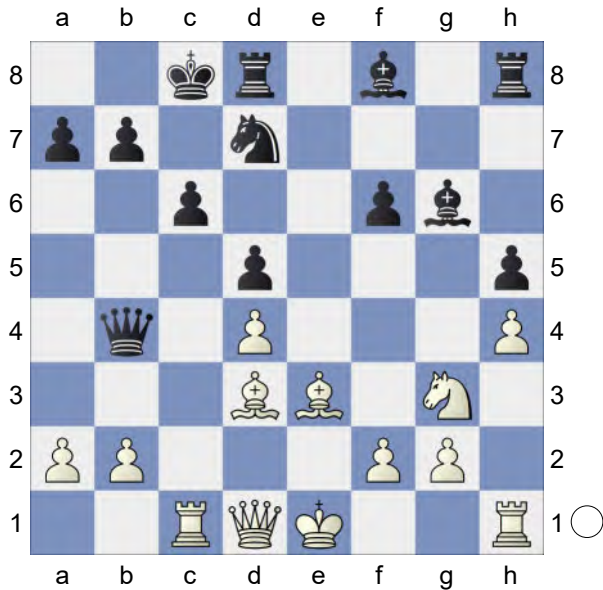


11.exf6!± gxf6 12.Be3 0-0-0 13.cxd5N
[13.Bd3 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 Qa6 15.b3
dxc4 16.bxc4 Ne5 17.Qe4 Nxc4
18.Qxe6+ Kb8 19.Bf4+ Ka8 20.Qxf6
Rg8 21.0-0 Rg6 22.Qf7 Nd6
23.Bxd6 Rgxd6 24.Nge4 Rxd4
25.Nc5 Qc4 26.Ne6 Rg4 27.f3
Rxxh4 Remizov,Y (2440)-Iliushenok,I
(2547) Cheliabinsk 2023 1-0 (32)
28.Ne4 Qd3 29.Nf2 Qd6 30.f4 Nd5
31.Rfd1 Rc8 32.Rxd5 1-0 (32) 6.♙d2
♙f5 7. ♙c4 e6 8.♙€ (2440)-Gisler,M
(2547) Cutro 2023 Gauthier/Tactics
[John Watson]]

13...Nxd5 14.Nxd5 exd5 15.Bd3!
Qb4+

[But not 15...Bxd3 16.Qxd3 Qa5+
17.Ke2=]

(Diagram)



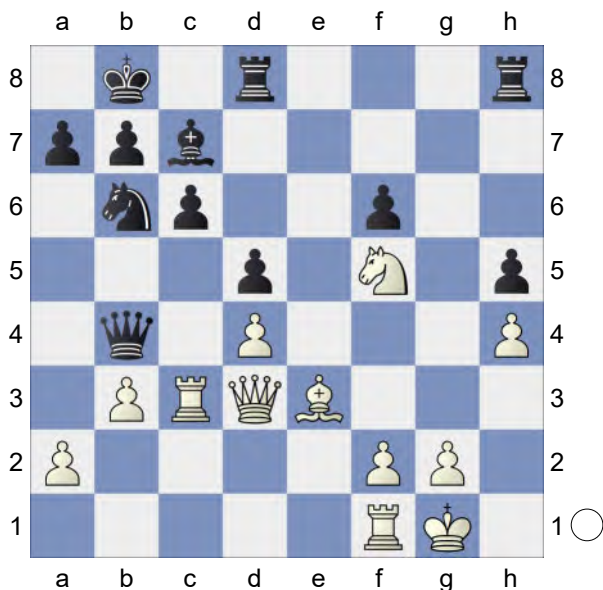
16.Rc3 Bxd3 1.31/19

[16...Qxb2± 0.47/21 17.Rb3 Bb4+
18.Kf1 Bxd3+ 19.Qxd3 Qa1+
20.Rb1 Qc3]

17.Qxd3± Bd6 1.84/19

[17...Nb6± 1.34/18]

18.Nf5+- Bc7 19.0-0 Nb6 20.b3 Kb8



21.Bd2 aiming for Rxc6! 21...Qf8 1.99/22

[21...Qa3± 1.53/20 keeps fighting.]

22.Re1 Rg8 2.50/18

[22...Nc8 1.91/19 23.Rcc1 Qf7]

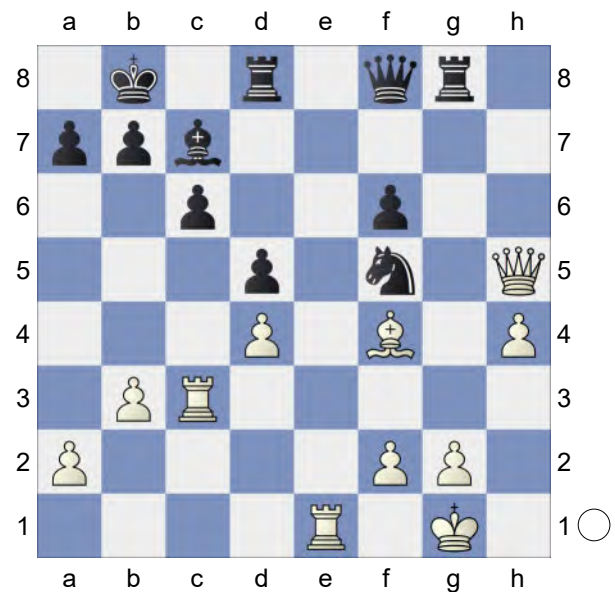
23.Qe2 Nc8 24.Qxh5 Nd6 25.Bf4?

0.61/18

[White should play 25.Bh6+- 3.20/19
Qf7 26.Qxf7 Nxf7 27.Re7 Nxh6
28.Nxh6]

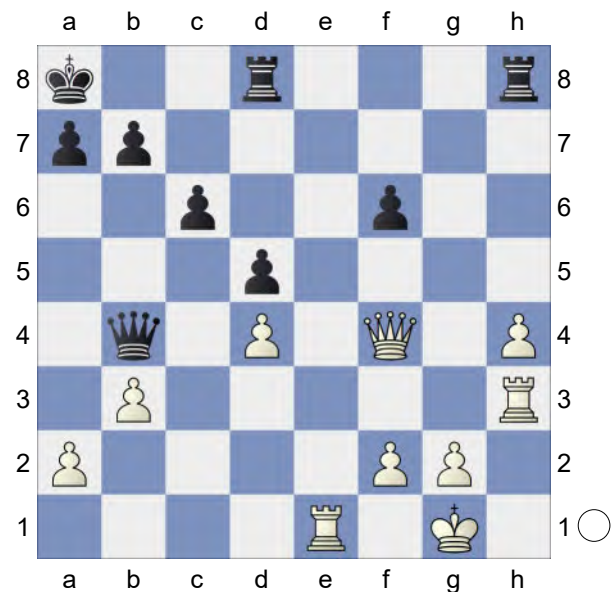
25...Nxf5? 3.07/22

[Black should try 25...Rh8± 0.61/18
26.Qf3 Nxf5 27.Bxc7+ Kxc7 28.Qxf5
Rxh4]



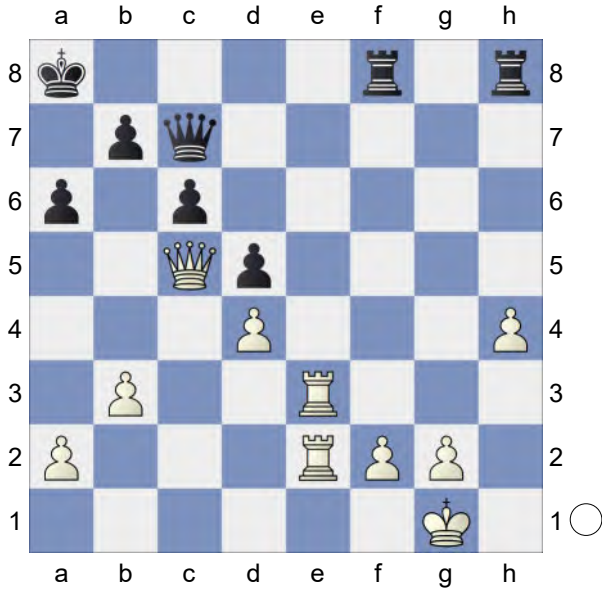
A mistake that costs the game.

26.Bxc7+ Kxc7 27.Qxf5 Kb8 28.Qf4+ Ka8 29.Rg3 Rh8 30.Rh3 Qb4

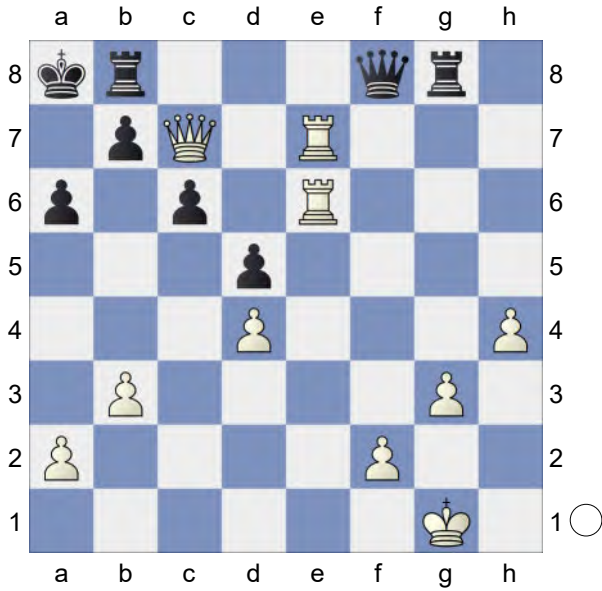


31.Re2 Qb5 32.Rhe3 a6 33.Qxf6

Rdf8 34.Qd6 Qb6 35.Qc5 Qc7

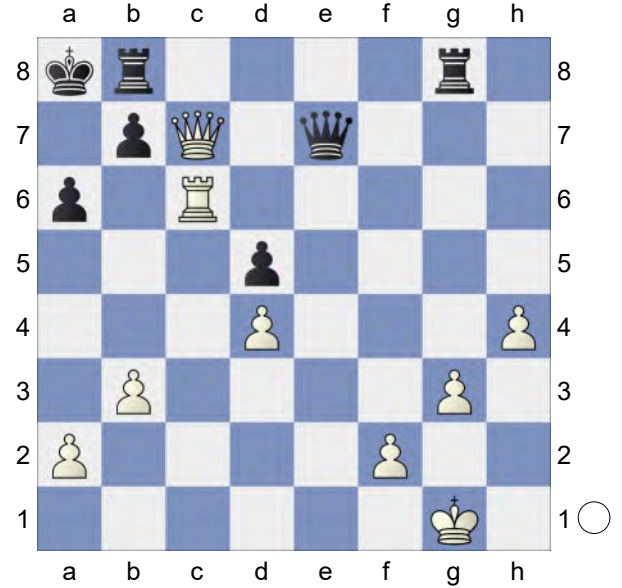


36.Re7 *White is clearly winning.* **36...Qf4**
37.g3 Qf6 38.Qb6 Rb8 39.R2e6 Qf8
40.Qc7 Rg8

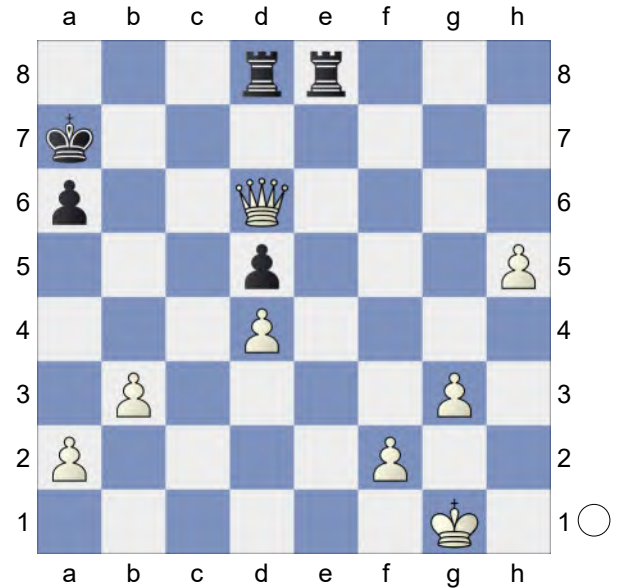


41.Rxc6! Qxe7

(Diagram)

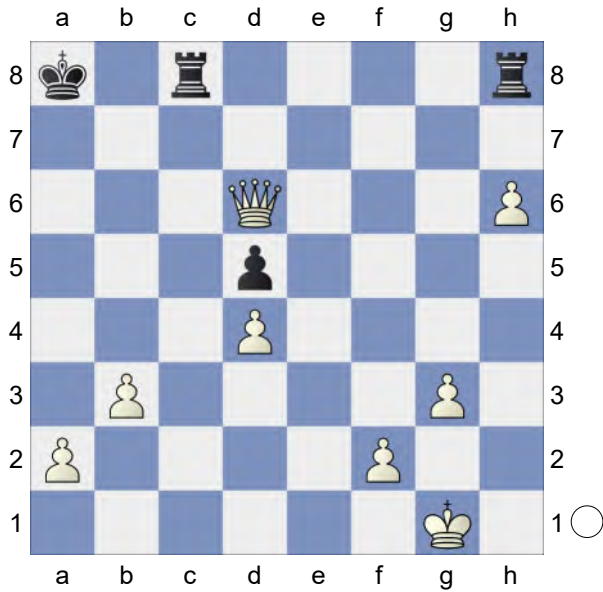


42.Rxa6+!! *Endgame* **43.Qxe7**
44.Qd6 Ka7 45.h5
46.Qc7+ Ka8 47.Qb6 Rh8 48.h6 Rc8
49.Qxa6+ Kb8 50.Qd6+ Ka8

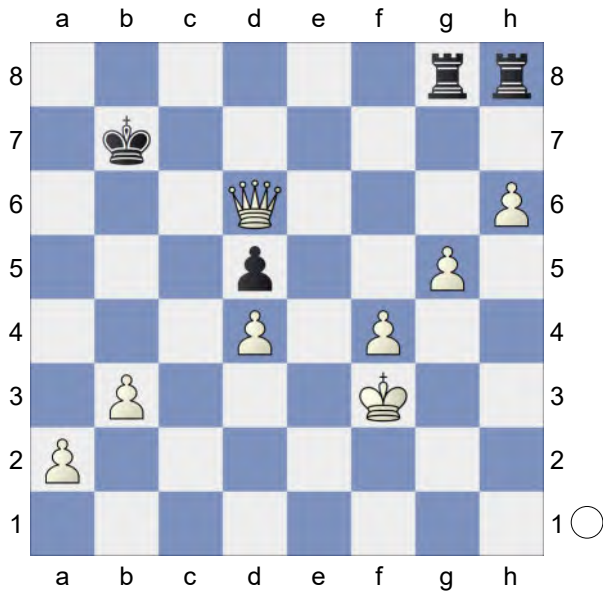


46.Qc7+ Ka8 47.Qb6 Rh8 48.h6 Rc8
49.Qxa6+ Kb8 50.Qd6+ Ka8

(Diagram)

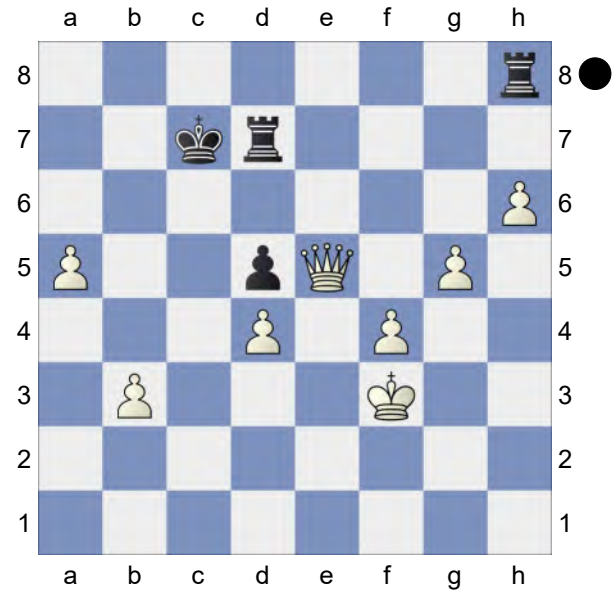


51.g4 Ka7 52.g5 Rcg8 53.f4 Kb7
54.Kf2 Kc8 55.Kf3 Kb7



56.a4 Rd8 57.Qe7+ Kc8 58.a5 Rd7
59.Qe6 Threatens to win with Qc6+.
59...Kc7 Prevents Qc6+. 60.Qe5+

(Diagram)

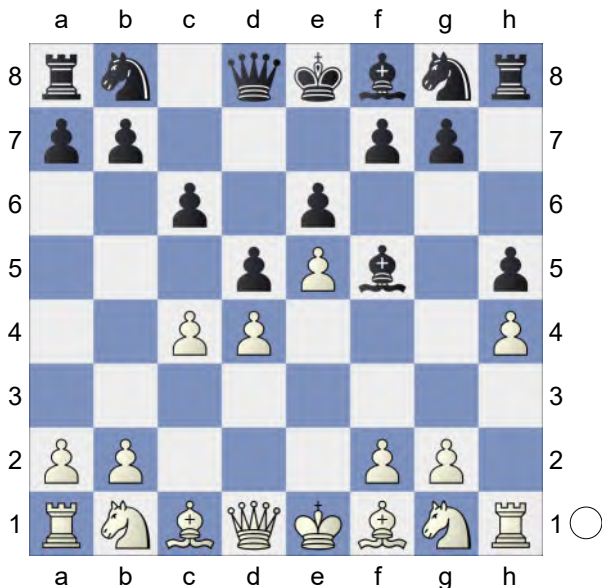


Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.41
1-0

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 □ **Robson,Ray** **2700**
 ■ **Stremavicius,Titas** **2567**
 Saint Louis Masters op (3) 04.12.2024
 [Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.c4 e6

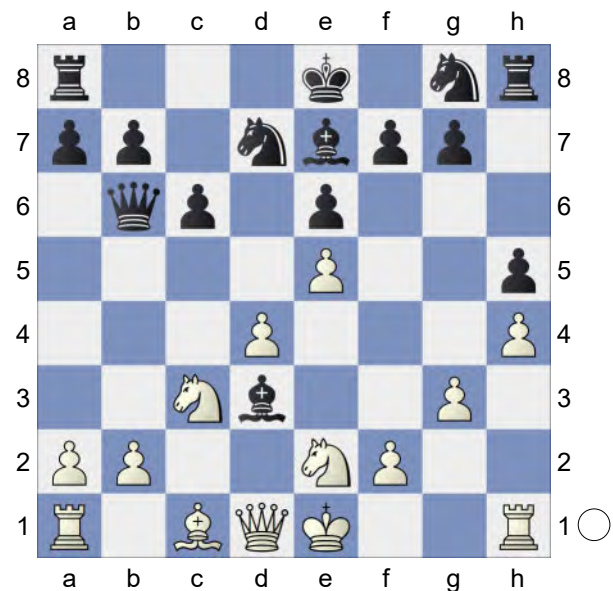


6.Nc3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 Nd7 8.Nge2 Be7!
9.g3 is now debated instead of **9.Ng3**.
 wird nun anstelle von **9.Sg3** diskutiert.
9...Qb6N

[9...b5 10.Bb3 b4 11.Na4 (11.Nb1
 c5 12.0-0 Nb6 13.Nd2 cxd4 14.Nf3
 d3 15.Ned4 Bg6 16.Bxe6 fxe6
 17.Nxe6 Qd7 18.Qb3 Bf7 19.Nxg7+
 Kf8 20.e6 Kxg7 21.exf7 Nf6
 Chapter 2: Advance Variation -Caro-
 Kann Advance 4.h4 h5 5.c) 11...Nh6
 12.Bxh6 Rxh6 13.Rc1 (13.Bc2 c5
 14.Bxf5 exf5 15.f4 cxd4 16.Nxd4
 Nb6 17.Nxf5 Qxd1+ 18.Rxd1 Nxa4
 19.Nxh6 gxh6 20.Rh2 Nc5 21.Rc2
 Ne4 22.f5 b3 23.axb3 Bb4+ 24.Ke2
 Nxg3+ 25.Kf3 Nxf5 Chapter 2:
 Advance Variation -Caro-Kann

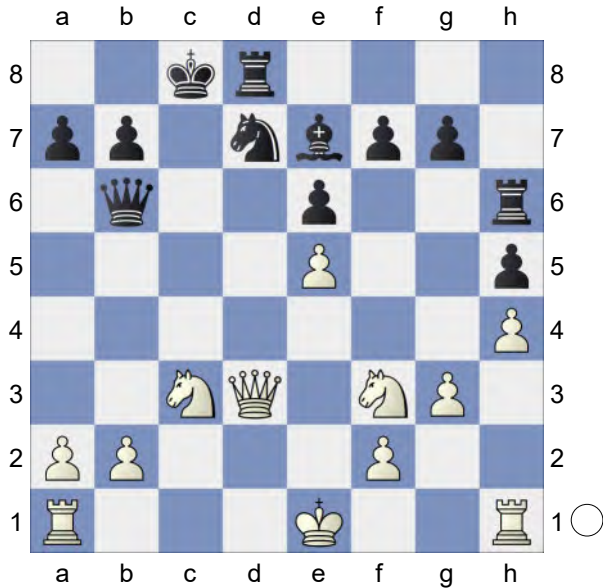
Advance 4.h4 h5 5.c) 13...Be4 14.0-0
 Bxh4 15.f3 Rg6 16.fxe4 Bxg3
 17.Rf3 Bxe5+ 18.Kf2 Qh4+ 19.Ke3
 Rg4 Chapter 2: Advance Variation -
 Caro-Kann Advance 4.h4 h5 5.c]
 [9...Nh6 10.Bf4 (10.0-0 Nb6
 11.Bb3 Bh3 12.Re1 Bg4 13.Bf4 Nf5
 14.Qd3 Bxe2 15.Nxe2 g5 16.hxg5
 Bxg5 17.d5 cxd5 18.Qb5+ Kf8
 19.a4 Bxf4 20.Nxf4 h4 21.g4 Rg8
 22.Kh2 Qg5 23.Nh3 Qxg4 24.Qc5+
 Ke8 5.♠f1_43756 (2336)-S Kriventsov
 (2457) Moscow 2023 Schallop-
 Riemann [John Watson] ½-½ (46))
 10...Bg6 11.0-0 Nf5 12.Be3 Nxe3
 13.fxe3 Qb6 14.Nf4 Bf5 15.Bd3
 Qxb2 16.Nce2 Bxd3 17.Nxd3 Qb5
 18.Rb1 Qa6 19.Nef4 0-0-0 20.Rf2
 g5 21.hxg5 Bxg5 22.Nb4 Qb6
 23.Rc2 Bxf4 24.exf4 Bocharov,D
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10.Bd3 Bxd3

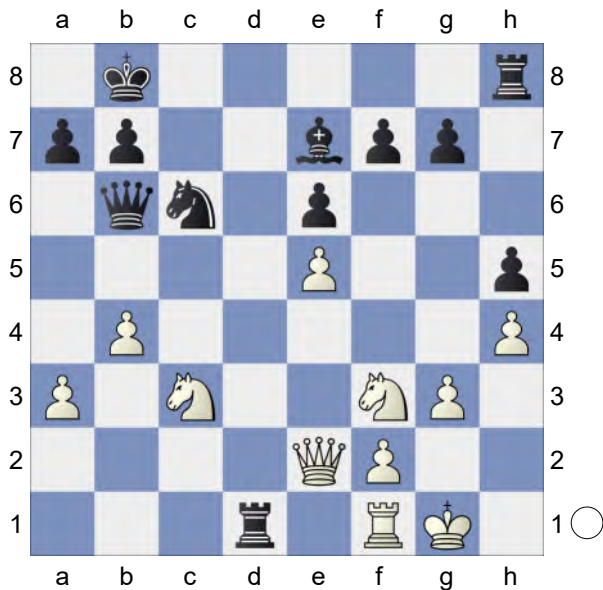


White is slightly better. **11.Qxd3 c5**
12.Bf4!N Threatens to win with Bf4.
 Strongly threatening d5.
 [12.Bf4!?]

12...cxd4 13.Nxd4 aiming for Qxe5!
 13...Nh6 14.Bxh6 -0.04/19
 [14.0-0-0!± 0.46/21]
 14...Rxxh6= 15.Nf3 0-0-0 0.45/19
 [15...Rd8= -0.09/19]

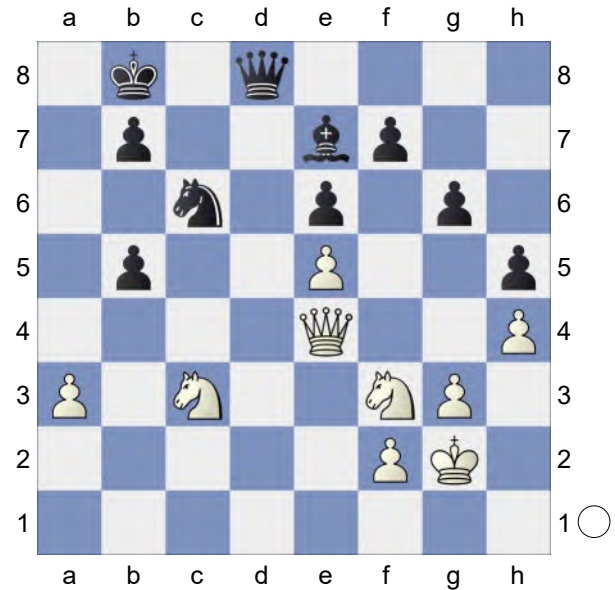


16.Qe2± Nb8 17.0-0 Nc6 18.a3 Rhh8
 19.b4 Kb8 20.Rad1 Rxd1

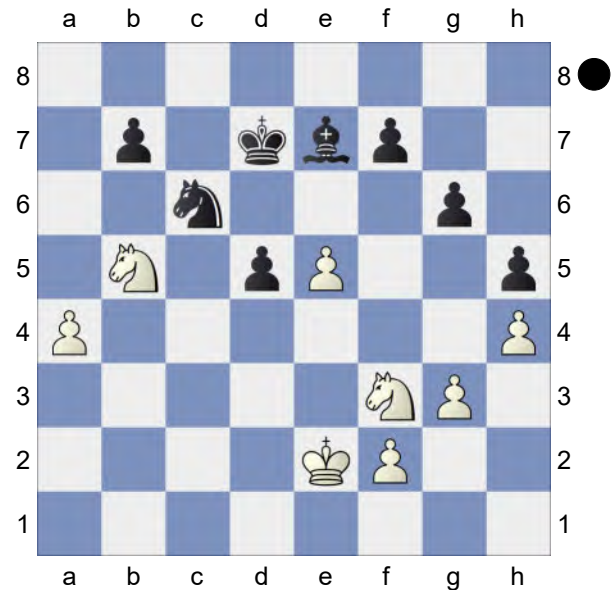


21.Rxd1 Rd8 22.Rxd8+ 0.00/23
 [22.b5!± 0.40/24 Na5 23.a4]
 22...Qxd8= 23.Qe4 a6 24.Kg2 g6
 25.b5 axb5

(Diagram)



26.Nxb5 Qd5 27.Qxd5 exd5 28.Kf1
 Kc8 29.Ke2 Kd7 30.a4



Weighted Error Value: White=0.09
 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
 1/2-1/2

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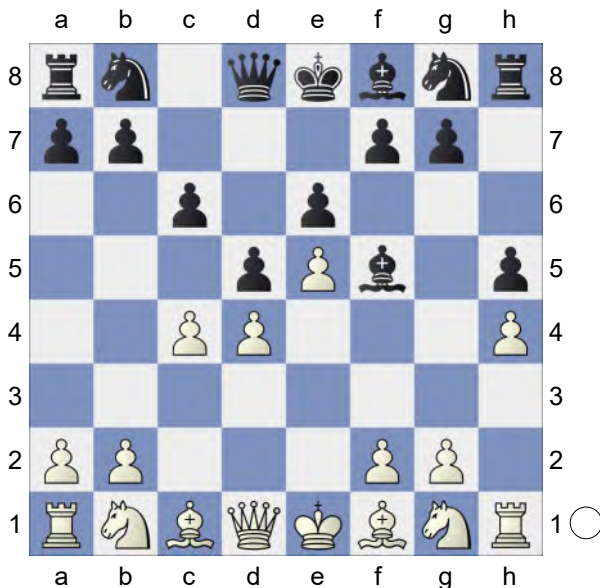
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 [Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
 5.c4 e6


6.Nc3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 Nd7 8.Bb3N

[8.Nge2 Be7

A) 9.Ng3 Bg6 10.Nce4 Nh6
 11.Bg5 Qa5+ 12.Kf1 Rd8
 (12...Qb4 13.Rc1 Bxe4 14.Nxe4
 Nf5 15.Rh3 Qxb2 16.Bxe7 Kxe7
 17.Nd6 Nxd4 18.Rd3 Qe2+
 19.Qxe2 Nxe2 20.Kxe2 Nxe5
 21.Rd2 b6 22.f4 Nxc4 23.Nxc4 f6
 24.Nd6 c5 25.Rcd1 Rhd8 26.a4
 Rab8 27.f5 Bxc6 Bxc6 (2504)-
 Ulman,P (2319) Podgorica 2023 CB
 on-line [John Watson] ½-½ (66))
 13.Qb3 Nb6 14.Bxe7 Kxe7
 15.Nd6 Ng4 16.Be2 Rd7 17.Bxg4
 hxg4 18.h5 Bh7 19.Qe3 Rg8
 20.Qg5+ Kf8 21.Qxg4 Qd5 22.h6
 Nc4 23.Nxc4 Qxc4+ **Bd7** (2660)-

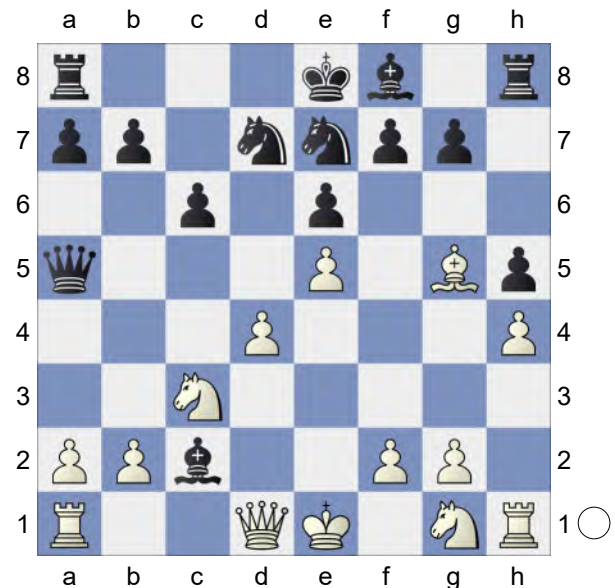
 Taimanov With Nb5 (2474) URS
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B) 9.g3 b5 10.Bb3 b4 11.Na4
 Nh6 12.Bxh6 Rxh6 13.Rc1
 (13.Bc2 c5 14.Bxf5 exf5 15.f4
 cxd4 16.Nxd4 Nb6 17.Nxf5
 Qxd1+ 18.Rxd1 Nxa4 19.Nxh6
 gxh6 20.Rh2 Nc5 21.Rc2 Ne4
 22.f5 b3 23.axb3 Bb4+ 24.Ke2
 Nxg3+ 25.Kf3 Nxf5 Chapter 2:
 Advance Variation -Caro-Kann
 Advance 4.h4 h5 5.c) 13...Be4
 14.0-0 Bxh4 15.f3 Rg6 16.fxe4
 Bxg3 17.Rf3 Bxe5+ 18.Kf2 Qh4+
 19.Ke3 Rg4 Chapter 2: Advance
 Variation -Caro-Kann Advance 4.h4
 h5 5.c]

8...Ne7 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Bc2 -0.31/21

[White should play 10.Nge2= 0.19/21]

10...Bxc2

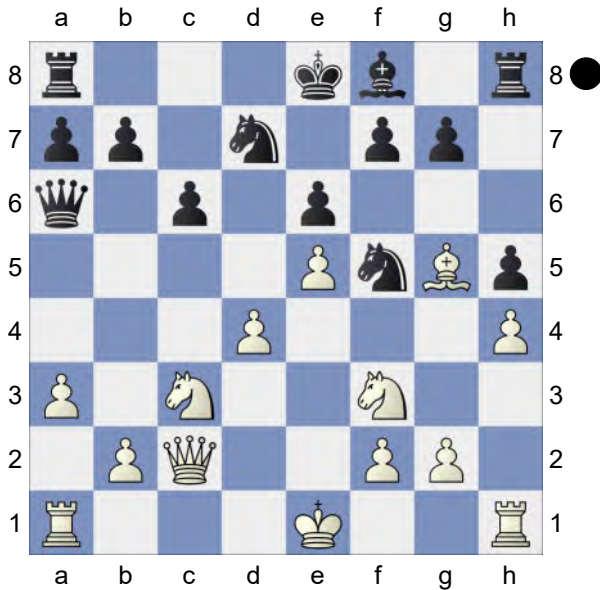


11.Qxc2 Nf5 0.42/22

[11...c5!= -0.29/20 12.Nge2 cxd4
 13.Nxd4 Qxe5+ 14.Be3 Nd5
 15.Nxd5 Qxd5]

12.Nf3 Qa6! 13.a3

(Diagram)



Prevents Bb4. **13...c5?** 1.77/20

[13...Bb4!= -0.12/22]

14.Rc1? 0.25/22

[14.d5+- 1.77/20]

14...Be7 0.57/21

[14...cxd4? 15.Nd5! Bb4+

16.Nxb4+-]

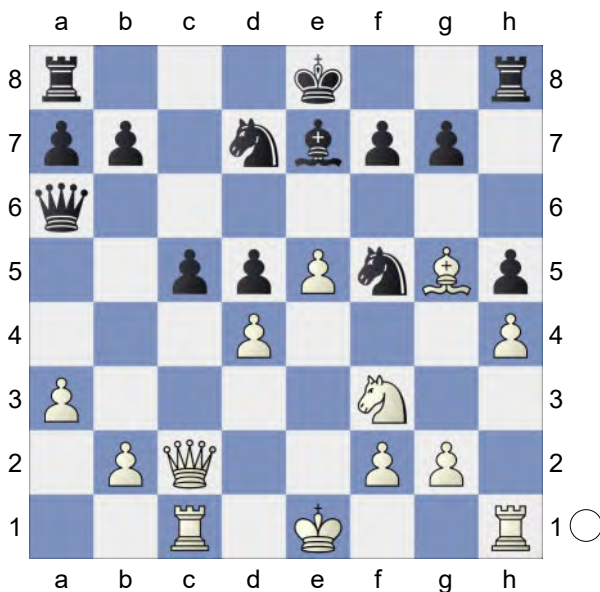
[14...Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Nxe5

16.Ndb5+-]

[14...f6!= 0.25/22 feels stronger.

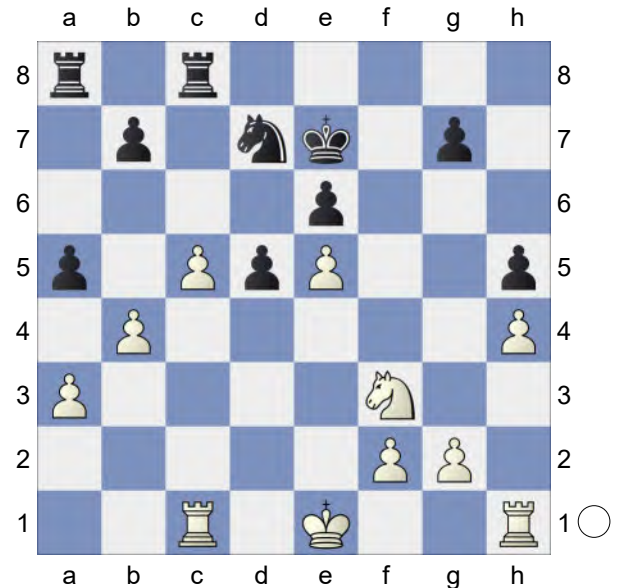
15.Bd2 cxd4]

15.Nd5 0.26/23 **exd5**



16.Qxf5 Qe6 17.Qxe6 fxe6 18.Bxe7

Kxe7 19.dxc5 Rh3 is the strong threat.
19...Rhc8 20.b4 a5



21.0-0 axb4 22.axb4 Ra4 0.78/28

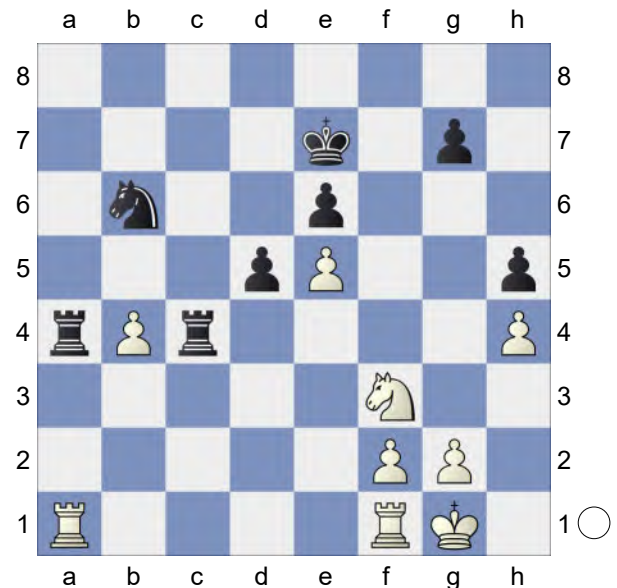
[22...Ra2!± 0.32/28 is superior.]

23.Rb1± b6 24.cxb6 Nxb6 25.Ra1

0.09/29

[White should try 25.b5± 0.73/23]

25...Rc4



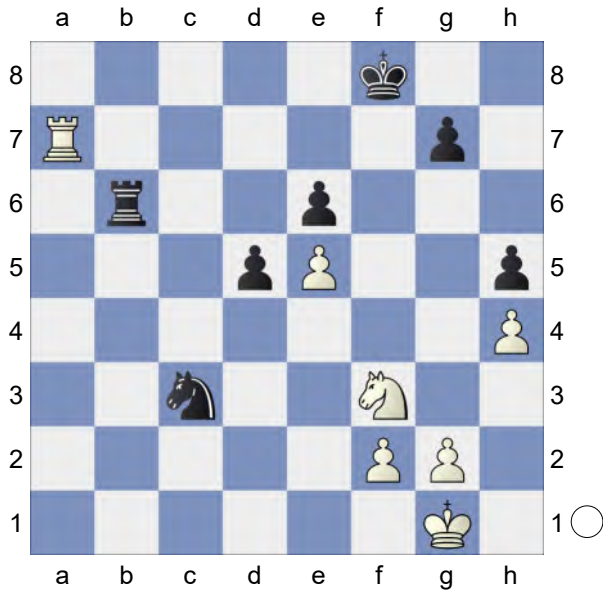
26.Rxa4 Nxa4± Endgame KRN-KRN

27.b5 0.04/27

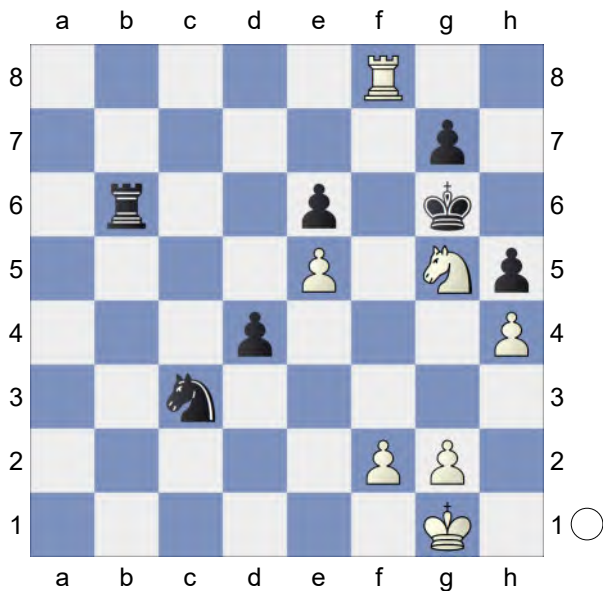
[27.Rb1!± 0.37/30]

27...Nc3= 28.b6 Rb4 29.Ra1 Rxb6

30.Ra7+ Kf8

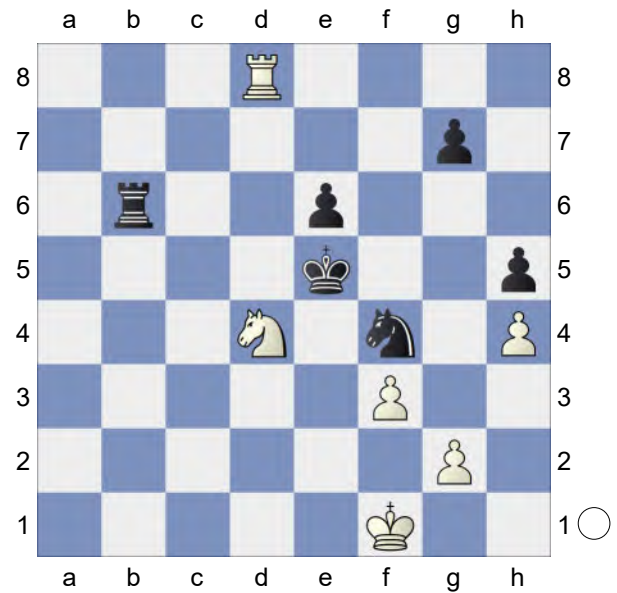


31.Nd4 Nb5 32.Ra8+ Kf7 33.Nf3 Nc3
34.Ng5+ Kg6 35.Rf8 d4? 3.22/27
 [35...Ne2+= 0.00/27 and Black is
 okay. 36.Kf1 Nd4]

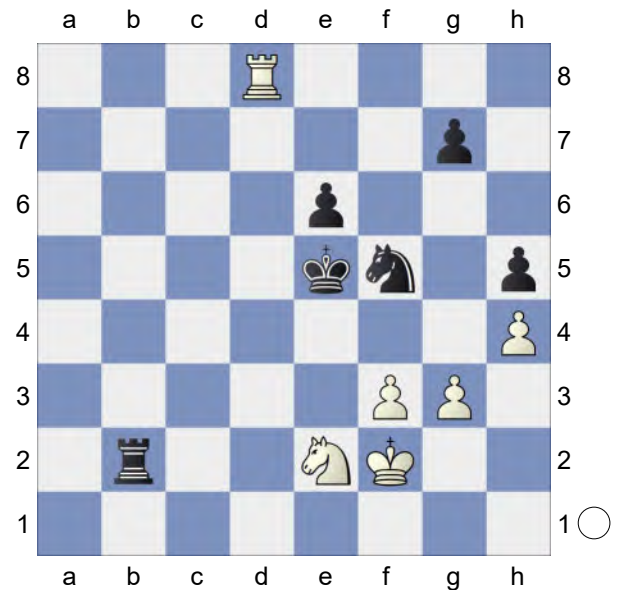


36.Rd8? -0.27/33
 [36.f4!+- 3.22/27]
36...Kf5 37.Nf3 Ne2+ 0.01/33
 [37...Rb4!± -0.40/28]
38.Kf1 Nf4 3.73/34
 [38...Nc3= 0.01/35 39.Nxd4+ Ke4]
39.Nxd4+? 0.00/33
 [White has to play 39.Rf8++- 3.73/34

Ke4 40.Nd2+ Kd3 41.Rxf4]
39...Ke4 The position is equal. 40.f3+ Kxe5

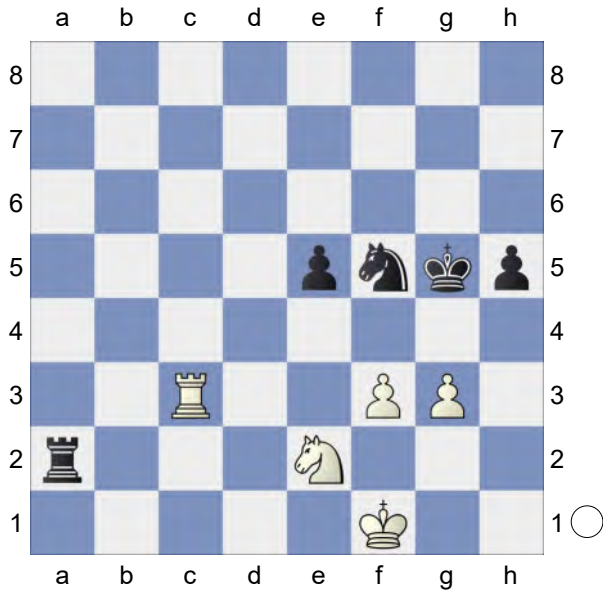


41.g3 Rb1+ 42.Kf2 Rb2+ 43.Kf1
Black must now prevent Nc6+. 43...Nd5
44.Ne2 Ne3+ 45.Kf2 Nf5



46.Ke1 Ra2 47.Rd3 Kf6 48.Kf1 g5
49.hxg5+ Kxg5 50.Rc3 e5

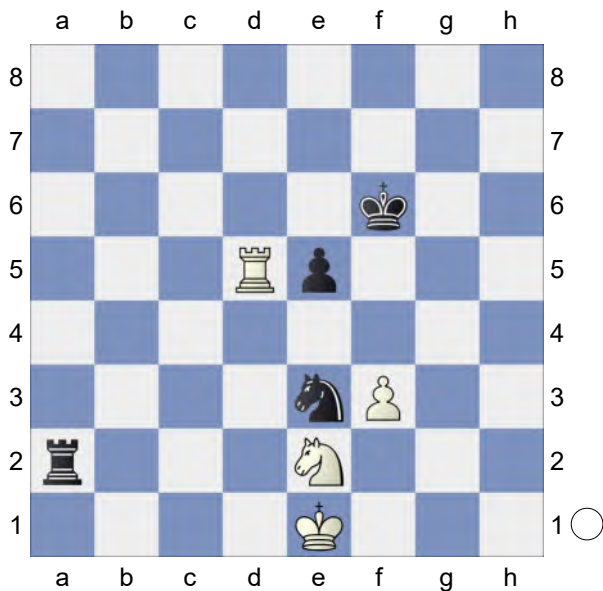
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51.Rd3 h4 52.gxh4+ Kxh4 53.Kf2 Kg5

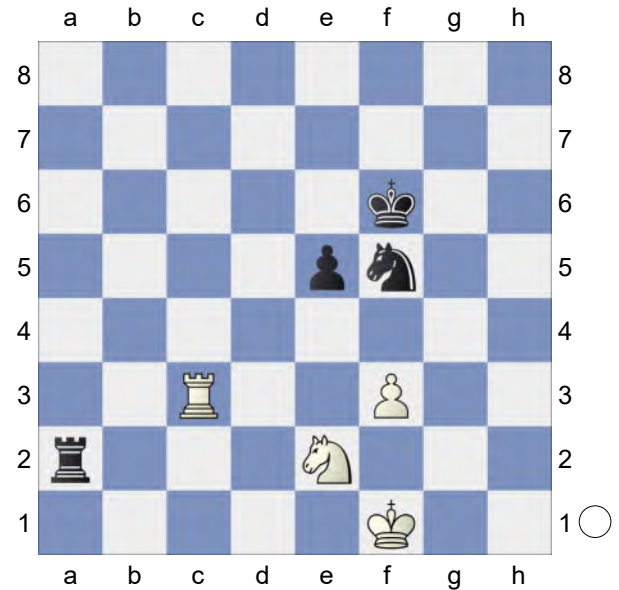
[53...Ng3!? 54.Re3 Rxe2+ 55.Rxe2 Nxe2 56.Kxe2 Kg5=]

54.Rd5 Kf6 55.Ke1 Ne3

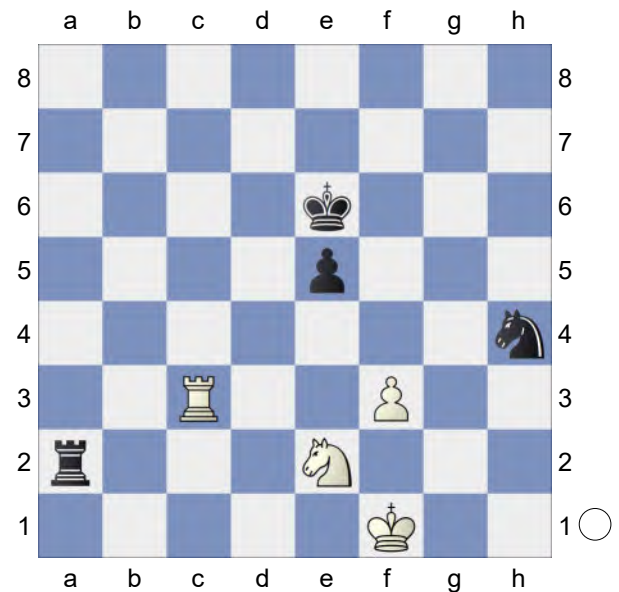


56.Rd3 Ng2+ 57.Kf1 Nh4 58.Ng3 Kg5 59.Ne2 Nf5 60.Rc3 Kf6

(Diagram)

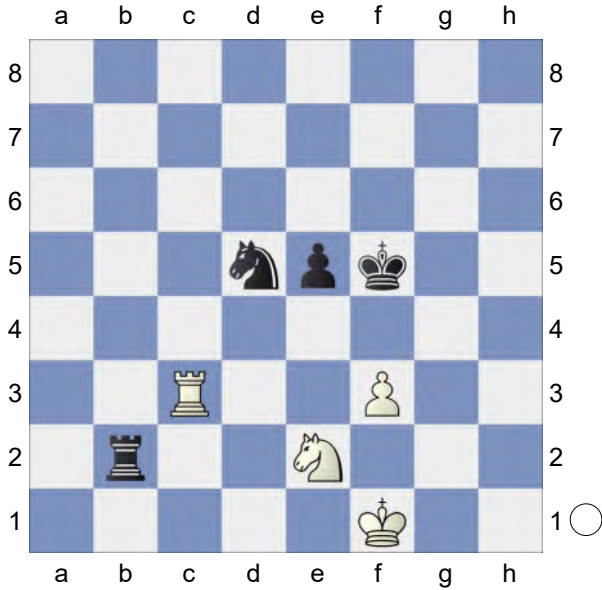


61.Rc6+ Ke7 62.Rc5 Kd6 63.Rc3 Kd5 64.Ke1 Nh4 65.Kf1 Ke6

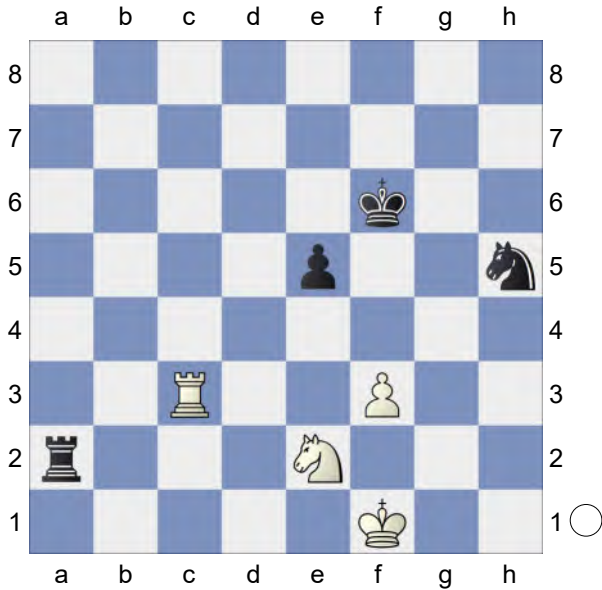


66.Rc6+ Kf5 67.Rc3 Ng6 68.Re3 Ne7 69.Rd3 Rb2 70.Rc3 Nd5

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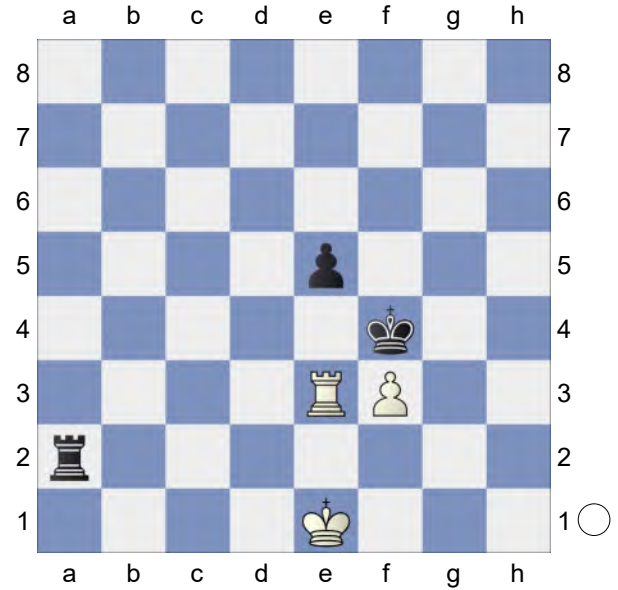


71.Rd3 Nf6 72.Ng3+ Kg5 73.Ne2
Nh5 74.Re3 Kf6 75.Rc3 Ra2

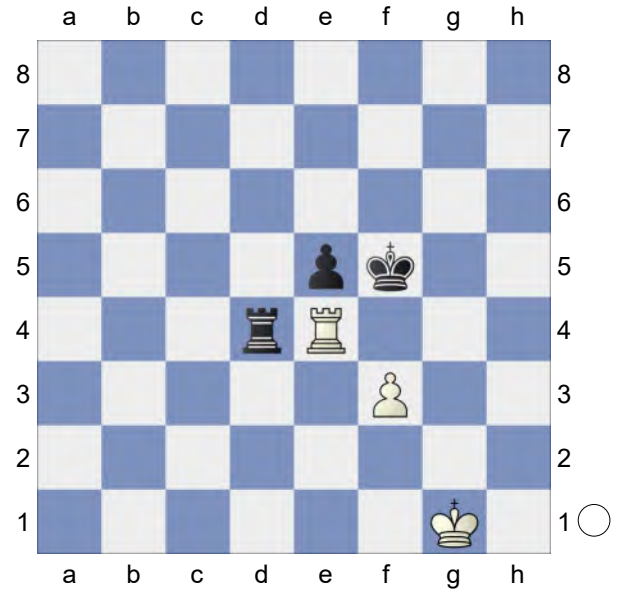


76.Rc6+ Kf5 77.Rc3 Nf4 78.Nxf4
Kxf4 KR-KR 79.Ke1 Kg3 80.Re3 Kf4

(Diagram)

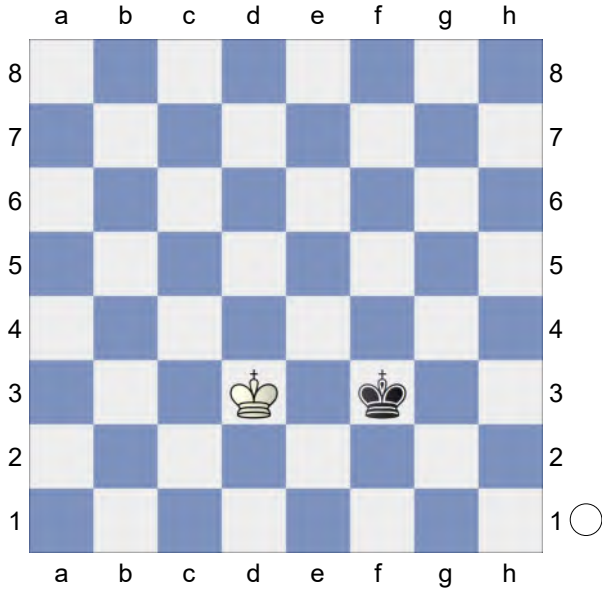


81.Re4+ Kf5 82.Kf1 Rb2 83.Ke1 Rc2
84.Kf1 Rd2 85.Kg1 Rd4



86.Rxd4 exd4 87.Kf2 Kf4 88.Ke2 d3+
89.Kxd3 Kxf3

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/
 Black=0.43
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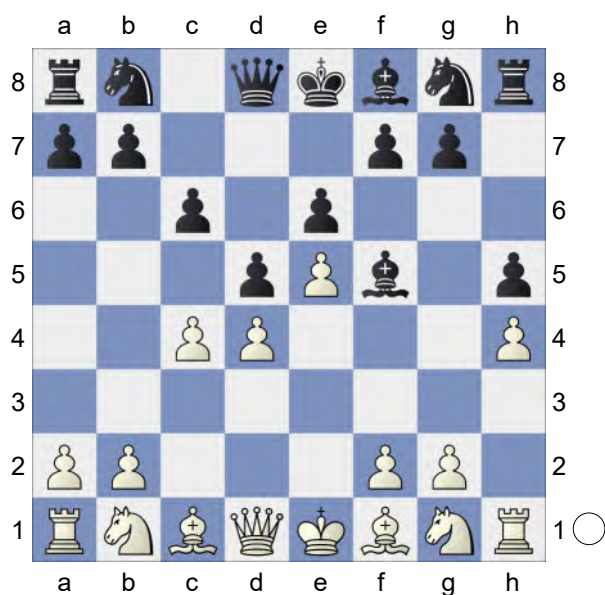
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

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Inf 109/(52) 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5

4.h4 h5 5.c4 e6



6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Nge2! The main line 7.Nge2 scores better than 7.Bg5. Die Hauptvariante 7.Sge2 punktet besser als 7.Lg5. 7...dxc4 0.68/19

[♞7...Nd7 0.35/20]

8.Ng3!± Bg6 9.Bxc4 White is slightly better. White is more active. White is slightly better.

[9.Bg5 Qb6 10.Bxc4 (10.Qd2 Qb4 11.a3 Qb3 12.Nge4 Nd5 13.Rh3 Qb6 14.Bxc4 Qa5 15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.exd6 Nd7 17.Rc1 Nxc3 18.Rcxc3 Svidler,P (2734)-Nakamura, H (2729) Amsterdam 109/(52) 2010) 10...Nd7 11.0-0 0-0-0 (11...Nd5 12.Rc1 f6 13.exf6 gxf6 14.Re1 Kf7 15.Qe2 Re8 16.Bxd5 cxd5 17.Nxd5

Qd6 18.Nc7 Re7 19.Nb5 Qd5 20.Nc7 Qxa2 21.Bf4 Bh6 22.Bxh6 Rxh6 23.d5 e5 24.d6 1-0 (31) Dragnev,V (2563)-Pipiras,F (2178) EU-ch Rapid Skopje 2024 (9)) 12.Re1 Qxb2 13.Nge4 Bxe4 14.Nxe4 Nxe5 15.Rb1 Qxd4 16.Qb3 Rd7 17.Red1 Qxe4 18.Rxd7 Qxb1+ 19.Qxb1 Nxd7 1-0 (19) Nepomniachtchi,I (2729)-Maletin,P (2584) Olginka 2021 [FM Viktor Neustroev]]

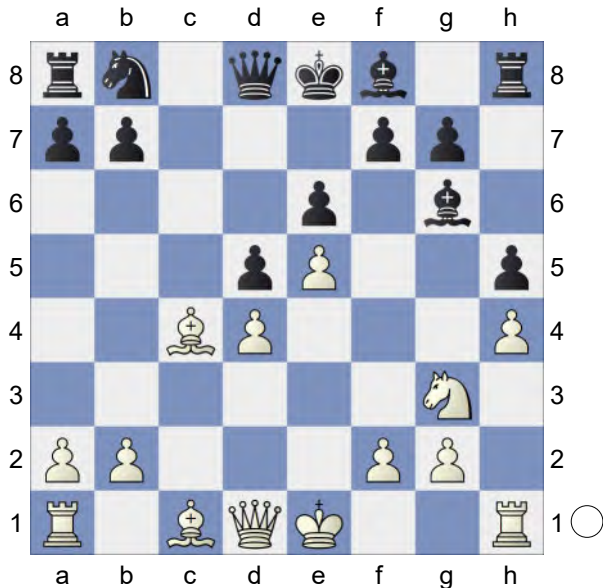
9...Nd5

[9...Nd7 10.Nce4 Nf5 11.Bg5 Qa5+ 12.Bd2 Qb6 13.Bc3 Be7 14.Nxf5 Bxf5 15.Ng3 Bg6 16.Be2 0-0-0 17.Qa4 Kb8 18.b3 Qc7 19.Bf3 Nb6 20.Qa5 Nd5 21.Qxc7+ Nxc7 22.Bb2 Bb4+ 23.Ke2 Nd5 24.Bxd5 Van Vliet (1982)-5.e3 ♟e6 6. ♟f3_45368 (1759) corr 2023 Schlechter-Tarrasch [John Watson] ½-½ (46)]

10.Nxd5N 0.19/21

[10.Bg5± 0.57/21 deserves consideration. Be7 11.Bxe7 Nxe7 12.Nce4 (12.Be2)] [10.Be2 Nb4 11.Kf1 Nc2 12.Bg5 f6 13.exf6 gxf6 14.Nge4 fxe5 15.Qxc2 g4 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.Qxg6+ Kd7 18.Ne4 Na6 19.d5 cxd5 20.Rc1 Rc8 21.Bb5+ Rc6 22.Ng5 Qg8 23.Qxg8 Rxe8 24.Rxc6 bxc6 Brkic,A (2592)-Sarana,A (2649) tornelo.com (Int.-m/2) 149/70 2021 Chess Informant 149 [Arsovic,Goran] 1-0 (49) 25.Bxa6 Be7 26.Ke2 Bxg5 27.hxg5 Rxe5 28.Rc1 Kd6 29.b4 Rg7 30.g3 e5 31.Rh1 Rg5 32.Rc1 Rg7 33.Bd3 e4 34.Bc2 Rb7 35.Ba4 Rb6 36.Ke3 Ra6 37.Bb3 Rb6 38.Ba4 Ra6 39.Bb3 Rb6 Brkic,A (2575)-Zelcic,R (2543) Bol na Bracu CRO 2013 [Tom Rendle] ½-½

(49)]
10...cxd5=



11.Be2 Nc6N

[Vorgänger: 11...Be7 12.Nxh5 Bxh5 13.Bxh5 Threatens to win with g3. g6! 14.Be2 Rxh4 15.Rxh4 Bxh4 0.55/20 (15...Bb4+= 0.17/23 should be considered. 16.Bd2 Bxd2+ 17.Qxd2 Qxh4) 16.g3± Be7 17.Qb3 Nc6 0-1 Fluvia Poyatos,J-Lupulescu,C (2025) Wch U12 Menorca 1996 (7)]

12.Be3 Bb4+ 0.81/21

[12...Qb6= 0.02/20]

13.Kf1± Be7 14.Bxh5 0.63/6

[14.Nxh5± 1.16/4 0-0 15.Nf4]

14...Bxh4? 1.84/2

[14...Bxh5± 0.63/6 was called for. 15.Nxh5 g6]

15.Bxg6+- fxg6

(Diagram)



16.Qg4 Kf7 3.28/4

[16...Kd7± 1.52/5]

17.Ne2! Be7 18.Rh3 1.44/3

[18.Rxh8 Qxh8 19.Nf4 Qh1+ 20.Ke2 Qxa1±]

[18.Qf4+- 3.12/5 is more deadly. Kg8 19.Rxh8+ Kxh8 20.Qf7]

[18.Qf3+- 3.41/18 is more deadly. Bf6 19.Rxh8 Qxh8 20.g4 (20.exf6 Qh1+ 21.Ng1 gxf6+-)]

18...Rxh3± 19.gxh3 And now Nf4 would win.

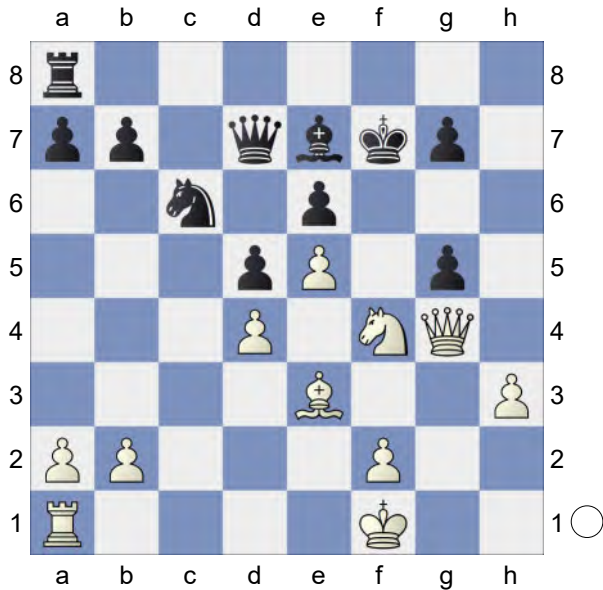
[Don't play 19.Qxh3?! Qh8=]

19...Qd7 2.22/6

[19...g5± 1.42/4 was worth a try. 20.f4 Qg8 21.fxg5 Rf8]

20.Nf4!+- g5

(Diagram)



21.Qh5+! Kg8 22.Ng6 Kg2! would now be deadly. **22...Qe8?** 3.60/5

[22...Bd8 2.04/3 23.Qh8+ Kf7]

23.Kg2 Rf1! is the strong threat.

[23.Bxg5 Bxg5 24.Qxg5 Nxd4±]

23...Bd8 24.Rg1 0.95/5

[24.f4+- 1.87/6 Ne7 25.Nxe7+ Bxe7 26.Qxe8+ Rxe8 27.fxg5]

[Stronger than 24.Bxg5 Bxg5 25.Qxg5 Nxd4=]

[24.Qh8+- 1.85/23 Kf7 25.Qh7]

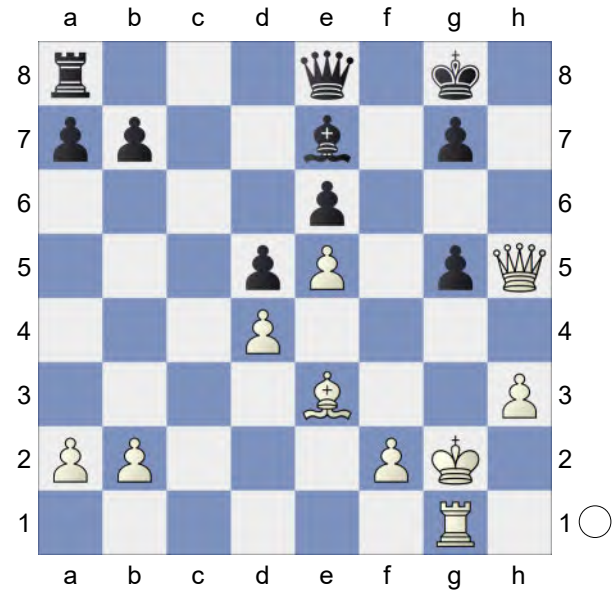
24...Ne7± 25.Nxe7+

[Don't take 25.Qh8+ Kf7 26.Qxe8+ Kxe8 27.Nxe7 Bxe7=]

25...Bxe7 2.09/6

[25...Qxe7± 0.92/2 is a better defense. 26.Rc1 Qf7]

(Diagram)

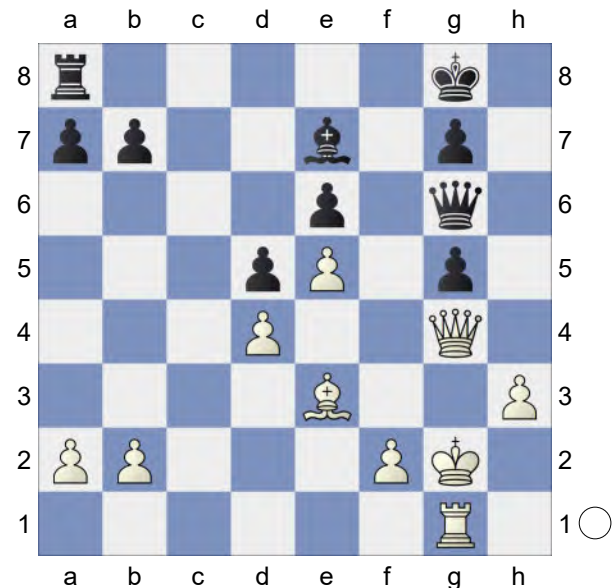


26.Qg4 1.15/5

[White must play 26.Qxe8+!+- 2.09/6 Rxe8 27.Rc1]

26...Qg6 1.52/21

[26...Bd8 1.04/21]



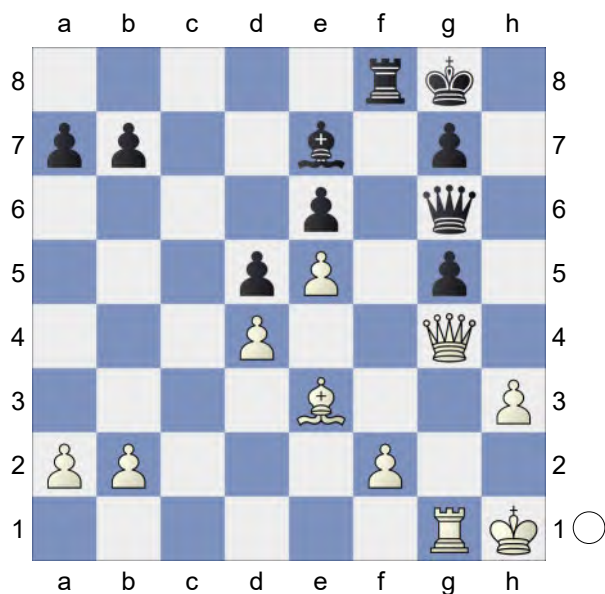
27.Kh1 0.38/4

[27.Rc1!± 1.23/7]

27...Rf8 0.93/19

[27...Rc8± 0.37/20]

(Diagram)



28.Rg2 0.03/6

[Better is White should try 28.Rc1± 0.65/6]

[28.Bxg5? loses. Bxg5 29.Qxg5 Qxg5 30.Rxg5 Rxf2-+]

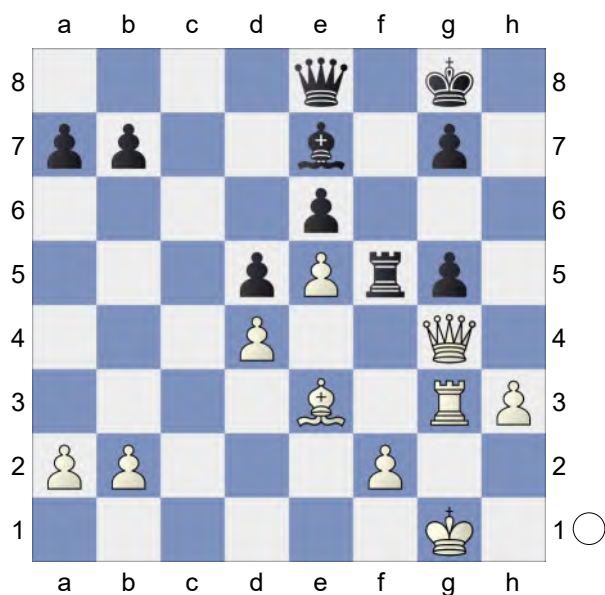
28...Rf5 0.77/6

[28...Kf7= 0.03/6 keeps the balance.]

29.Kg1 0.41/22

[29.Rg1± 0.89/22]

29...Qf7 30.Rg3 Qe8



31.Kg2 0.41/4

[31.h4± 0.88/6]

31...Qb5 1.14/4

[Black should try 31...Qf7± 0.41/4]

32.b3 0.61/5

[White should play 32.Qh5± 1.14/4]

32...Qe8± 33.Rf3 0.10/6

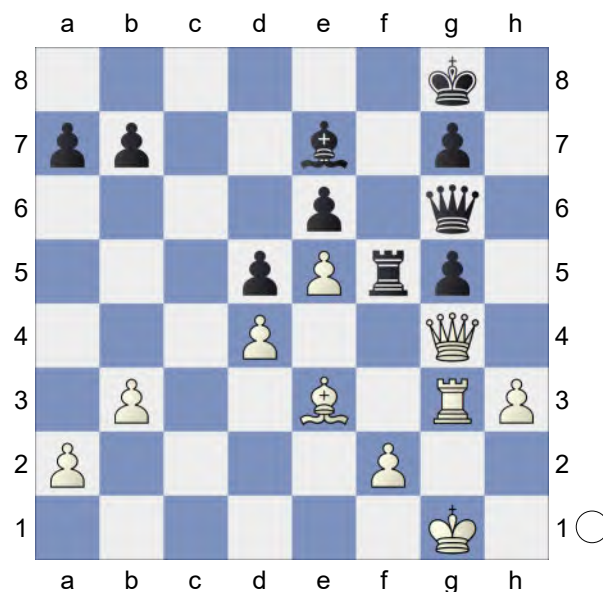
[33.h4± 0.83/4]

[33.Qd1± 0.59/27]

33...Qg6 0.43/7

[33...Rxf3= 0.10/6 34.Kxf3 (34.Qxf3 Qg6=) 34...Qg6]

34.Rg3! Qf7 35.Kg1 Qg6



36.Kg2

[36.Qe2 seems wilder. Rf8 37.Qb5 Qb1+ 38.Kg2]

36...Qf7 37.Kg1 a5 38.Kg2 b5 39.Rf3 0.00/7

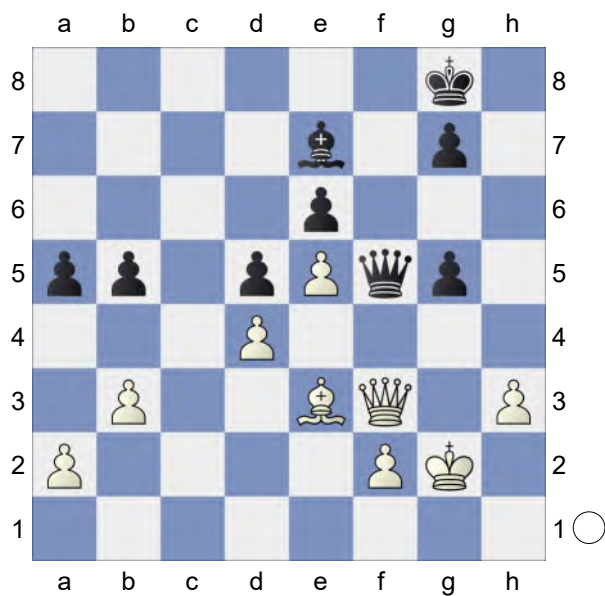
[39.Kh1± 0.83/6]

[39.Qe2± 0.89/21]

39...Rxf3= The position is equal.

40.Qxf3 Endgame. KQB-KQB **40...Qf5**

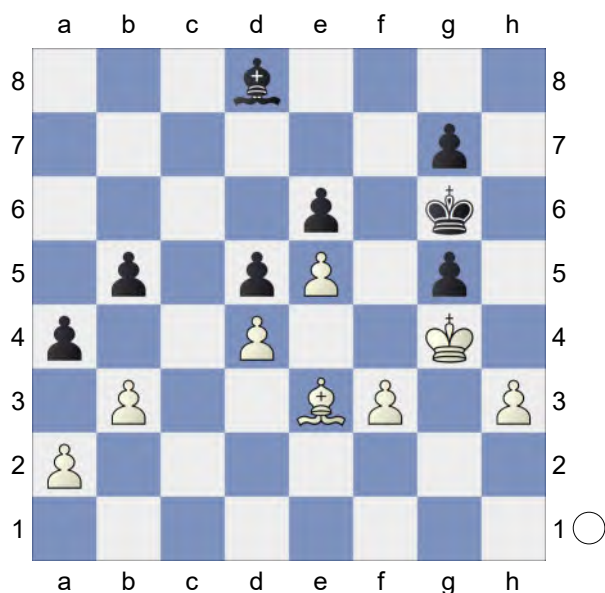
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41.Qh5 Qf7 42.Qxf7+ 0.00/7

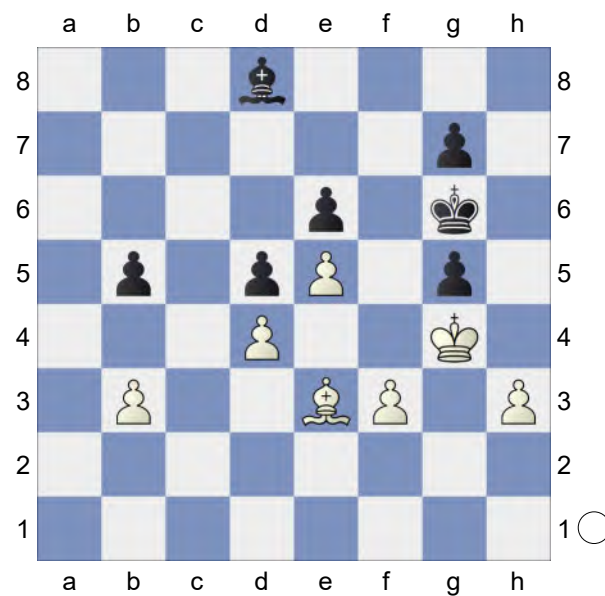
[42.Qe2± 0.42/5]

42...Kxf7± Endgame KB-KB. The position is equal. 43.Kg3 a4 44.Kg4 Kg6 45.f3 Bd8



46.Bd2 Bb6 Strongly threatening ... axb3. 47.Be3 axb3 48.axb3 Bd8 49.Bf2 Be7 50.Be3 Bd8

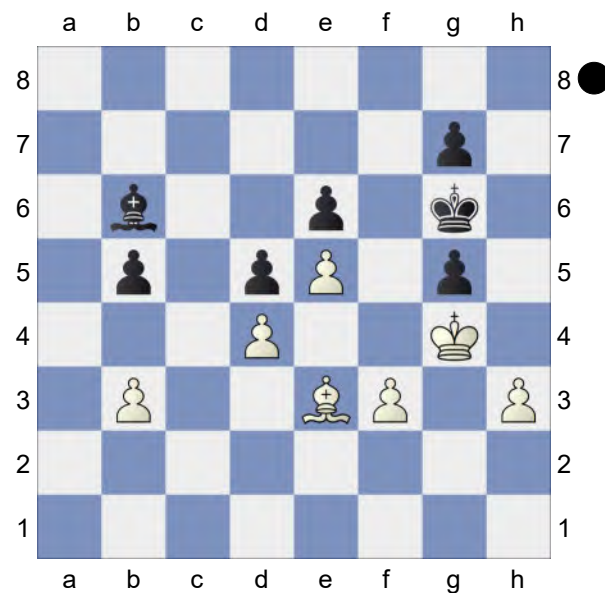
(Diagram)



51.Bd2 Bb6 52.Be3 Ba7 53.Bf2

[Much worse is 53.Bxg5 Bxd4 54.f4 Bc5±]

53...Bb6 54.Be3



White really could win this.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.22 (precise) Black escapes into a draw.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/Black=0.29 (precise)

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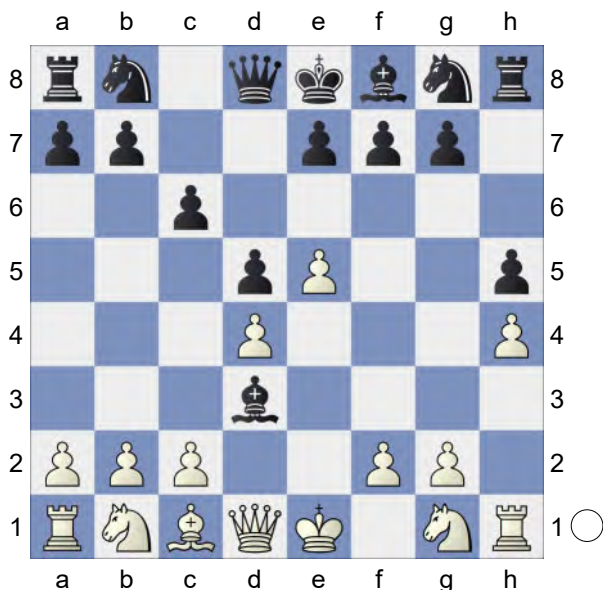
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[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

In this example, we are going to examine another interesting gambit line. The starting position of this variation arises after **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3**



6.Qxd3 aiming for e6!

[6.cxd3 e6=]

6...Qa5+ 7.b4 Qxb4+ 8.Nd2

The position is equal. **8...e6**

[8...Qb5 9.c4 dxc4 10.Nxc4 e6 11.a4 Qa6 12.Ba3 Nd7 13.Bxf8 Kxf8 14.Nf3 Ne7 15.0-0 Nb6 16.Rfc1 Rd8 17.Rab1 Rd7 18.Qb3 Nxc4 19.Rxc4 Nd5 20.g3 g6 21.Ng5 Kg7 22.Rbc1 Rhd8 23.Qf3 Chigaev, M (2643)-Karjakin, S (2757) Moscow 2021 CBM 206 [Schandorff, Lars] 1-0 (41)]

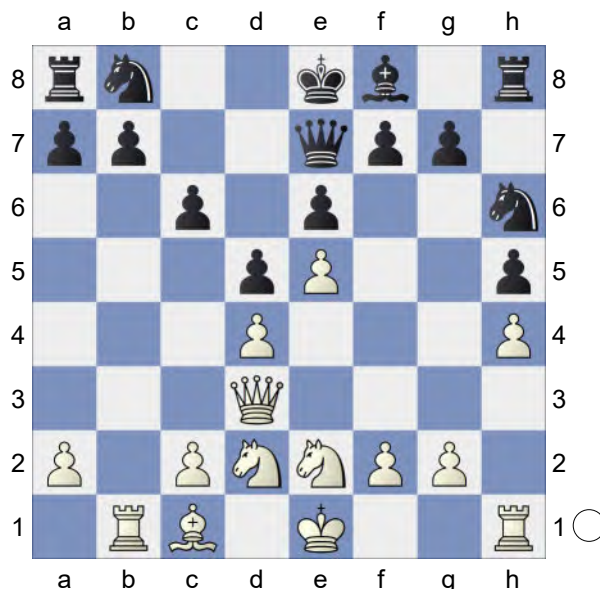
9.Rb1! White has compensation. 9...Qe7

10.Ne2

[10.c4 Nh6 11.Ne2 Nf5 12.Ng3 Nxh4 13.Nde4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Qd8 15.Bg5 Qa5+ 16.Bd2 Qd8 17.Bg5 Qa5+ 18.Bd2 Qd8 19.Bg5 0-1 (19) Martinez Alcantara, J (2607)-Eljanov, P (2705) Chess.com INT 2023 [GM Grigor Grigorov]]

10...Nh6N 0.44/19

[10...b5!= 0.02/18 feels stronger. 11.Nf3 Na6 12.Nf4 (12.0-0 Nc7 13.a4 Qd7 14.Nf4 a5 15.Bd2 Ne7 16.Ra1 b4 17.c3 Nf5 18.cxb4 axb4 19.Rfc1 Na6 20.Qc2 c5 21.dxc5 Bxc5 22.Qd3 g6 23.Qb5 Nd4 24.Nxd4 Bxd4 25.Rab1 Bxe5 26.Nd3 Bc3 Neumann, J (2628)-Van Riemsdijk, D (2577) Minsk 2021 OPN 78, D44 [Bellmann, HerbertRepp, Heinrich] 1-0 (40)) 12...Nc7 13.Ng5 a5 14.Rh3 Nh6 15.Nxh5 Nf5 16.g4 b4 17.a4 Rxh5 18.gxh5 c5 19.dxc5 Qxc5 20.c3 Qc4 21.cxb4 axb4 22.Bd2 Rxa4 23.Rc1 Qxd3 24.Rxd3 Ra7 25.Nh7 Be7 Cheparinov, I (2659)-Anton Guijarro, D (2658) Espana 2021 1½-½ (47)]



11.Nf3± b5 12.a4↑ Hoping for Bxh6.

White has the initiative. 12...a6 13.0-0

[Much worse is 13.Bg5 Qa3 $\bar{f}$]

13...Nd7? 1.81/22

[13...Nf5= 0.21/17 and Black has nothing to worry.]

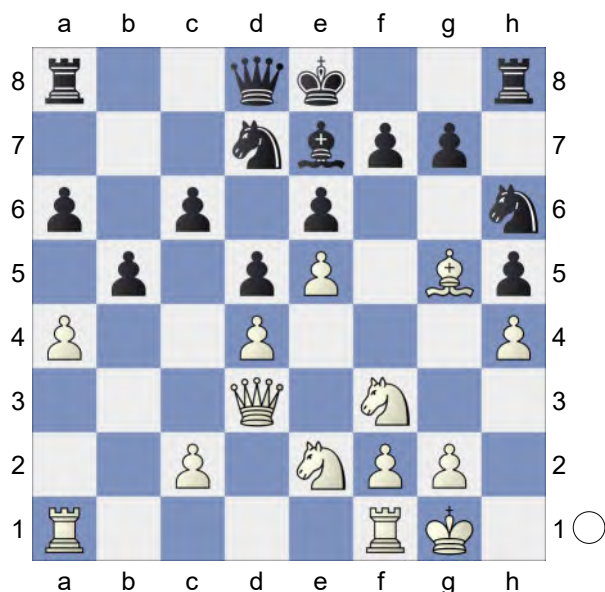
14.Ra1? 0.28/19

[Don't play 14.axb5?! axb5 15.Qc3 Nb8 $\pm$]

[White should play 14.Bg5+- 1.81/22 f6 15.Nf4 (15.axb5 axb5 16.Nf4 Rg8 $\pm$)]

14...Qd8= 15.Bg5 Be7 0.61/21

[15...Qc8= 0.25/20 is superior.]



16.Nf4 $\pm$ Ng4? 2.96/20

[16...Nf5 $\pm$ 0.51/17]

17.Bxe7 1.61/19

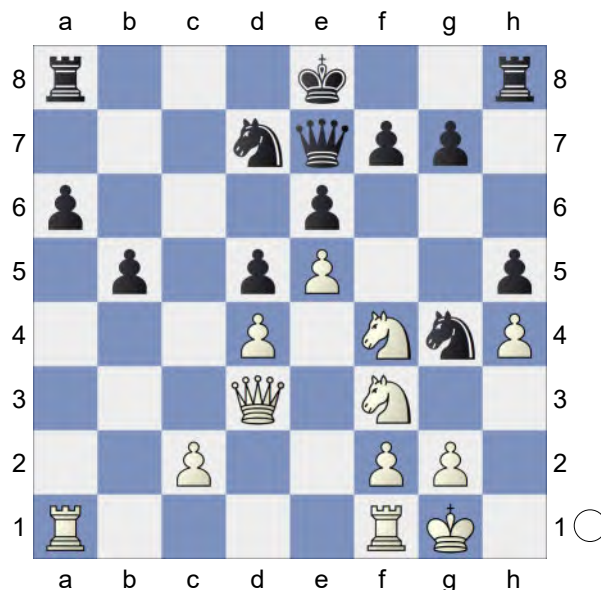
[Δ 17.axb5 2.96/20 cxb5 18.Rfb1]

17...Qxe7 2.25/17

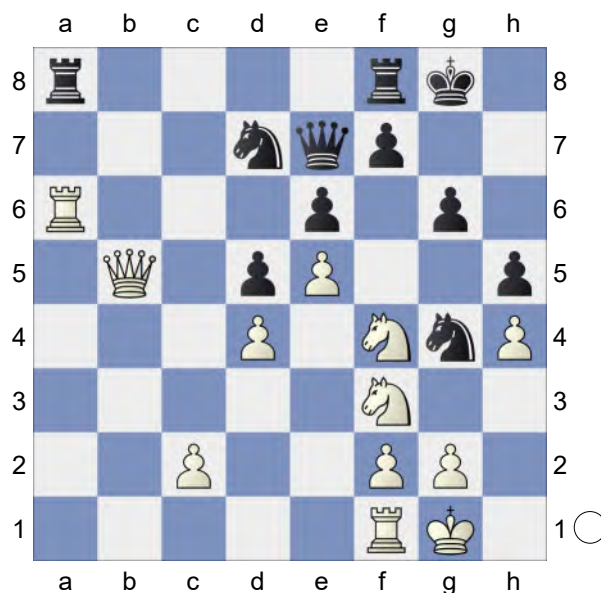
[Δ 17...Kxe7 1.61/19 18.Ng5 Qb6]

18.axb5+- cxb5

(Diagram)



19.Qxb5 0-0 20.Rxa6 g6



21.Rd6 0.89/18 & Bianco is more active.

[Δ 21.Rfa1 1.43/20 Rxa6 22.Qxa6 (22.Rxa6 Rb8 $\pm$)]

21...Ndf6 2.08/19

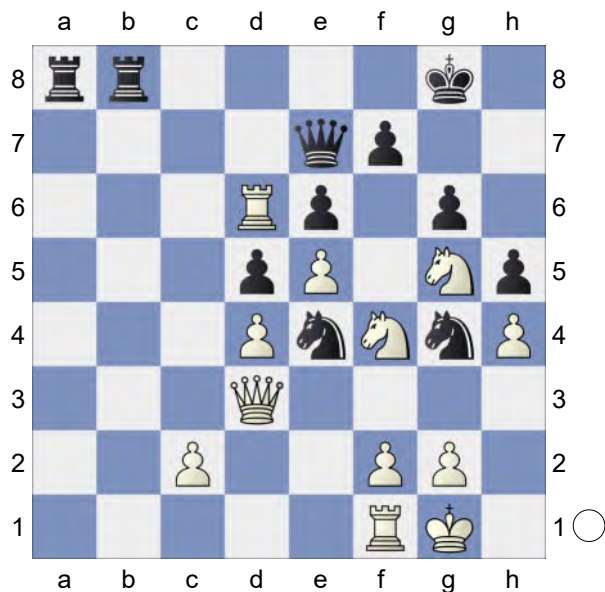
22.Ng5

And now Nxg6! would win. 22...Rfb8? 3.63/21

[22...Ne4 $\pm$ 1.44/19]

23.Qd3 Ne4

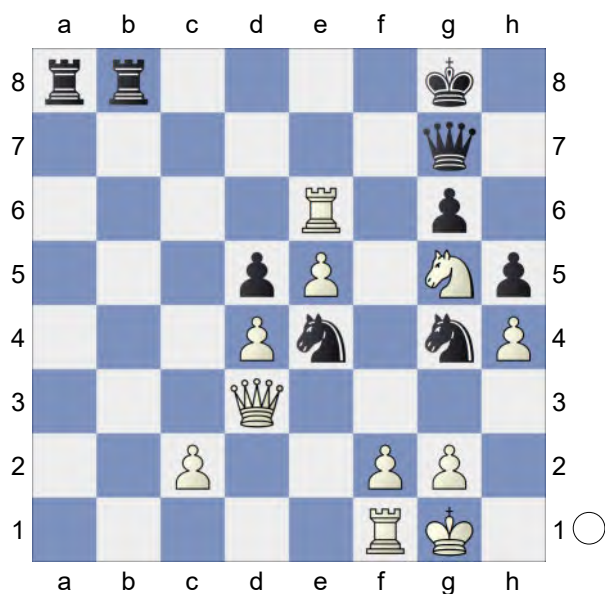
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24.Nxg6! fxg6

[24...Qc7 25.Nxe4]

25.Rxe6 Chess con chili. **25...Qg7**

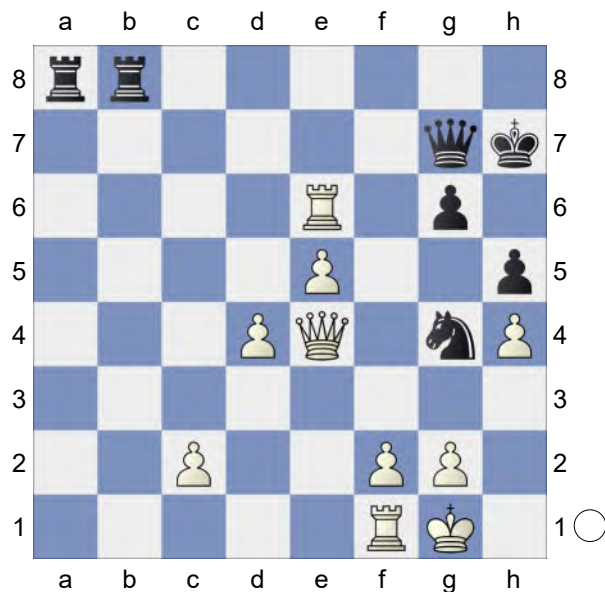


26.Nxe4 2.77/18

[Δ26.f3 4.72/20 Nxe5 27.Rxe5 Nxg5 28.Rxg5]

26...dxe4 27.Qxe4 Kh7

(Diagram)



28.d5? 0.04/20

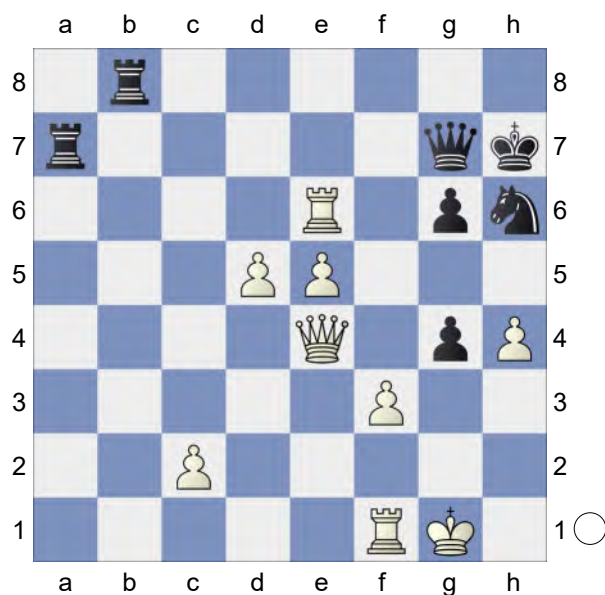
[White has to play 28.f3!+- 2.33/19 Nh6 29.g4]

28...Ra7? 3.10/17

[28...Rf8= 0.04/20 and Black is okay. 29.Qd4 Rfe8]

29.f3 Nh6 30.g4 Inhibits Nf5. Threatens to win with gxh5. **30...hxg4** 5.64/20

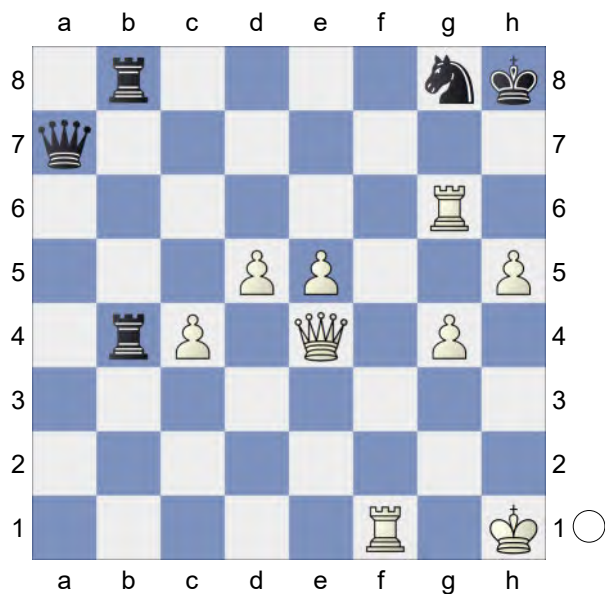
[30...Rf7 3.21/20 was worth a try. 31.gxh5 Rf5]



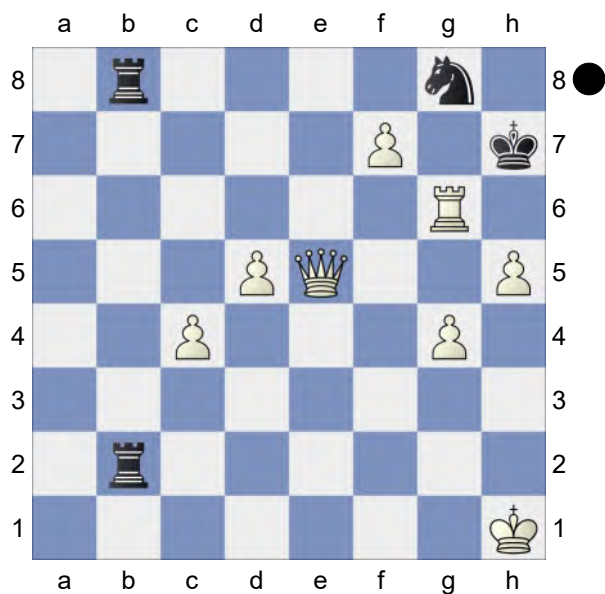
31.fxg4 Rab7 6.61/20

[Δ31...Nf7 4.67/19 32.d6 Rab7]

32.h5 Rb4 33.c4 Qa7+ 34.Kh1 Kh8
 35.Rxg6
 [Weaker is 35.Qxg6 Ng8±]
 35...Ng8



36.e6 Qe5+ would kill now. 36...Rb2
 37.Qe5+ Kh7 38.Rf7+ Qxf7 39.exf7



Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/
 Black=0.98

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□ Ivic, Velimir

■ Nakamura, Hi

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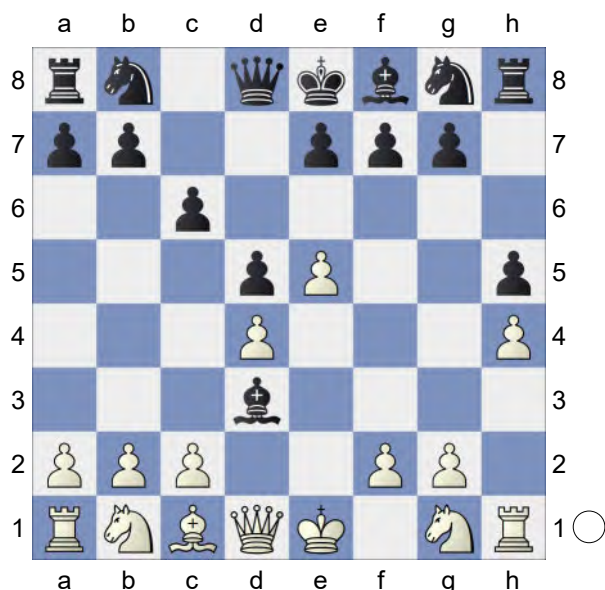
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



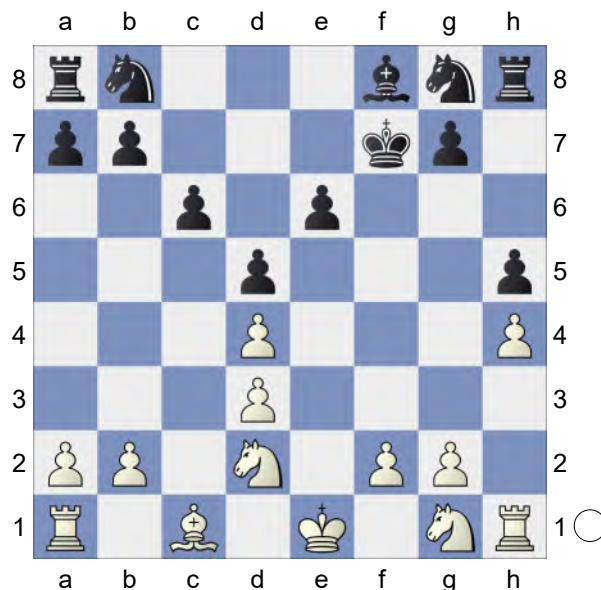
6.Qxd3 Strongly threatening e6!

[But not 6.cxd3 e6=]

6...Qa5+ 7.Nd2 Threatens to win with e6! 7...Qa6 8.e6 And now exf7+ would win. White is slightly better. 8...Qxd3 9.exf7+ Kxf7 10.cxd3 e6N

[10...Nd7 11.Ndf3 Re8 12.Bf4 Quickstarter Guide Part 2: Ca-Mainline 4...h5,6 Lifetime Repertoires: Sethuraman's 1. e]

(Diagram)



11.Ndf3 Bd6 12.Nh3 Nh6 13.Bf4

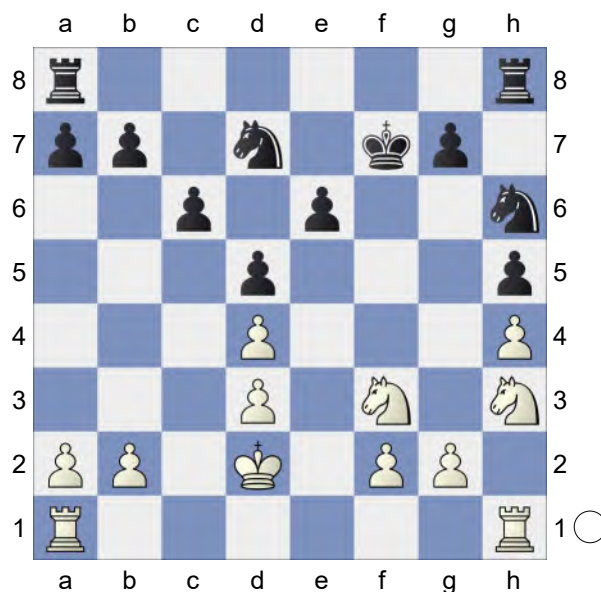
Bb4+ 0.76/20

[13...Ke7!± 0.42/20 should be considered.]

14.Bd2!± Bxd2+ 1.33/20

[14...a5± 0.60/19]

15.Kxd2 Nd7



16.Nfg5+ Kf6 1.64/26

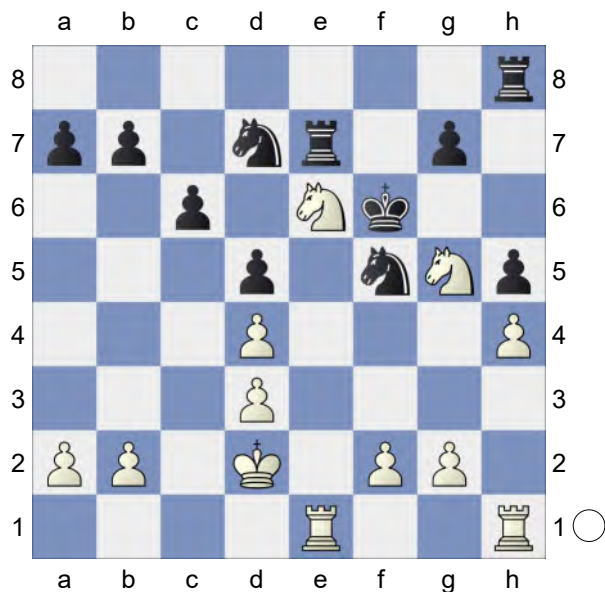
[16...Ke7± 1.29/21]

17.Nf4 aiming for Rae1. 17...Nf5

18.Nfxe6

[Don't take 18.Ngxe6 Rae8±]

18...Rae8 19.Rae1 Re7

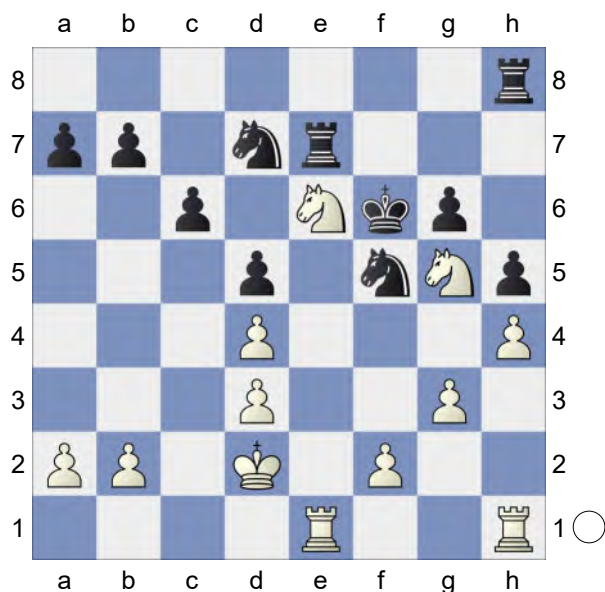


20.g3 0.86/21

[20.f3!+- 1.77/22 and White stays clearly on top.]

20...g6 1.72/22

[20...Rhe8± 0.86/21]



21.Re2 1.21/21

[21.Nc7+- 1.72/22]

21...Rhe8 1.57/23

[Δ21...Nf8 1.21/21 22.Rhe1 Nxe6
23.Rxe6+ (23.Nxe6 Rhe8=)
23...Rxe6 24.Rxe6+ Kg7]

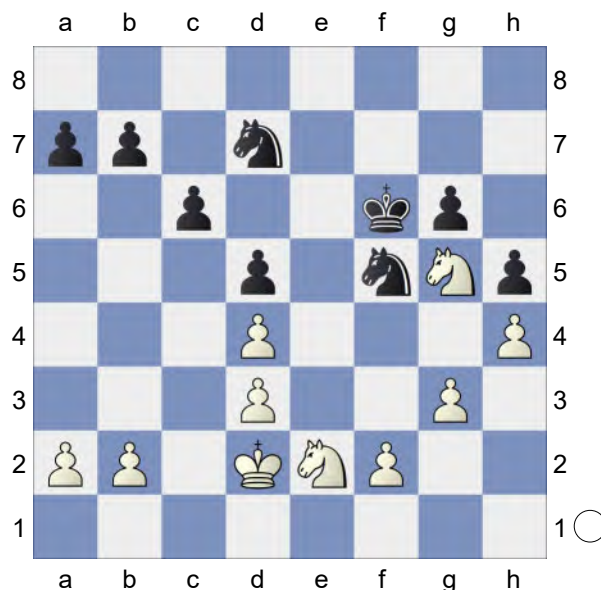
22.Rhe1 Nb6

[22...Nf8? 23.Nxf8 Rxe2+
24.Rxe2+-]

23.Nf4 0.57/22 Chess con chili.

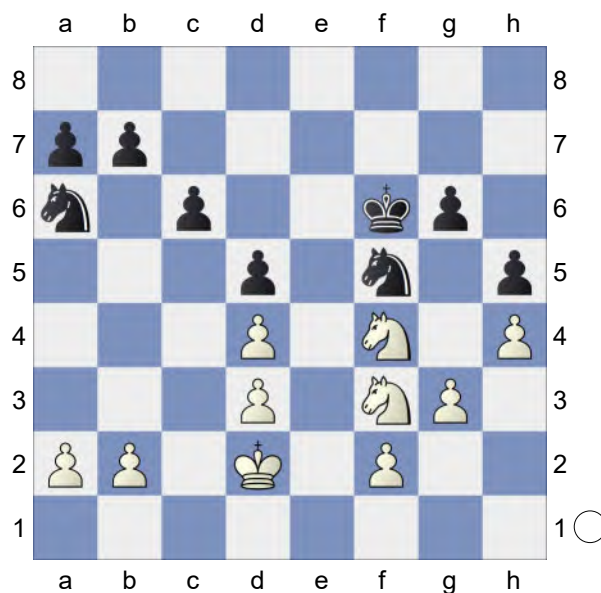
[White should play 23.Kc3± 1.48/19]

23...Rxe2± 24.Rxe2 Rxe2+ 25.Nxe2
Endgame KNN-KNN 25...Nd7



26.Nf3 Nb8 27.Nf4 Na6 1.35/26

[Δ27...Nd7 0.84/20]

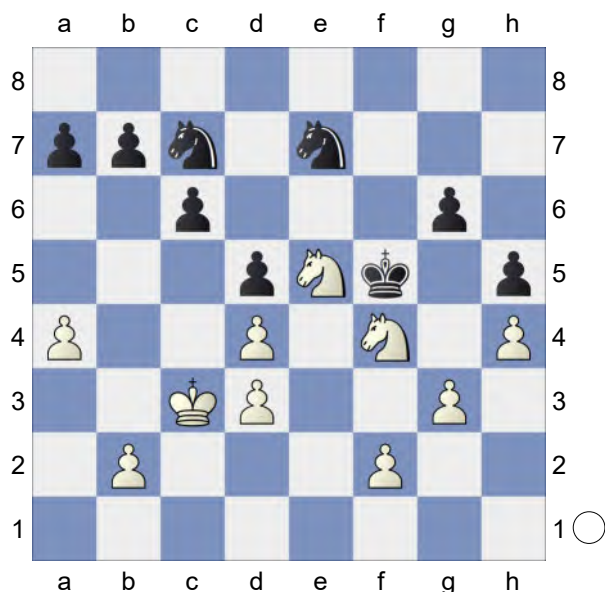


28.Kc3 0.58/26

[28.Ne5!± 1.35/26]

28...Nc7 29.a4 Ne7 1.06/24

[29...Ng7!± 0.50/24]

30.Ne5± Kf5**31.b4** 0.33/23

[31.Kd2± 1.05/19]

31...Ne8 0.80/26

[31...Ne6!± 0.33/23]

32.f3 &Bianco is more active. **32...Nd6** 1.78/23

[32...Ng7± 0.89/26]

33.Ng2 0.70/26

[33.Nh3+- 1.78/23]

33...Ke6 1.70/25

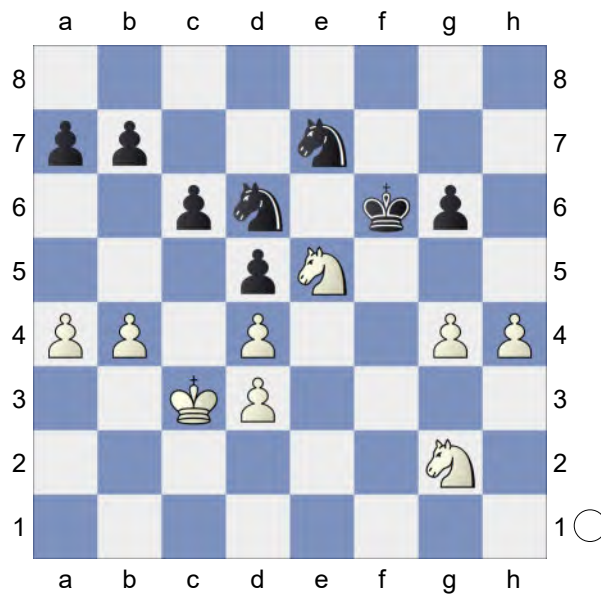
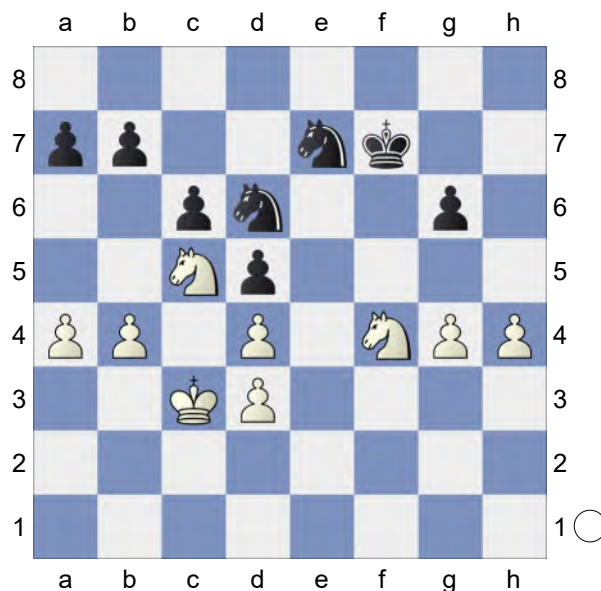
[33...g5± 0.70/26]

34.g4+- hxg4 3.17/31

[♠34...Kf6 1.87/21 35.Nf4 Kg7]

35.fxg4 Kf6

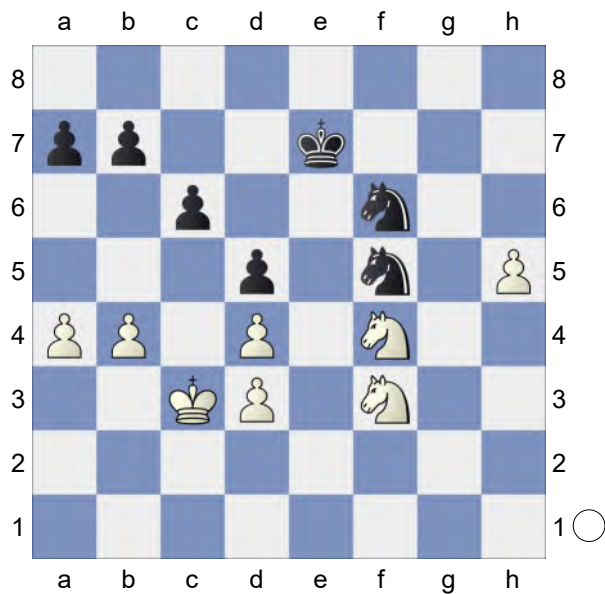
(Diagram)

**36.Nf4 Ndc8** 4.24/22[♠36...Ne8 2.79/25 37.Kd2 Nc7
38.Nd7+ Kf7]**37.Nd7+ Kf7 38.Nc5 Nd6 39.Nh3 Kf6**
40.Nf4 Kf7**41.h5?** 0.14/21

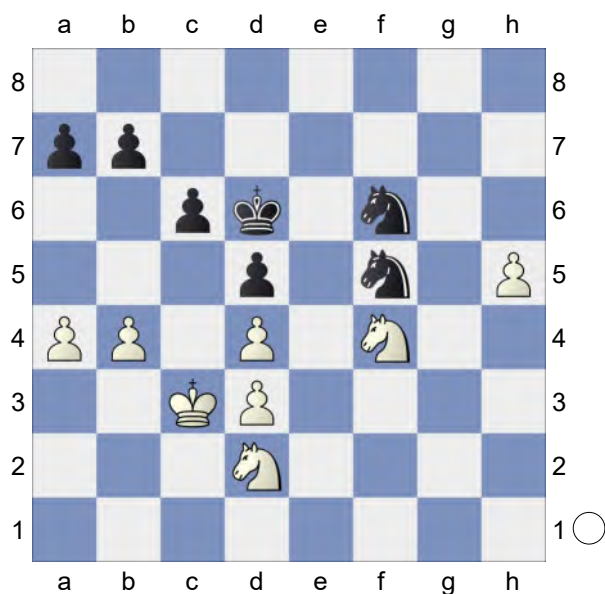
[Better is 41.Kd2+- 3.20/23]

41...gxh5= 42.gxh5 Nef5 43.Nce6
Ke7 44.Ng5 Ne8 45.Nf3 Nf6

(Diagram)



46.Ne5 Kd6 47.Nf7+ Ke7 48.Ng5 Kd6
49.Nf3 Ke7 Black has compensation.
50.Nd2 Kd6



51.Nb3 b6 52.Nd2 Ng4 53.Nf3 Nfh6
0.56/27

[53...Nf6!= 0.09/25]

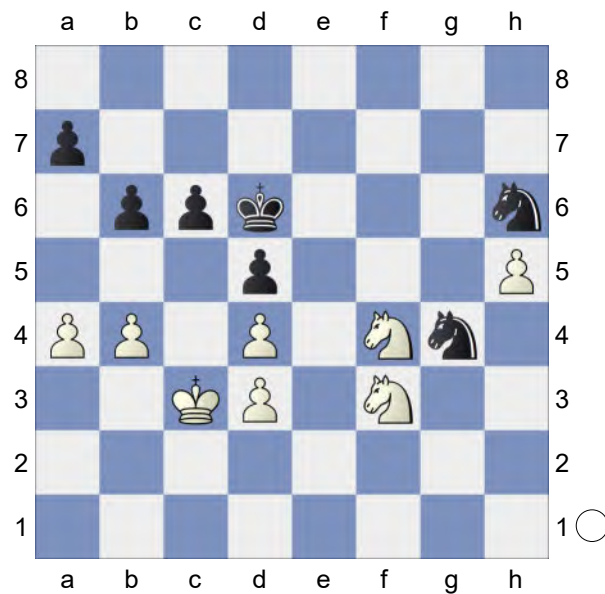
54.Ng6 0.08/27

[54.Nh4± 0.56/27]

54...Nf6! 55.Nf4 Nfg4 0.63/27

[55...Nf5= 0.09/26]

(Diagram)



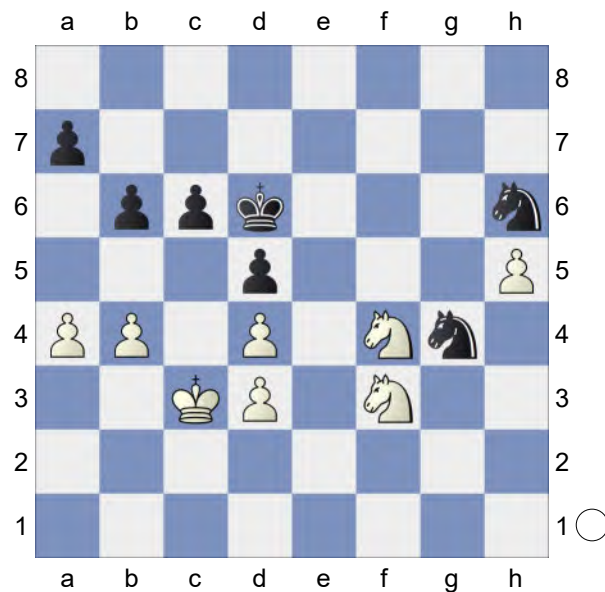
56.Ng5 0.09/23

[White should try 56.Nh4!± 0.63/27]

56...Nf6 The position is equal. **57.Kd2**
Nf5 58.Kc3 Nh6 59.Nf3 0.50/24

[59.Kb3= 0.13/31]

59...Nfg4



White really could win this.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/
 Black=0.23 (precise)

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□ Martinez Alcantara, Jose Eduardo

■ Fedoseev, VI3

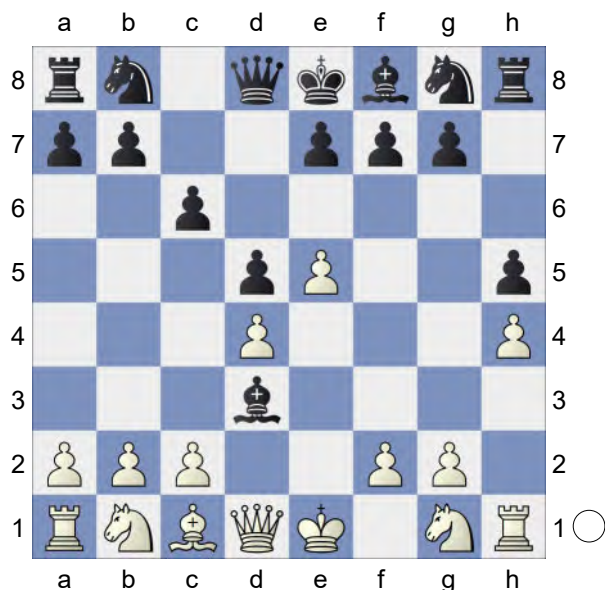
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[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

We had a classical match between two of the best South American players in the second round. It was very hard fought, with the players exchanging wins until Cori went through. He is such a talented player and could certainly be on the elite level. Probably his weakest point is opening knowledge. Mareco exploited this to open the score in the first game. 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 e6 7.Bg5 0.09/22

[7.Nf3!± 0.53/22 feels stronger.]

7...Be7 0.46/22

[7...Qb6= 0.09/22]

8.Nf3± Bxg5N

[8...Nh6

A) 9.Bxh6 Rxh6 10.Nbd2 Nd7
(10...c5 11.dxc5 Qa5 12.c3 Qxc5
13.0-0 Nd7 14.c4 Nb6 15.Rfc1

Rd8 16.Qe2 dxc4 17.Nxc4 Nxc4
18.Rxc4 Qb6 19.Rac1 Rg6
20.Qc2 Qb5 21.a4 Qd5 22.Rd4
Qxf3 23.Rxd8+ Bxd8 24.Qxg6
Qe2 25.Qxg7 1-0 (31) Retzlaff, K
(2017)-Gravesend (1849) La 42/
102 Havana 1986 (4.16)) 11.c4
dxc4 12.Nxc4 Rg6 13.g3 Nb6
14.Nxb6 Qxb6 15.0-0 Rd8 16.b4
Bxh4 17.Kg2 Be7 18.Rh1 h4
19.Rad1 hxc3 20.fxc3 Rd5
21.Rh8+ Kd7 22.a3 a5 23.Qe4
Qb5 ½-½ (82) Borrmann, L (2292)-
Hengl, P (2110) AUT-ch Vienna
2023 (4);

B) 9.c4 dxc4 10.Qxc4 Nf5
11.Nc3 Nd7 12.Rd1 a5 13.Ne4
Nb6 14.Qe2 Nd5 15.0-0 a4 16.a3
Qa5 17.g3 Bxg5 18.Nfxg5 Rd8
19.Rd3 Nc7 20.Rfd1 Nb5 21.Nf3
0-0 22.Nfg5 g6 23.Nf6+
1-0 (31) Mareco, S (2629)-Cori Tello,
J (2652) Krasnaya Polyana (m/1)
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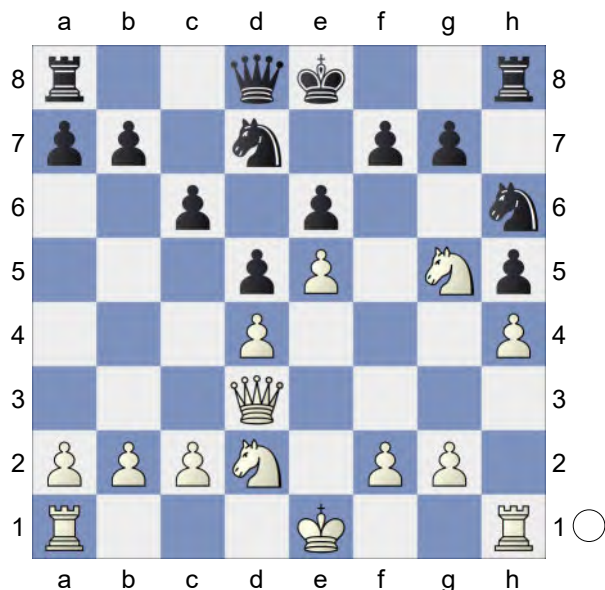
[8...Qb6 9.Nbd2 c5 10.c4 Bxg5
11.Nxg5 Ne7 12.0-0 Nbc6 13.cxd5
exd5 14.dxc5 Qxc5 15.e6 f6 16.Nf7
Rf8 17.Ne4 Nb4 1-0 Poupalos, N
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9.Nxg5 0.30/24

[9.hxc3± 0.66/26 Nd7 10.Nc3]

9...Nh6= 10.Nd2 Nd7

(Diagram)



11.0-0 c5 0.91/19

[11...Nf5!= 0.26/22]

12.c3 0.02/24 White has more active pieces.

[12.c4± 0.91/19 And now cxd5 would win. cxd4 13.cxd5 (13.Qxd4 Nf5±) 13...Nxe5 14.Qb5+ Qd7 15.Qxd7+ Kxd7 16.dxe6+ fxe6 17.Nb3]

12...Qb6 0.83/20

[12...cxd4= 0.02/24 keeps the balance. 13.cxd4 Nf5]

13.Ndf3 0.44/23

[White should try 13.c4± 0.83/20 Threatens to win with cxd5. Qc6 (13...cxd4? 14.cxd5 Nc5 15.Qxd4+-) 14.Ndf3]

13...Rc8 0.85/22

[13...cxd4± 0.44/23 should be considered. 14.cxd4 Nf5]

14.b3 -0.02/21

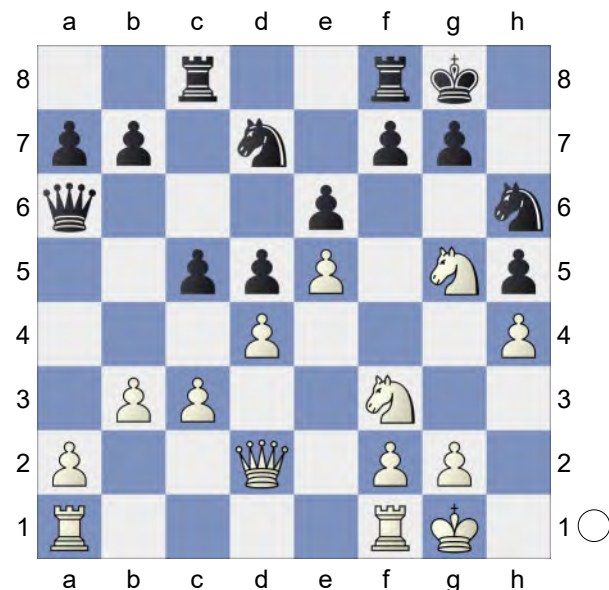
[14.Rfc1± 0.85/22]

14...Qa6 0.65/23

[Black should play 14...cxd4!= -0.02/21 15.cxd4 Nf5]

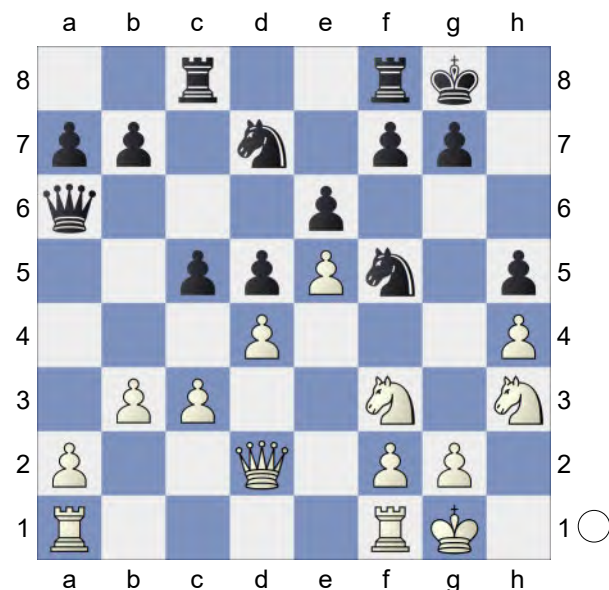
15.Qd2 0-0 0.76/23

[15...cxd4± 0.38/23 16.Nxd4 (16.cxd4 Nf5=) 16...0-0]



16.Nh3 Nf5 1.25/20

[16...cxd4± 0.70/21 17.cxd4 Nf5]



17.Qg5!± g6 1.51/18

[17...cxd4 1.07/21 18.Nxd4 f6 19.exf6 (19.Qxh5 fxe5 20.Ng5 Nf6= Deflection) 19...Rxf6]

18.Nf4 Strongly threatening Nxg6!

18...Kg7 4.54/19

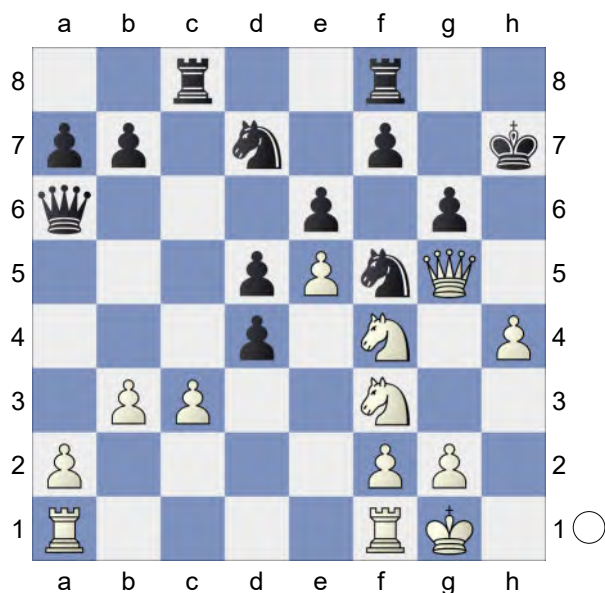
[18...Kh7± 1.39/20]

19.Nxh5+- Kh7 20.Nf4

[20.g4 gxh5 21.Qxh5+ (21.gxf5? Rg8+- Pin) 21...Nh6+-]

20...cxd4 5.15/23

[Δ 20...Rg8 3.59/17 21.h5 Rg7]



21.cxd4

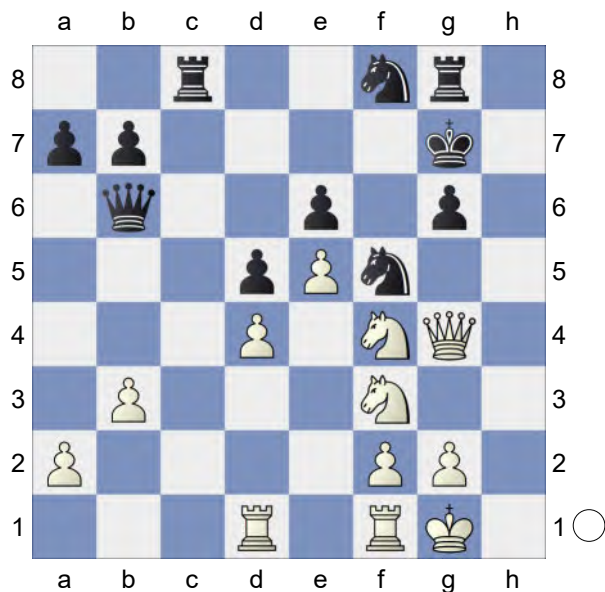
[21.Nxd4 Nxe5 22.h5 Rg8 23.hxg6+ fxg6 24.Nfxe6 (24.Ndxe6 Rce8+-) 24...Rce8+-]

21...Qb6 22.h5 Rg8 23.hxg6+ fxg6

24.Qg4 Nf8 25.Rad1 Kg7 5.16/21

[25...Rg7 3.26/20 was worth a try.

26.Rc1 Rgc7]



26.Ng5 aiming for Rd3. **26...Rh8**

27.Nfh3? 1.51/16

[27.Ngxe6+- 3.96/18 Qxe6
28.Nxe6+ Nxe6 29.Qf3]

27...Rc2? 3.46/18

[27...Rh4± 1.51/16 28.Qf3 Nh7
29.Nxh7 Rxh7]

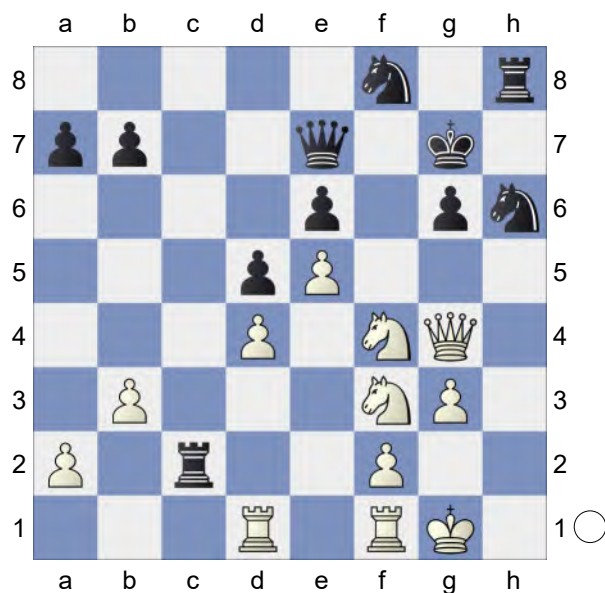
28.Nf3 Qc7 29.Nf4 2.06/17

[Δ 29.Qf4 3.46/18]

29...Qe7? 3.76/21

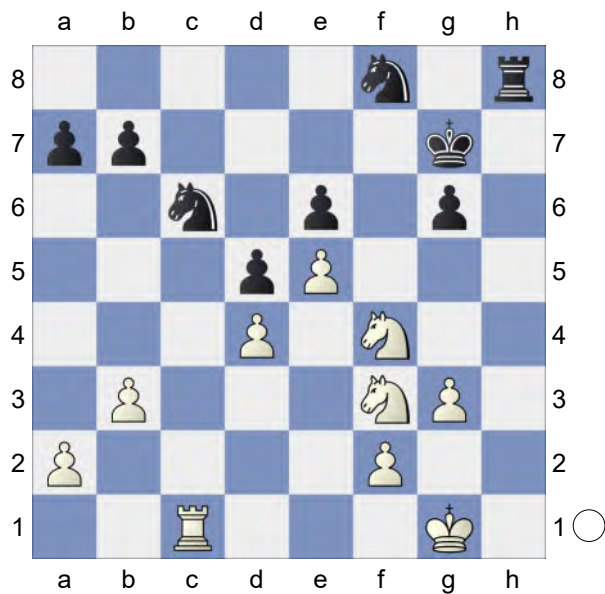
[29...Kg8 2.06/17 30.Ra1 (30.Nxg6
Qg7+) 30...Rc3]

30.g3 Nh6



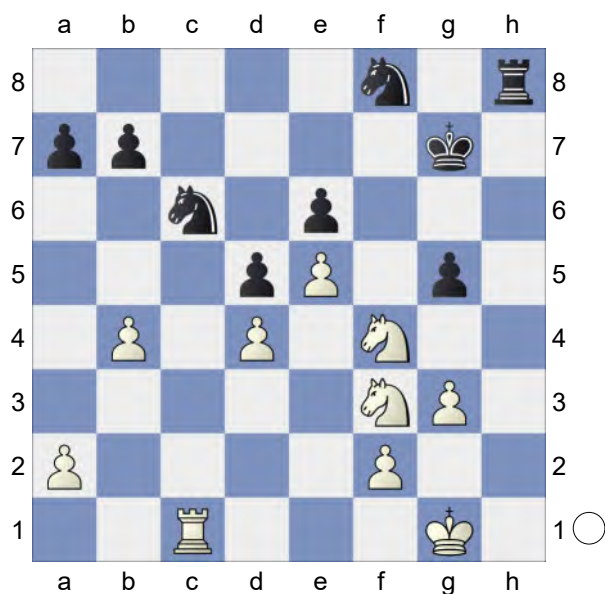
**31.Qg5 Nf5 32.Qxe7+ Nxe7 33.Rc1
Rxc1 34.Rxc1 Nc6**

(Diagram)



35.b4! g5

[35...Nxb4 36.Rc7+]



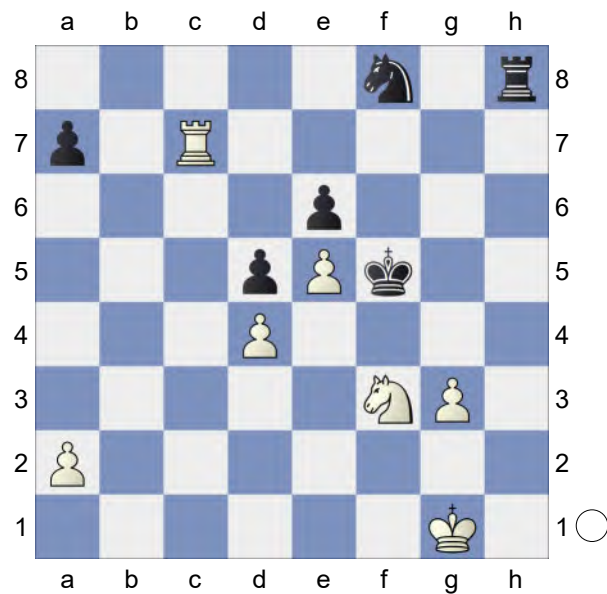
36.b5 gxf4 37.bxc6 bxc6 38.Rxc6 fxg3 39.fxg3 Endgame. KRN-KRN
39...Kg6 40.Rc7 1.63/18

[40.g4 3.30/22]

40...Kf5 2.94/22

[40...Rh7 1.63/18 41.Rc8 Rf7
 42.Nh4+ Kg7]

(Diagram)



41.Kf2? 0.71/22

[41.Rg7!+- 2.94/22 and the rest is easy.]

41...Ke4? 2.67/19

[41...Rh7± 0.71/22 42.Rc8 Rf7]

42.Rc3? 0.24/23

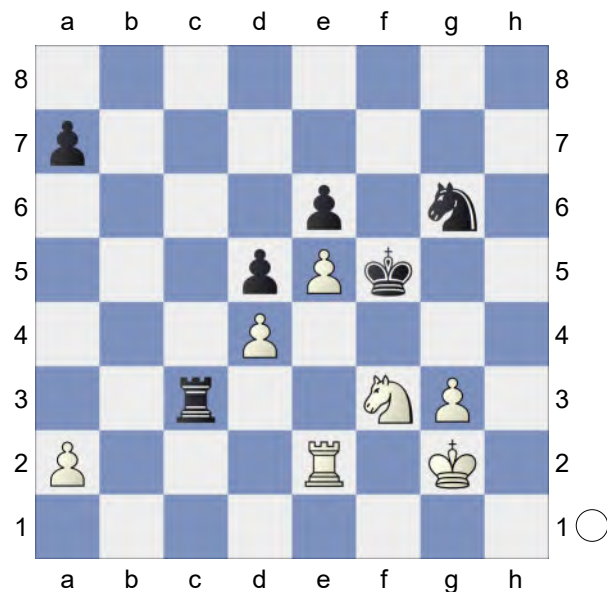
[Much less strong is 42.Rxa7 Ng6
 43.Ke2 Rg8+-]

[42.Re7+- 2.67/19]

42...Ng6 43.Re3+ Kf5 44.Kg2 0.00/27

[44.Ra3± 0.55/21]

44...Rc8= 45.Re2 Rc3



46.Rf2 Ke4 47.Ng5+ Kxd4 48.Nxe6+

Kxe5 49.Ng5 Kd6? 3.65/25

[49...Re3= -0.04/24]

50.Rd2? -0.05/24

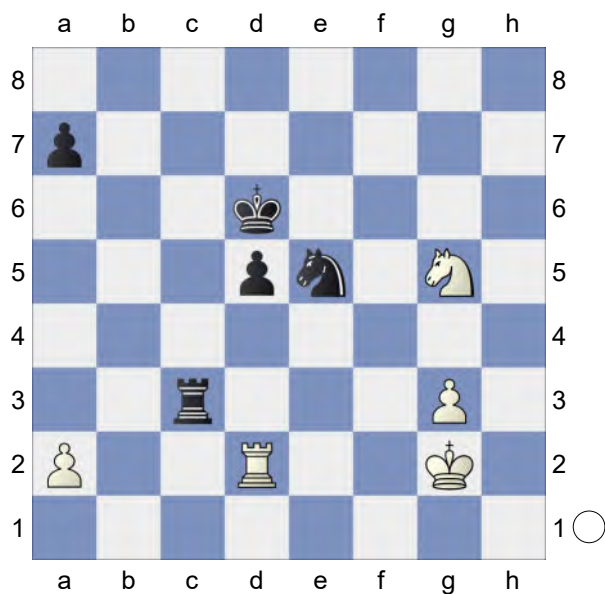
[50.Rf6+- 3.65/25 Kc5 51.Ne6+
(51.Rxg6 Rc2+ 52.Kf3 Rxa2+-)
51...Kc4 52.Rxg6]

50...Ne5? 5.27/24

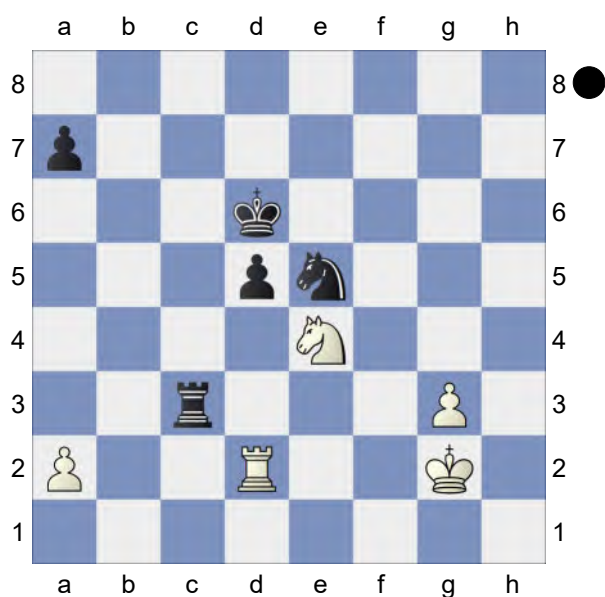
[50...Ra3= -0.05/24 and Black stays
safe.]

Black=0.93

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51.Ne4+



Weighted Error Value: White=0.74/

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■ Duda, Jan Krzysztof

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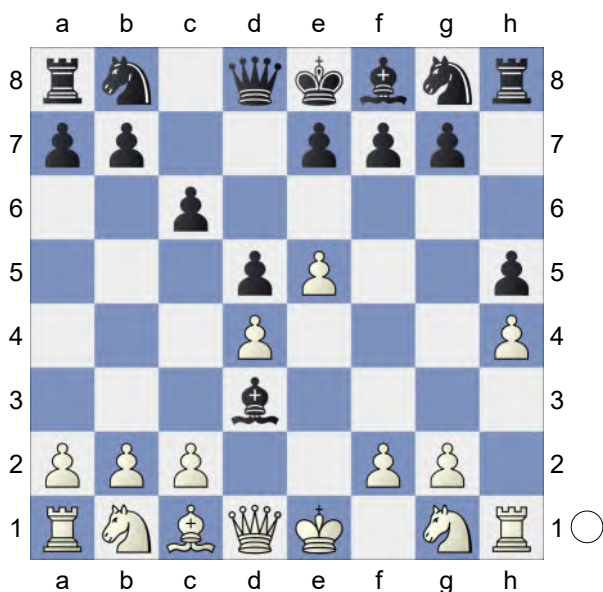
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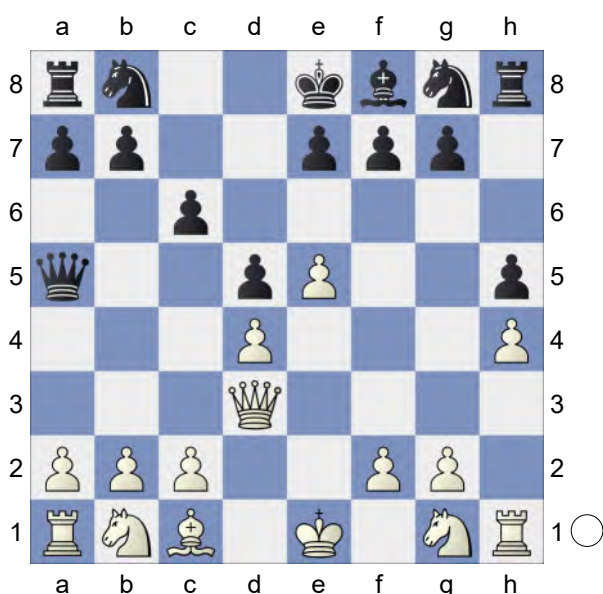
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 Qa5+

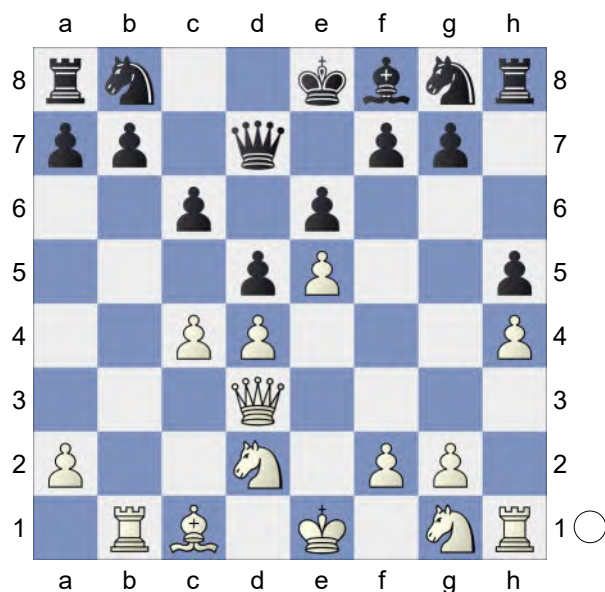


7.b4 0.05/20 Qxb4+= 8.Nd2
The position is equal. 8...e6 9.Rb1 Qe7

10.c4 White has compensation.

[10.Ne2 b5 11.Nf3 Na6 12.Nf4 Nc7
13.Ng5 a5 14.Rh3 Nh6 15.Nxh5
Nf5 16.g4 b4 17.a4 Rxb5 18.gxh5
c5 19.dxc5 Qxc5 20.c3 Qc4
21.cxb4 axb4 22.Bd2 Rxa4 23.Rc1
Qxd3 24.Rxd3 Ra7 ½-½ (47)
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10...Qd7



11.Ne2N

[11.Ngf3 Nh6 12.0-0 (12.a4 Nf5
13.Qb3 b6 14.a5 dxc4 15.Nxc4 b5
16.Ne3 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 Qxd4 18.Ba3
Bxa3 19.Qxa3 Na6 20.0-0 Qc5
21.Qb2 Rc8 22.Rfc1 Qe7 23.Qxb5
cxb5 24.Rxc8+ Qd8 25.Rxd8+ Kxd8
26.Rxb5 Kc7 0-1 (43) Nussbaumer, H
(2384)-Eckl, J (2527) Farum op 1993
(7.1) 27.Nc4 Rb8 28.Rxb8 Nxb8
29.Nd6 Kd7 30.f4 Nc6 31.a6 f6
32.Nb5 fxe5 33.fxe5 Nb4 34.Nxa7
Nxa6 35.Kf2 Nb4 36.Ke3 Nc6
37.Nxc6 Kxc6 38.Kf4 Kd5 39.Kg5
Kxe5 40.Kxh5 Kf5 41.g4+ Kf6
0-1 (43) Msellek, I (2384)-David, A
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12...Nf5 13.Ba3 Be7 14.Rfc1 0-0

15.Qb3 Bxa3 16.Qxa3 Na6 17.Rb2
Rac8 18.Rcb1 Rc7 19.c5 Nb8
20.Rb3 Re8 21.Qb2 Re7 22.a4 Qd8
23.g3 Rcd7 24.Qc3 g6 25.Nf1 Kg7
0-1 (60) Pichot,A (2638)-Iturrizaga
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Div 3 Win rapid 2023 (1.2)]

11...Na6 0.74/22

[11...Ne7= 0.11/19]

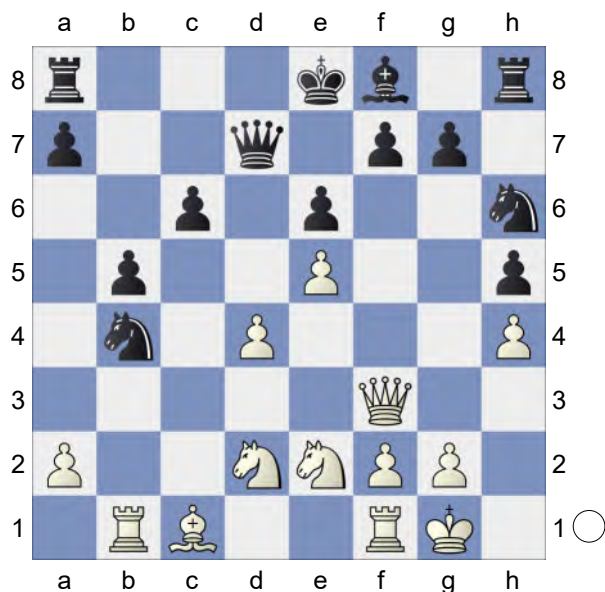
12.0-0 Nb4 13.Qf3 0.25/19

[13.Qg3!± 0.76/22 And now Rxb4!
would win. Nh6 14.c5]

13...dxc4 14.Nxc4 aiming for Nc3.

14...b5! 15.Nd2 Nh6 0.63/21

[15...Nxa2= 0.22/21
is more appropriate. 16.Rxb5 Be7]



16.Ne4 0.25/20

[16.Qxh5 Nxa2 17.Rd1 Nxc1
18.Rbxc1 a5=]

[16.a3± 0.63/21 should be
considered. Nd5 17.Qxh5]

16...Nf5 17.Bg5 Nd5 18.Rfc1 Be7

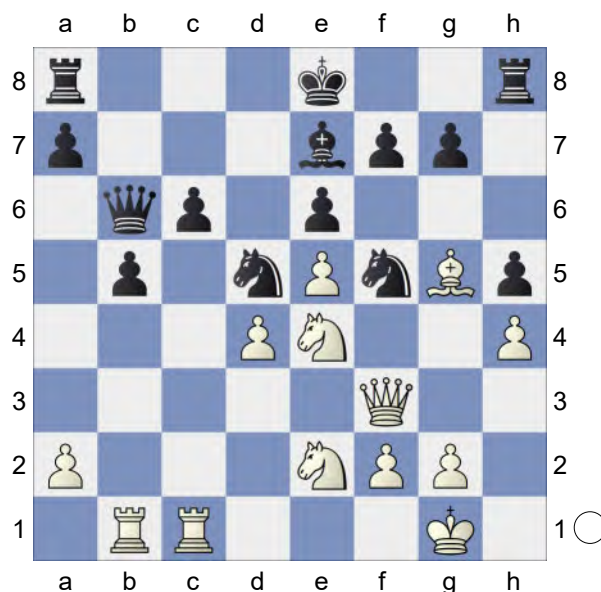
19.Nc5 -0.91/23

[19.Bxe7= 0.06/20 keeps the
balance. Ndxe7 20.g3]

19...Qd8 0.03/21

[19...Bxc5± -0.91/23 20.Rxc5 f6]

20.Ne4 Qb6



21.a4 axb5 would now be deadly. **21...b4**

22.Rc4 a5 0.84/18

[22...g6± 0.48/22]

23.Rbc1!±

[23.Bxe7?! Ndxe7 24.Nd6+ Nxd6
25.exd6 Nd5=]

23...Rc8

[23...Nxb4? 24.Bxb4 Bxb4
25.Rxc6+- (25.Nd6+ Kd7+-; 25.Nd6+
Kd7+-)]

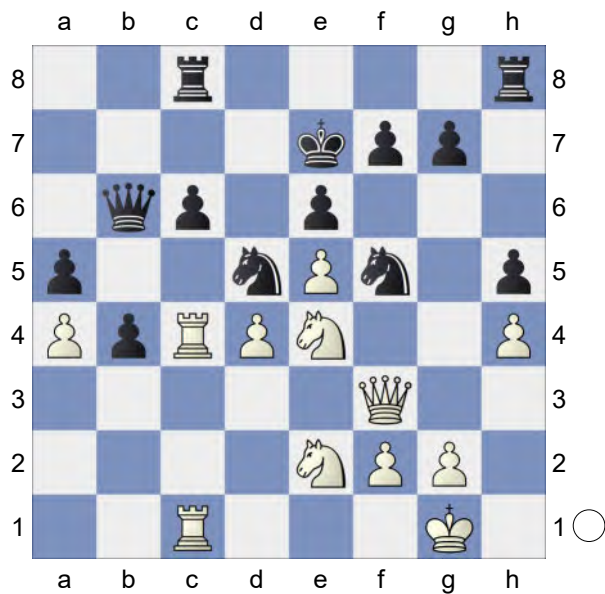
24.Bxe7 0.66/25

[24.N2g3!± 1.04/23 0-0 (24...Nxd4?
25.Qd3+-) 25.Nxf5 (25.Qxh5 g6±)
25...exf5 26.Qxf5]

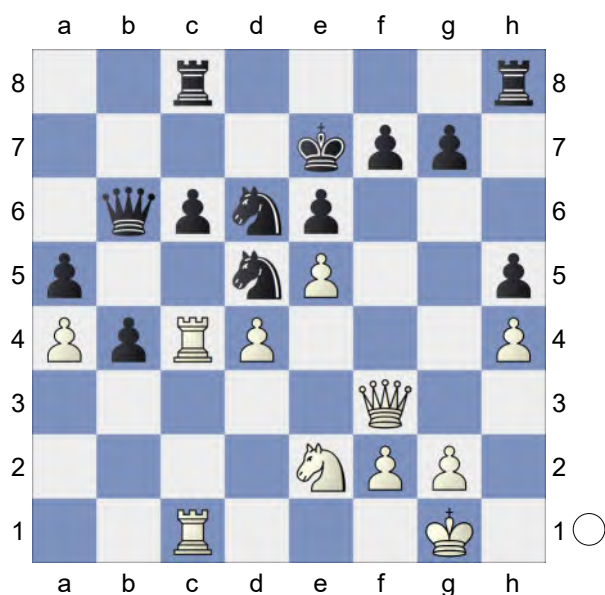
24...Kxe7 1.10/20

[24...Ndxe7± 0.66/25 25.Nd6+ Nxd6
26.exd6 Nf5]

(Diagram)



25.Nd6! Nxd6



26.exd6+ Kxd6 27.Qxf7 Ng3! is the strong threat. **27...Qc7**

[27...Rc7? 28.Qg6 Re7 29.Ng3+-]

28.Qf3 0.00/19

[**Better is** 28.Rxc6+!± 1.44/21 Qxc6 29.Rxc6+ Rxc6 30.Qxg7]

28...Qe7 1.08/18

[28...Rh8!= 0.00/19 29.Qg3+ (29.Qxh5 Qf7=) 29...Ke7 30.Qxg7+ (30.Qxc7+? Rxc7 31.Rc5 Rf5+-) 30...Ke8 31.Qg6+ Qf7 32.Qxf7+ Rxf7]

29.Ng3 -0.09/21

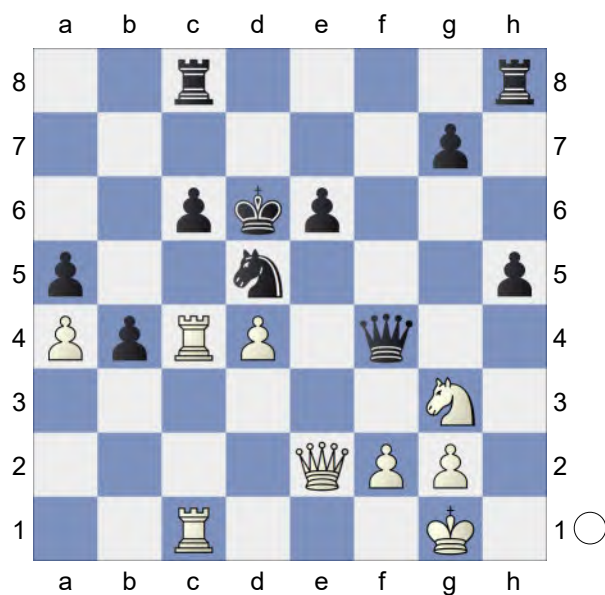
[29.Qg3+!± 1.08/18 Kd7 30.Rc5]

29...Qxh4= Black wants to play ...Qg4.

30.Qe2

[30.Ne4+?! Kd7± (30...Ke7 31.Rxc6 Rxc6 32.Rxc6±)]

30...Qf4



Wards off Nf5+ 31.Re1

[31.Ne4+!? Ke7 32.Re1=]

31...Rh6 32.Ne4+ Ke7 33.Nc5 -1.00/22

[33.Rc5= -0.30/22]

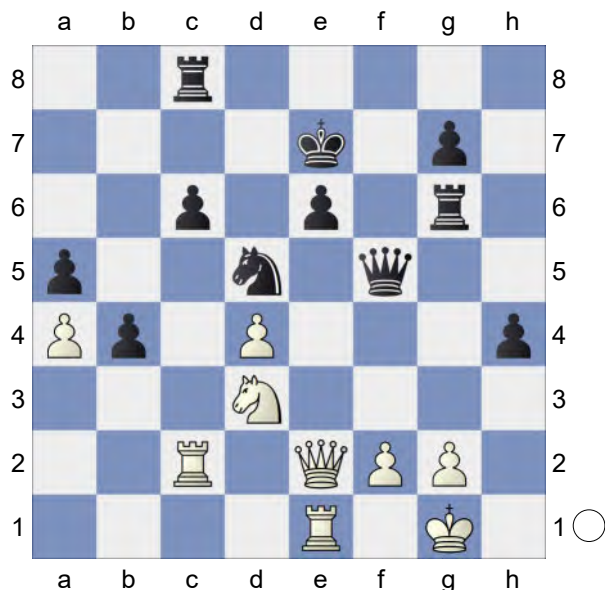
33...Qf5 34.Rc2 -1.19/18

[**White should play** 34.Nd3 -0.80/21]

34...Rg6!± 35.Nd3 h4

[35...Qg4 36.Qf1±]

(Diagram)



36.Kh1 -2.00/20

[36.Rc5 $\mp$ -1.06/18]

36...Nf4 37.Nxf4 Qxf4 → Black attacks with force. **38.Rc5 Qxd4** -0.80/21

[Δ 38...Qg4 -1.41/22 39.f3 Qxd4]

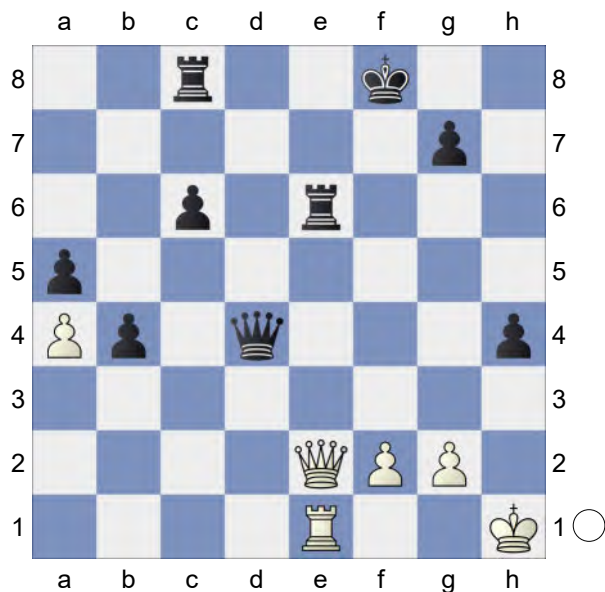
39.Re5 -1.84/20

[39.Rg5 $\mp$ -0.80/21 Qf6 (39...Rxc5 40.Qxe6+ Kf8 41.Qxc8+) 40.Rxa5]

39...Kf8? -0.02/15

[39...Kf7!-+ -1.84/20 Hoping for ...h3! 40.Rxe6 Qg4 41.Re7+ Kg8]

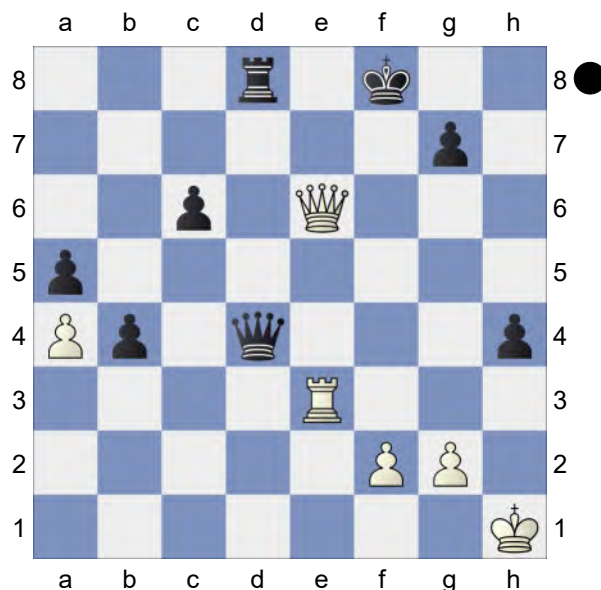
40.Rxe6= Rxe6



41.Qxe6 Endgame. **KQR-KQR 41...Rd8**

White must now prevent ...Qd5. **42.Re3?** -4.42/25

[42.Qf5+= -0.12/21 and White stays safe. Kg8 43.Qe6+ Kh7 44.Qf5+ Kg8 45.Qe6+ Kh8 46.Qf5]



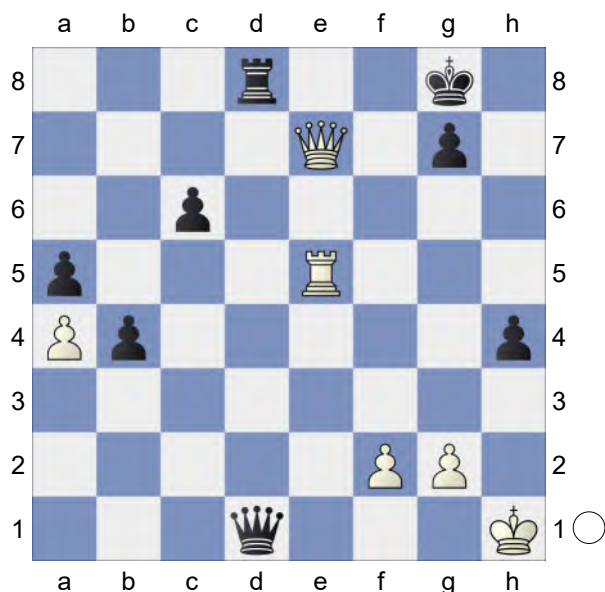
Loses the game. **42...Qd1+!-+ 43.Re1 Qd5**

[43...Qxa4 44.Qe7+ Kg8 45.Qxd8+ Kh7 46.Qd3+ (46.Qxh4+ Kg8 47.Re8+ Kf7 48.Qe7+ Kg6 49.Qe4+ Kg5 50.Re5+ Kh6 51.Re6+ Kg5 52.Rg6+ Kh5 53.Qg4#) 46...Kg8 47.Re8+ (47.Qg6 c5 48.Re7 Qa1+ 49.Kh2 Qf6 50.Re8+ Qf8 51.Qe6+ Deflection Kh7 52.Rxf8 a4 53.Qf5+ g6 54.Qf6 Kh6 55.Rh8#) 47...Kf7 48.Qd7+ Kg6 49.Qg4+ Kf6 50.Re6+ (50.Qxh4+ Kf7 51.Qe7+ Kg6 52.Qd6+ Kh5 53.Qe5+ g5 54.Rh8+ Kg6 55.Qe6+ Kg7 56.Rg8+ Skewer Kh7 57.Qg6#) 50...Kf7 51.Qg6+ Kg8 52.Re8#]

44.Qe7+ Kg8 45.Re5 Qd1+ -2.04/20

[Δ 45...Qd6 -3.73/21 46.Qxh4 Qf6 47.Qc4+ Qf7]

(Diagram)



46.Re1 -4.35/22

[46.Kh2 -2.04/20 Qd6 47.Qxd6 Rxd6 48.Rxa5]

46...Qd5 47.Qxh4 b3 48.Qe7 Rb8

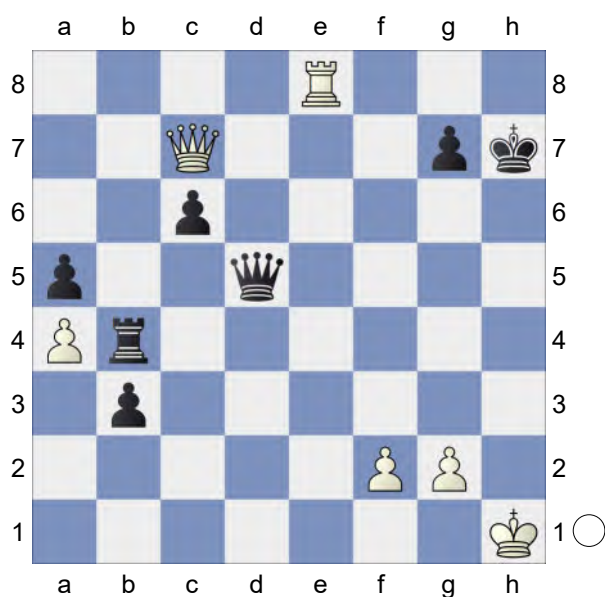
49.Qc7 Rb4 -2.12/20

[Δ49...Rd8 -4.27/21 Strongly threatening ...b2. 50.Qb6 Rd6]

50.Re8+? -6.19/5

[50.Qc8+ -2.12/20 Kh7 51.Qh3+ Kg6 52.Qg3+ Kf6 53.Kg1]

50...Kh7



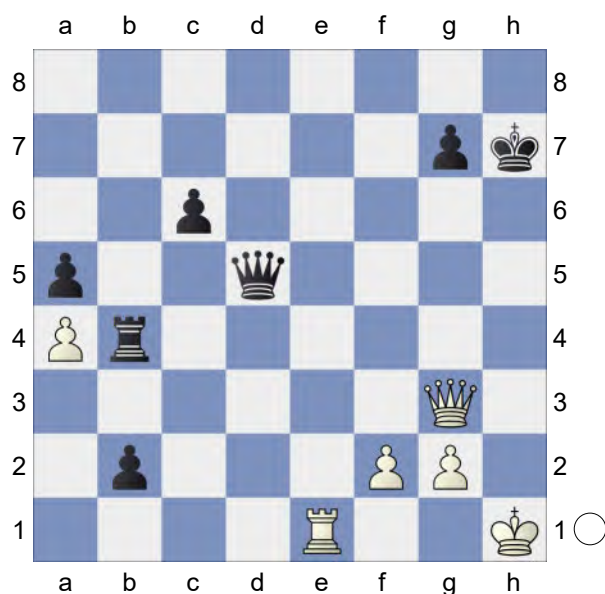
51.Qh2+ Kg6 (-> ...Qd1+) 52.Qg3+ Kf7 53.Re1 -8.41/21

[Δ53.Re3 -4.39/19 Qh5+ (53...Rxa4 54.Qc7+ Kg6 55.Rg3+ Kf5 56.Qc8+ Ke5 57.Rg5+ Kd4 58.Rxd5+ Kxd5 59.Qg8+ Skewer, Double Attack Kc5 60.Qxb3+-) 54.Kg1]

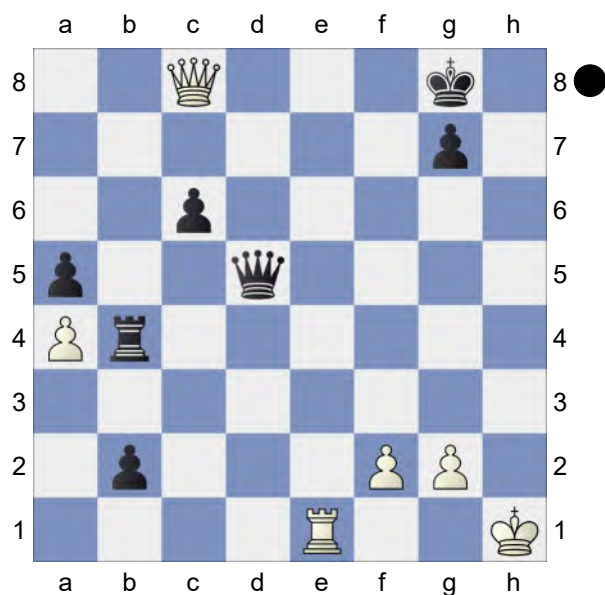
53...b2

[53...Rxa4? 54.Qc7+ Kg6 55.Qg3+ Kf6 56.f4+-]

54.Qc7+ Kg6 55.Qg3+ Kh7

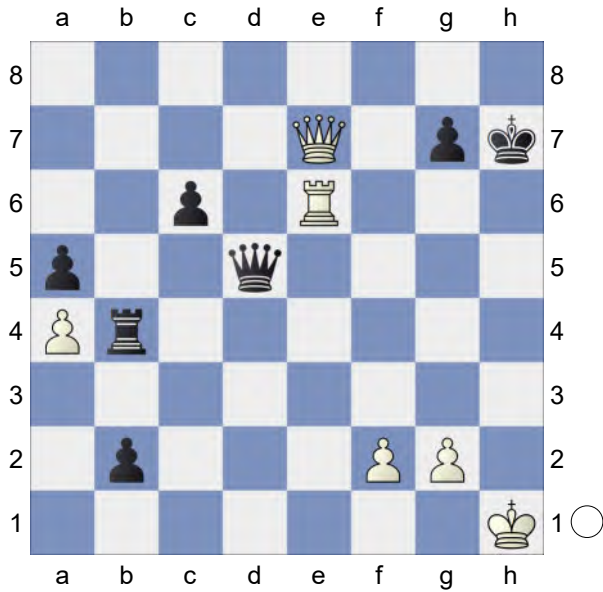


56.Qh3+ Kg8 57.Qc8+

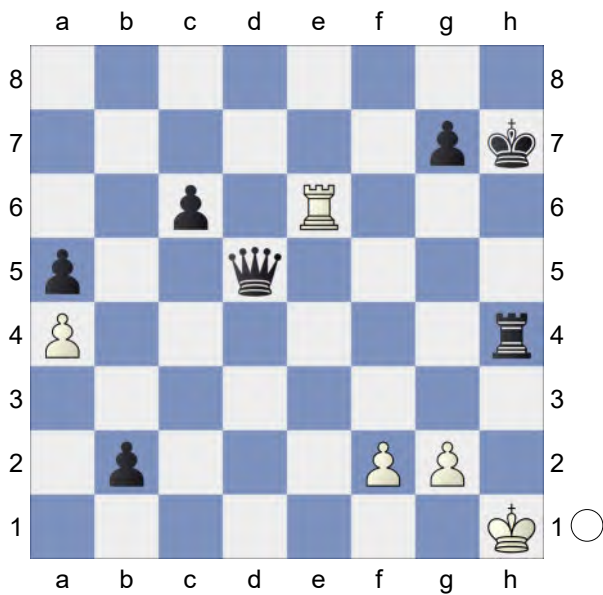


Kf7! 58.Qe8+ Kf6 59.Qe7+ Kg6 60.Re6+ Kh7

(Diagram)



61.Qh4+ Rxh4+



Weighted Error Value: White=0.78/
Black=0.39

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■ Vallejo Pons,Francisco

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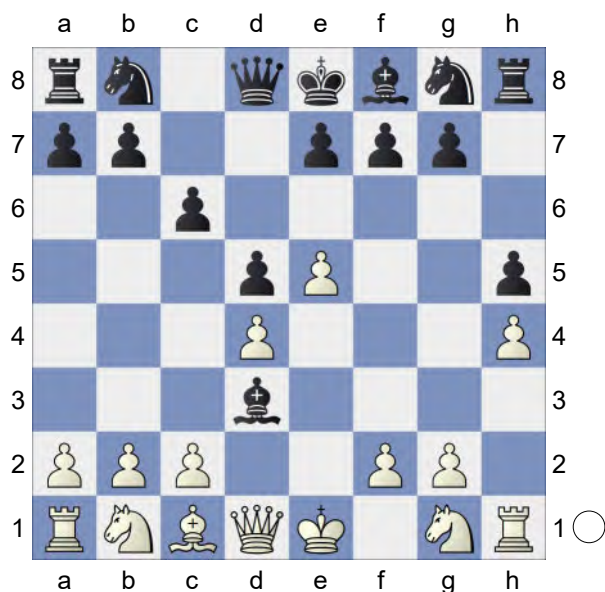
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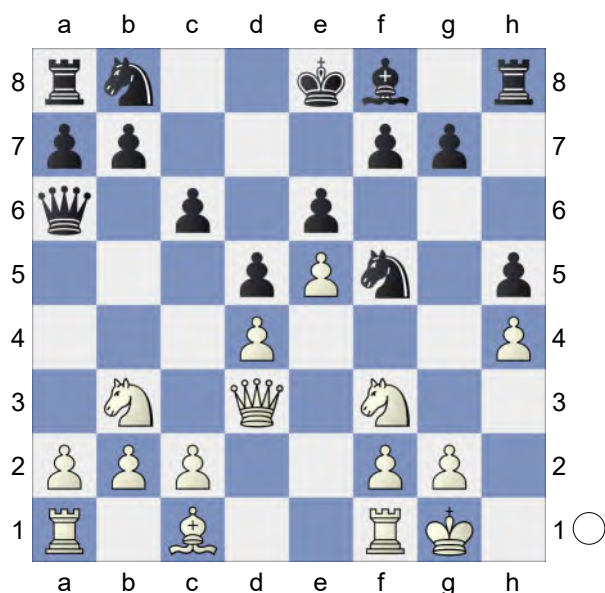
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.Nd2 aiming for e6!
7...e6 8.Ngf3 White is slightly better.
8...Ne7 9.0-0 Nf5 10.Nb3 Qa6



11.Qc3

An interesting side line.

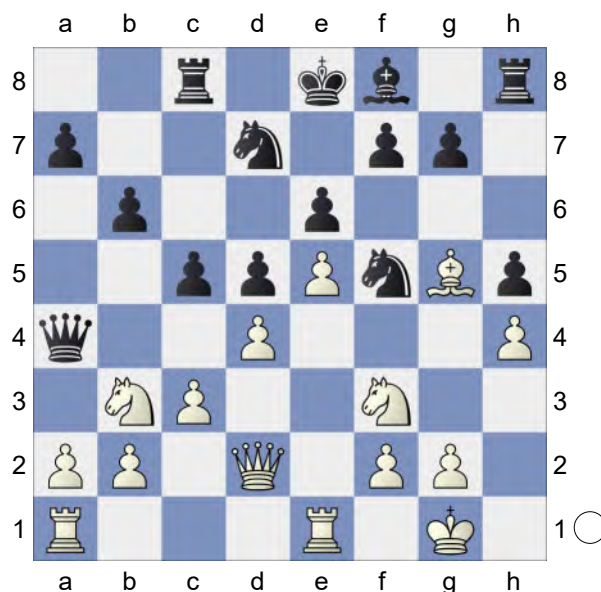
Eine interessante Nebenvariante.

11...Nd7 12.Bg5 Rc8 13.Qd2 c5

14.c3 Qa4N

[14...Be7 15.Bxe7 Nxe7 16.Nxc5
Nxc5 17.dxc5 Rxc5 18.Qg5 Qd3
19.Qxg7 Rg8 20.Qf6 Rc4 21.Ng5
Qg6 22.g3 Qxf6 23.exf6 Nf5
24.Rad1 Rg6 25.Kg2 Rxf6 26.Rfe1
Ne7 27.Rd3 Ra4 28.a3 Rf5 29.f4
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15.Rfe1 b6

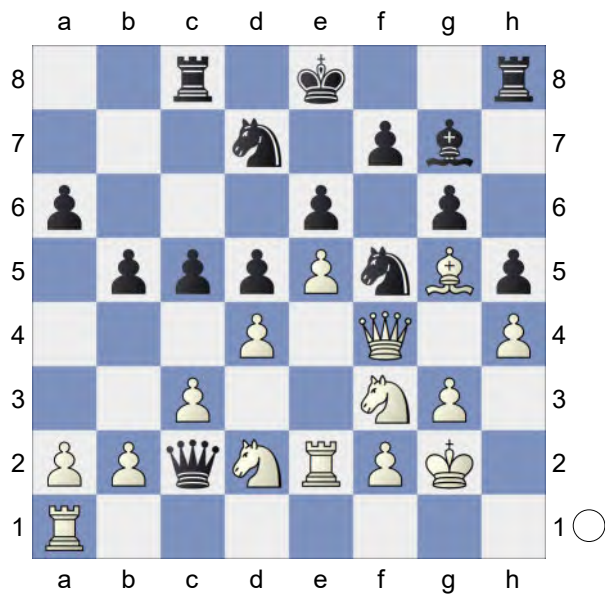


16.g3 g6N

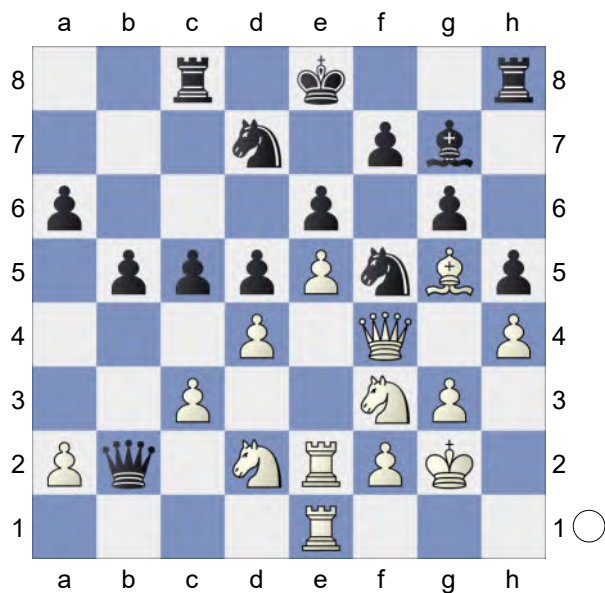
[Vorgänger: 16...Nb8 17.dxc5 bxc5
18.Nc1 Nc6 0.60/26 (Better is
18...Be7= 0.08/23) 19.Nd3 c4 20.Nf4
Be7 21.Kg2 a5 22.Bxe7 Ncxe7
0-1 Giri,A (2774)-Duda,J (2756)
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17.Kg2 Bg7 18.Qf4 b5 19.Re2 a6
20.Nbd2 Qc2

(Diagram)

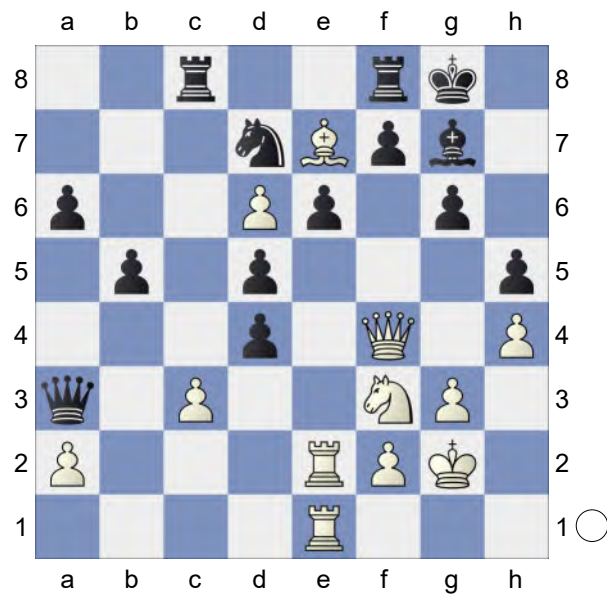


21.Rae1! And now Ne4! would win.
21...Qxb2 1.84/24
 [21...Qd3± 0.70/25]

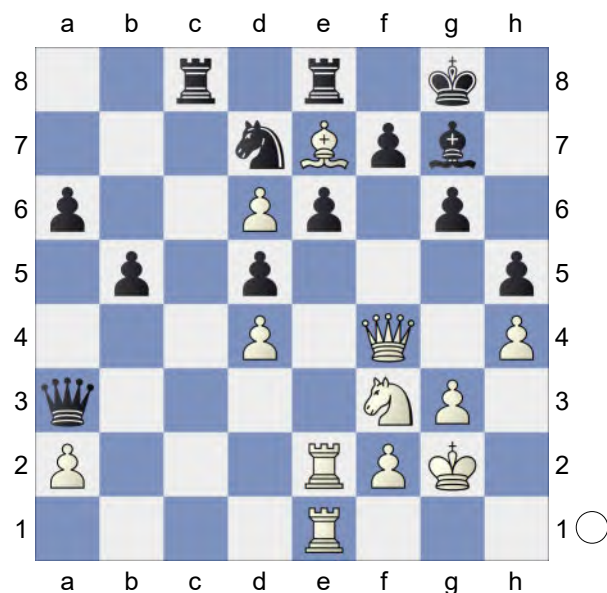


22.Ne4!+- Discovered Attack **22...Qa3**
23.Nd6+ **Nxd6** **24.exd6** Strongly
 threatening **Rxe6+!** **24...0-0** **25.Be7**
cxd4 2.67/24
 [25...a5± 1.41/21 26.Rb1 Qxc3]

(Diagram)



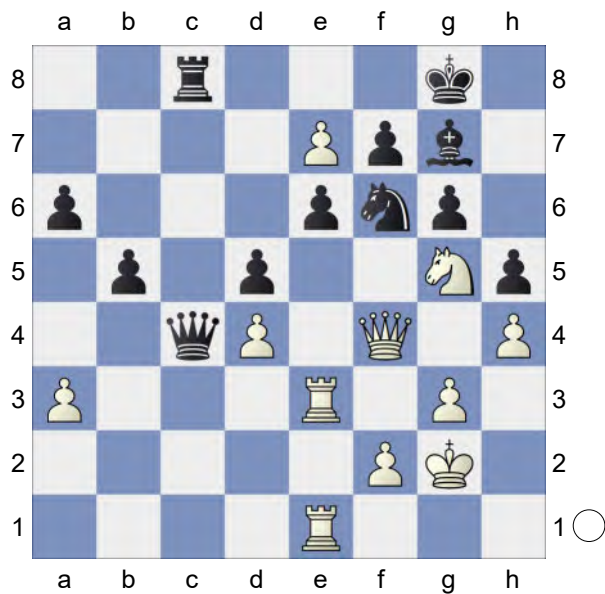
26.cxd4 Rfe8



27.Re3 Prevents Qd3 **27...Qb4** **28.a3**
Qc4 **29.Ng5 Rxe7** 10.20/25
 [29...Rf8 2.33/20]

30.dxe7 Nf6

(Diagram)



31.Nxe6! fxe6

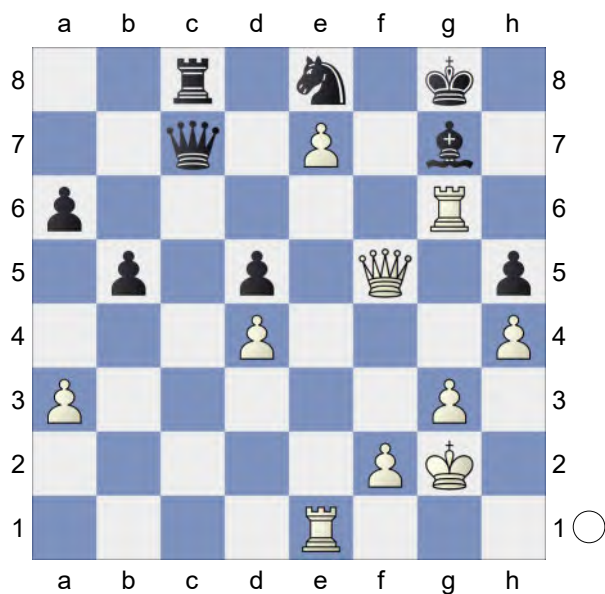
[31...Qc6 32.Nd8]

32.Rxe6 Ne8 33.Rxg6 White mates.

33...Qc7 34.Qf8+

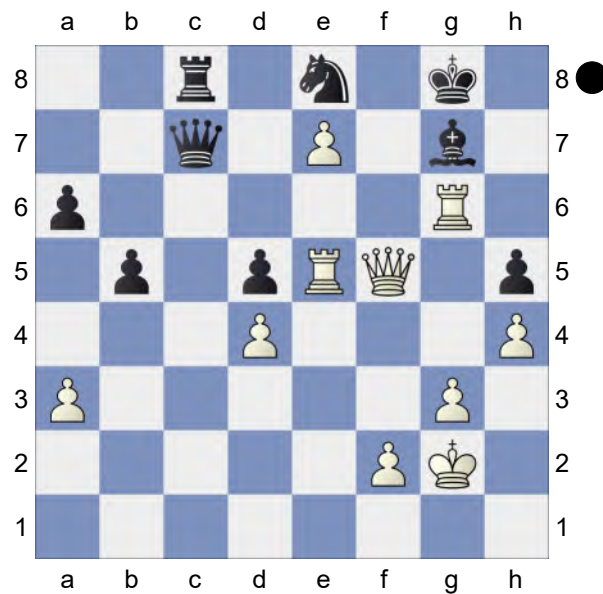
[Weaker is 34.Rxa6 Qxf4 35.gxf4 Rxc2±]

34...Kh7 35.Qf5 Kg8



36.Re5

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.26
(precise) /Black=0.43

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□ Martinez Alcantara, Jose Eduardo

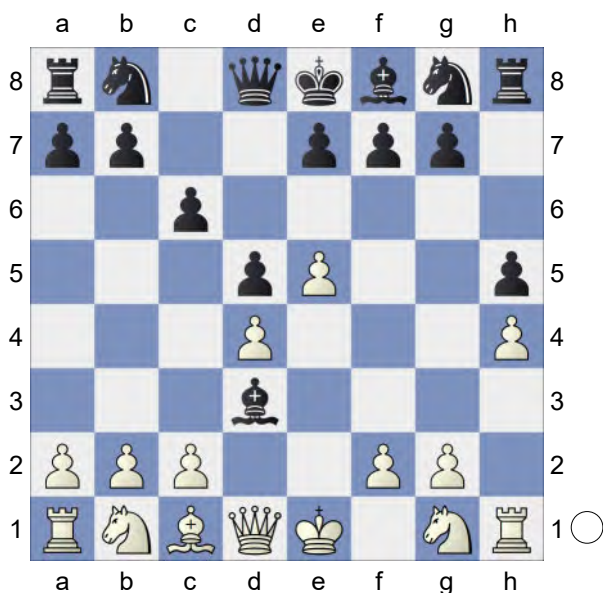
■ Pultinevicius, Paulius

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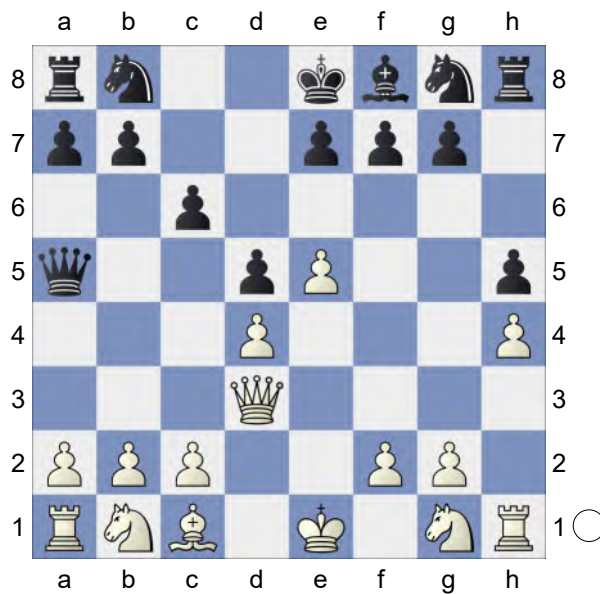
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

In this chapter I am covering two different pawn sacrifices, but, objectively speaking, only one of them is really sound. In this example, we are going to examine another interesting gambit line. The starting position of this variation arises after **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3**



6.Qxd3 Qa5+

(Diagram)



outshines the older 6...e6. erfolgreicher als das alte 6...e6. **7.b4** 0.04/23 **Qxb4+=** **8.Nd2** Black must now prevent Rb1. The position is equal. **8...e6** **9.Rb1** White has compensation. **9...Qe7** **10.a4N** An important novelty. Eine beachtenswerte Neuerung.

[10.Ne2 b5 11.a4 (11.Nf3 Na6 12.Nf4 Nc7 13.Ng5 a5 14.Rh3 Nh6 15.Nxh5 Nf5 16.g4 b4 17.a4 Rxb4 18.gxh5 c5 19.dxc5 Qxc5 20.c3 Qc4 21.cxb4 axb4 22.Bd2 Rxa4 23.Rc1 Qxd3 24.Rxd3 Ra7 25.Nh7 Be7 ½-½ (47) Cheparinov, I (2659)-Anton Guijarro, D (2658) Espana 2021) 11...a6 12.Nf3 Qa7 13.0-0 Ne7 14.Ba3 Nd7 15.Ra1 Nf5 0.25/24 (15...Nb6 -0.15/24) 16.Bxf8= Kxf8 0-1 (68) Martinez Alcantara, J (2612)-Pultinevicius, P (2600) Titled Tuesday intern op 07th May Early blitz 2024 (3)]

[10.c4

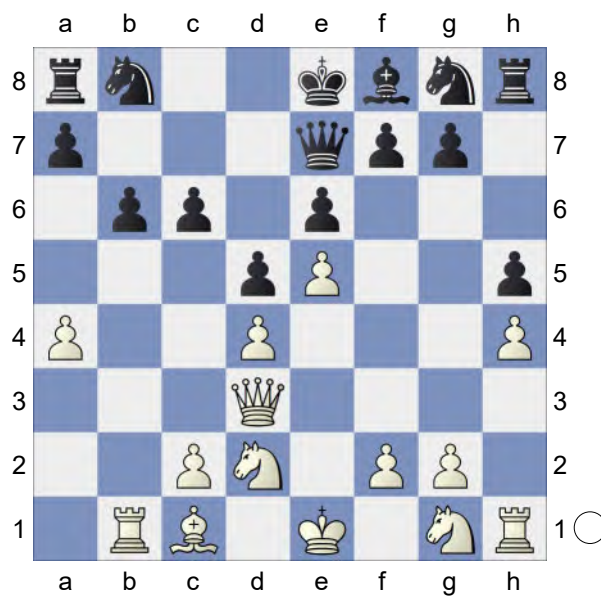
A) 10...Nh6 11.Ne2 Nf5 12.Nf3 (12.Ng3 Nxh4 13.Nde4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Qd8 15.Bg5 Qa5+ 16.Bd2 Qd8 17.Bg5 Qa5+ 18.Bd2 Qd8 19.Bg5 0-1 Martinez Alcantara,

J (2607)-Eljanov,P (2705) Titled Tuesday intern op 18th Apr Late blitz 2023 (8) 12...dxc4 13.Qxc4 b5 14.Qd3 Na6 15.Ng3 Nxc3 16.fxc3 Nb4 17.Qe2 Qd7 18.0-0 Be7 19.Kh2 a5 Chapter-H4 Gambits 2023;

B) 10...Qd7 11.Ne2 (11.Ngf3 Nh6 12.a4 Nf5 13.Qb3 b6 14.a5 dxc4 15.Nxc4 b5 16.Ne3 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 Qxd4 18.Ba3 Bxa3 19.Qxa3 Na6 20.0-0 Qc5 21.Qb2 Rc8 22.Rfc1 Qe7 23.Qxb5 cxb5 24.Rxc8+ Qd8 25.Rxd8+ Kxd8 0-1 (43) Nussbaumer,H (2384)-Eckl, J (2527) Farum op 1993 (7.1)) 11...Na6 12.0-0 Be7 **1.08/22** (12...Nh6± **0.57/22**) 13.cxd5 **0.08/20** (13.Ba3!± **1.08/22**) 13...cxd5= 14.Nf3 Nh6? **1.70/22** (14...Nb4= **-0.06/21** and Black stays safe. 15.Qb3 b6) 15.Ng3 **0.40/21** (15.Bxh6+- **1.70/22** Rxb6 16.Rb3) 15...Ng4 **0.94/22** (15...Nb4± **0.40/21** 16.Qb3 Ng4) 16.Bg5 **0.57/22** **0-1 (64)** Nepomniachtchi,I (2770)-Firouzja,A (2744) Zagreb Superbet Blitz 2024 (2) (16.Ng5± **0.94/22**)]

10...b6

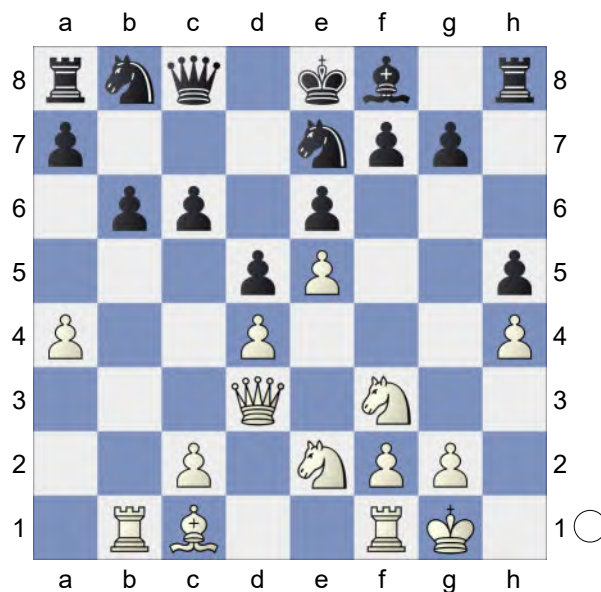
(Diagram)



11.Ne2 Qd7 0.49/21

[11...Qb7= **-0.02/19**]

12.0-0± Ne7 13.Nf3 Qc8

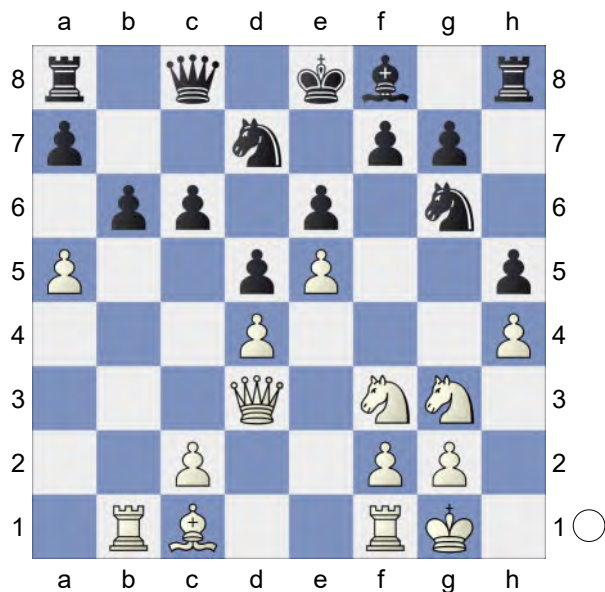


Black is weak on the dark squares **14.a5 -0.33/21 Nd7 0.25/22**

[14...b5!± **-0.33/21**]

15.Ng3 Ng6

(Diagram)

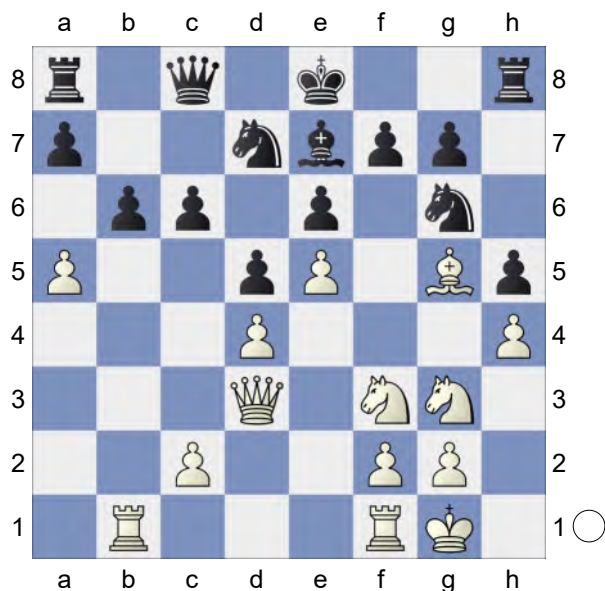


16.Bg5 -0.17/20

[16.c4 0.30/21 is more appropriate.]

16...Be7? 1.38/19

[16...b5!= -0.17/20]

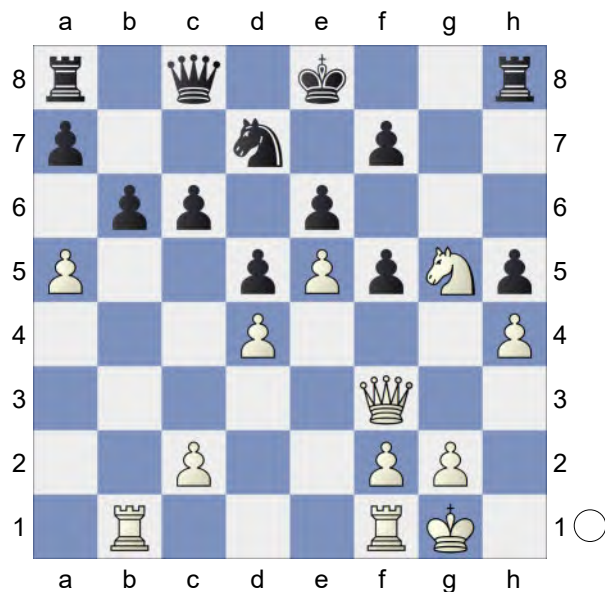


17.Bxe7!± Nxe7 18.Ng5 g6 19.Qf3
0.68/19 White is much more active. The
 black rooks are passive.

[19.c4± 1.36/21]

19...Nf5!± 20.Nxf5 gxf5

(Diagram)



21.axb6 axb6 22.Ra1→ White attacks.

22...Ke7! 23.Nh3

[23.Qd3 keeps more tension. b5
 24.Rfe1 b4 25.Qd2]

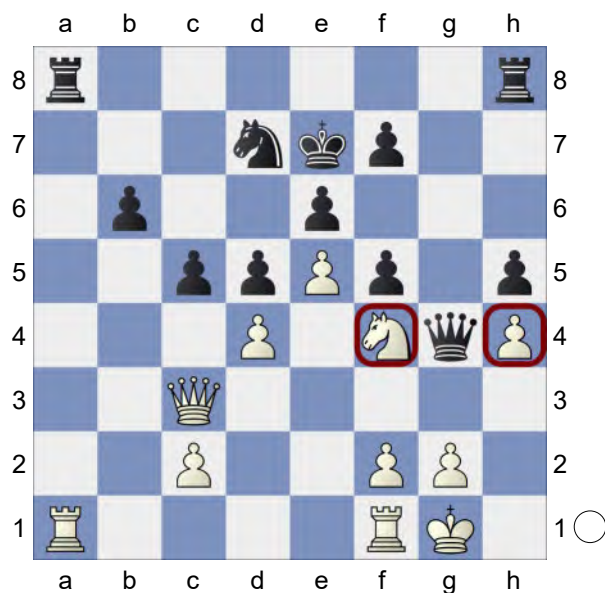
23...Qg8 0.87/22

[Black should try 23...c5± 0.31/20]

24.Qc3 0.45/20

[24.Qe3± 0.87/22]

24...c5 25.Nf4 Qg4



26.g3 Qg8 1.22/21

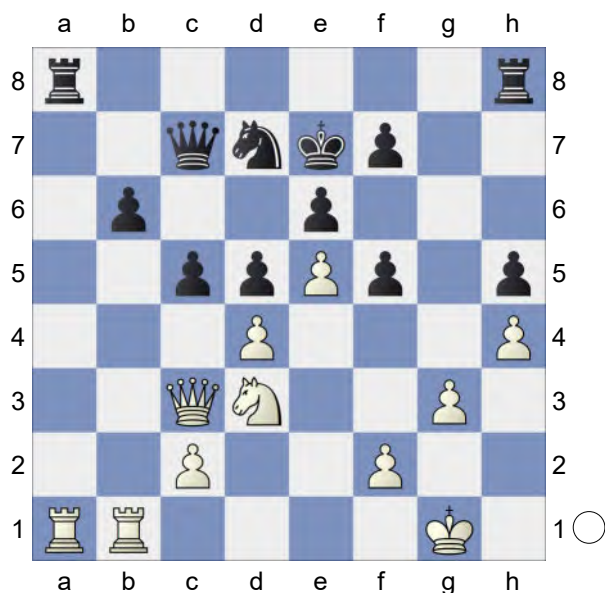
[26...Rhc8= 0.16/19]

27.Rfb1 Qc8 28.Nd3 0.43/22

[28.Qd2± 1.22/20]

28...Qc7 1.10/19

[**Better is** 28...Kf8± 0.43/22]



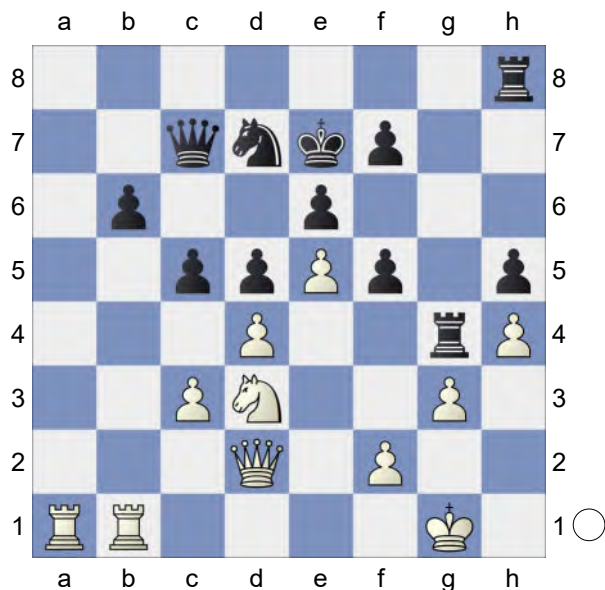
29.Qd2!± Rag8 1.93/21 Against Qg5+

[29...Rhg8± 1.19/19]

30.c3 1.43/16

[30.Ra4+- 1.93/21]

30...Rg4



31.Nf4 0.76/18

[Δ31.Kg2 1.43/20]

31...Rc8 1.59/20

[Δ31...f6 0.76/18]

32.Rc1 0.97/20

[32.Nxh5?! Rh8 33.Nf4 (33.f3 Rgg8±) 33...Rhxf4±]
[Δ32.Kg2 1.59/20]

32...b5 33.Kh2

[33.Nxh5?! Rh8 34.Nf4 (34.f3 Rgg8±) 34...Rhxf4=]

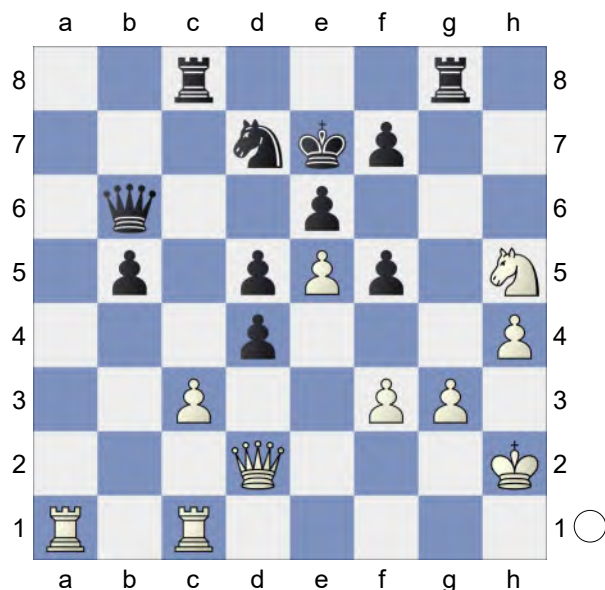
33...Qb6 34.f3 0.30/21

[34.Nxh5 cxd4 35.f3 (35.cxd4 Rxc1 Deflection 36.Qxc1 Qxd4±) 35...dxc3 (35...Nxe5 36.Qe2=) 36.Rxc3 Nxe5 (36...Rxc3 37.fxg4 Qe3 38.Qxe3±) 37.fxg4 (37.Rxc8? Nxf3+ 38.Kg2 Nxd2+-) 37...Nxg4+ 38.Kh1 Nf2+ 39.Kg2 Ne4=]

[34.Kg2± 0.94/18]

34...Rgg8= 35.Nxh5 cxd4 1.63/23

[35...b4± 0.54/17]



36.cxd4+- Rc4 Prevents Qb4+ 37.Rd1 0.77/18

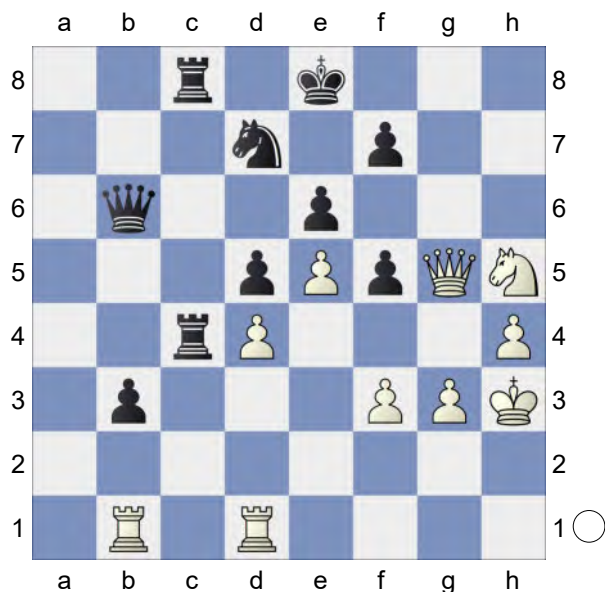
[White should play 37.Rxc4 1.33/20 White threatens Qb4+ and mate. bxc4 38.Ra5]

37...Rgc8? 4.18/20 Black cannot hold the game after this.

[37...b4± 0.77/18]

38.Qg5+ Ke8 39.Kh3 b4 40.Rab1 2.18/18

[Δ 40.Nf6+ 4.21/19 Nxf6 41.exf6]
40...b3? 4.37/22
 [40...Qd8 2.18/18]



41.Ng7+ Kf8 42.Qh6 Ke7 43.h5
 And now Qg5+ would win. **43...Kd8?**
 5.27/18

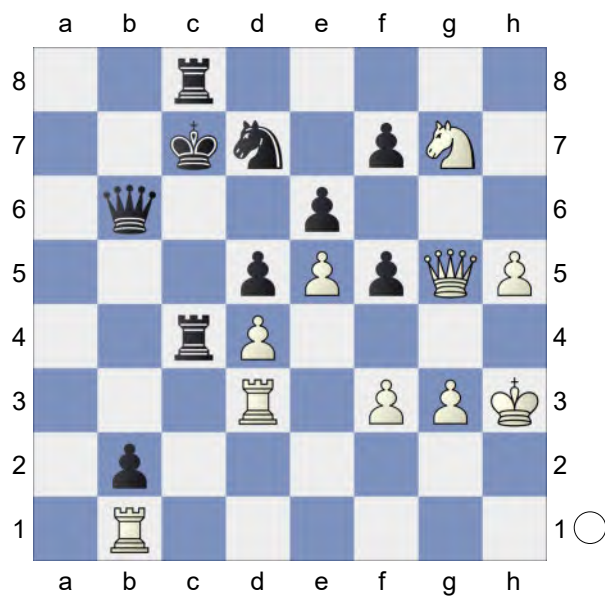
[43...Rxd4? *perishes*. 44.Nxf5+ exf5
 45.Qxb6 Nxb6 46.Rxd4+-]

[43...b2? 44.Qg5+ f6 45.exf6+ Nxf6
 46.Re1+-]

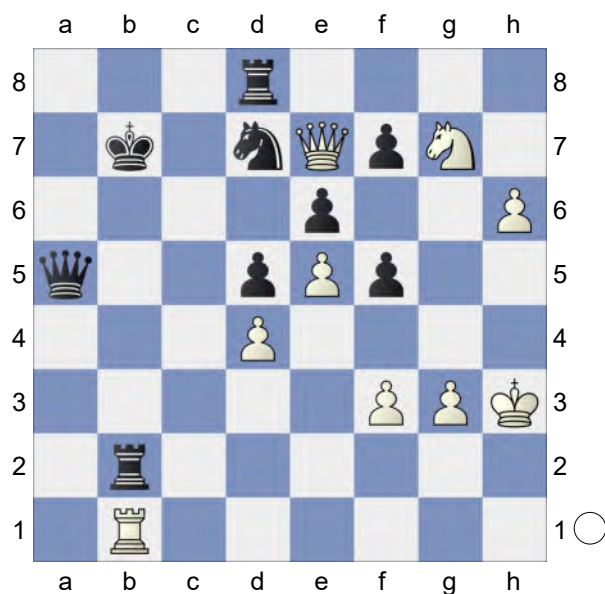
[43...R4c6 2.64/18 44.Qe3 Qa7
 45.Qg5+ (45.Rxb3 Qc7+-; 45.Qxb3
 Kf8±) 45...Kf8]

44.Qg5+ Kc7 45.Rd3 b2

(Diagram)



46.Rd2 Rb4 47.Qe7 Threatens to win
 with Rc2+. **47...Rd8 48.Rc2+ Kb7**
49.h6 Qa5 50.Rcxb2 Rxb2



51.Rxb2+ Ka7 52.Qd6 4.39/21

[Δ 52.h7 16.35/21 *Strongly threatening* Ne8! f4 53.Ne8 (53.gxf4
 Qc3+-; 53.Qxf7 Qc3+-)]

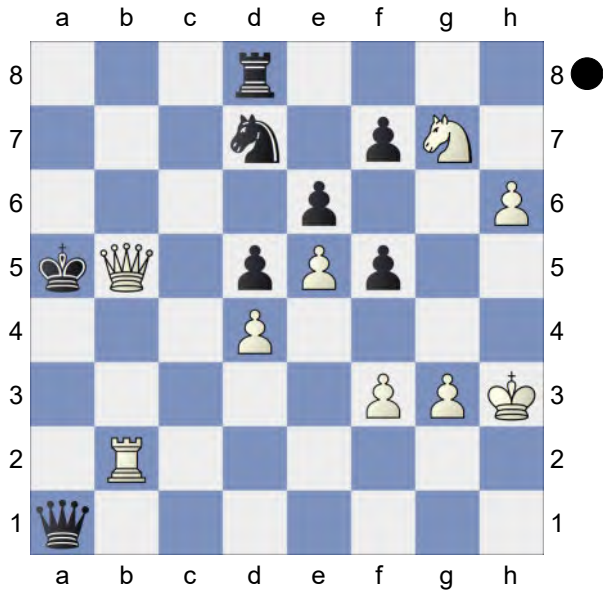
52...Qa1 #3/17

[52...Nb8+- 4.39/21]

53.Qc7+ White mates. 53...Ka6

54.Qb7+ Ka5 55.Qb5#

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/
Black=0.66
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□ Grandelius,Nils

■ Abbasov,Nijat

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[Daniel Fernandez]

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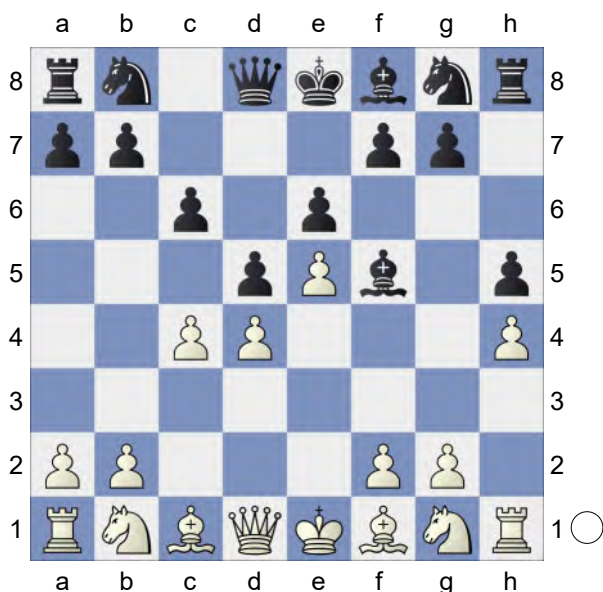
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4

[It is interesting to compare the game line with 4.c4 e6 5.Nc3 Ne7 6.Nge2 dxc4 7.Ng3 b5 i.e. the same thing without h-pawns. I have discussed this position a few times.]

4...h5 5.c4 e6



6.Nc3 Ne7

[My personal taste is to leave the e7-square free for now since it isn't clear which minor piece would prefer to use it. 6...dxc4 7.Bxc4 Nd7 8.Nf3 Bg4 was discussed in Garrido Outon,A-Fernandez,D Vrnjacka Banja 2023]

7.Nge2 dxc4!? A little bit experimental here, and from a qualitative perspective it seems that the main reason is the availability of g5 for White's bishop.

[The main line is 7...Nd7 8.Ng3 Bg6 9.Bg5 Qb6 10.Rc1! with a memory contest to follow.]

8.Ng3 b5 9.Bg5 The pin on the e7-knight is a significant issue for Black, who should now move the queen.

[After 9.Be2 Na6 10.O-O Nb4 White's best is again Bg5 to avoid tactical problems with the a1-rook.]

9...Qa5?! Now at some point White will create problems for the queen with a4. This game was not a miniature largely because he delayed a little too long in doing so.

[9...Qb6 10.Be2 Na6 (Or 10...Nd7 11.a4 Bg6 12.O-O Nf5 13.Nxf5 Bxf5 14.axb5 cxb5 15.Bxh5→ and White has a clear lead in development.) 11.O-O Nb4 12.a3 Nbd5 13.a4 Bg6 14.axb5 cxb5 15.Nxd5 exd5 (15...Nxd5 16.Bxc4! is a key difference with the queen being on b6 versus d7!) 16.Nxh5→]

[9...Qd7 This is the approved placement of the queen in most of the Advance Caro, and also the QGA for good measure. Fundamentally Black now has fewer problems on the h1-a8 diagonal because d5, c6 and b7 are all protected.

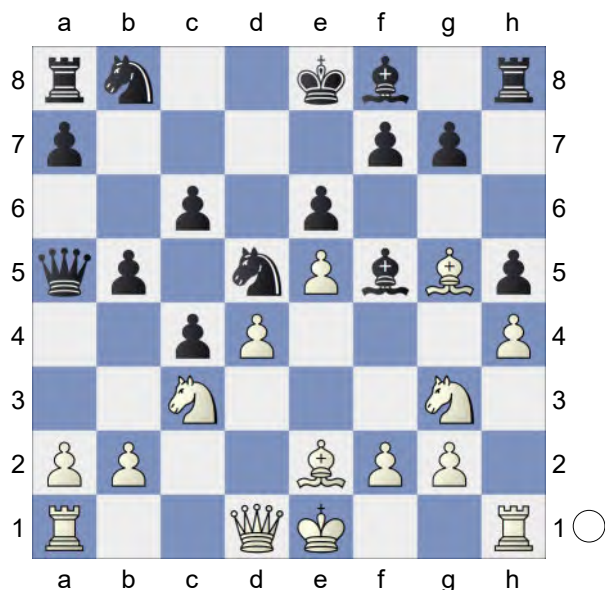
A) 10.Be2 Na6 11.O-O Nb4 12.b3 (12.a3 Nbd5 13.a4 Bg6 is now fully playable for Black.) 12...Bc2 13.Qd2 Nf5 14.Nxf5 (14.a3! is sharper, and here I couldn't find real stability for Black.) 14...Bxf5 15.bxc4 bxc4 16.Bxc4 Be7 White may have some advantage, but Black is getting castled and has a reasonable amount of safety.;

B) 10.a4 This is similar to the version without h-pawn pushes mentioned in the note to move 4. After 10...b4 11.Nce4 Bxe4 12.Nxe4 Nf5 13.Bxc4 Qxd4

14.Qe2± Black has an extra pawn but is in quite severe danger.]

[9...Bg6 is altogether too slow, and after 10.Nge4 White invades unstoppably on the d6-square.]

10.Be2 Nd5



11.Nxf5 exf5 12.0-0 Be7 13.Bxe7

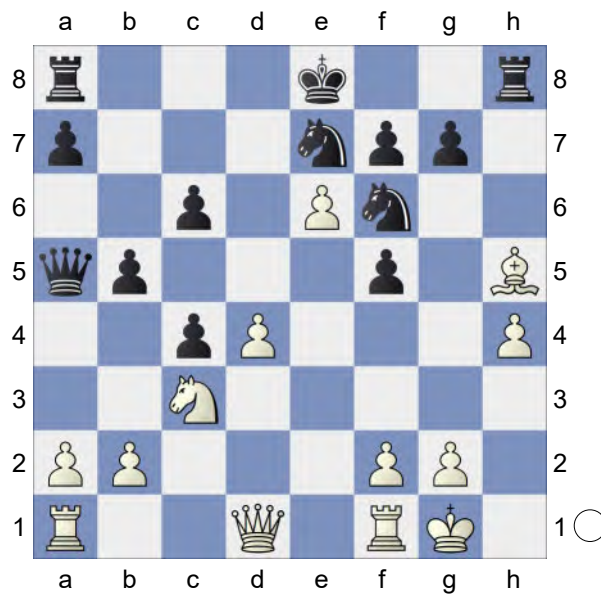
[Even stronger is 13.a4 immediately, since the knight on d5 will need to be replaced by a pawn, which will become isolated: b4 14.Nxd5 cxd5 15.Bxc4! is described by my silicon colleague as '+3'.]

13...Nxe7 14.Bxh5 Losing a bit more of the advantage.

[14.a4 is perhaps not as strong as on the previous move, but after b4 15.Nb1 Nd7 16.Nd2! Nb6 17.Nxc4 Nxc4 18.Bxc4± there are still excellent attacking chances.]

14...Nd7 15.e6 Nf6

(Diagram)

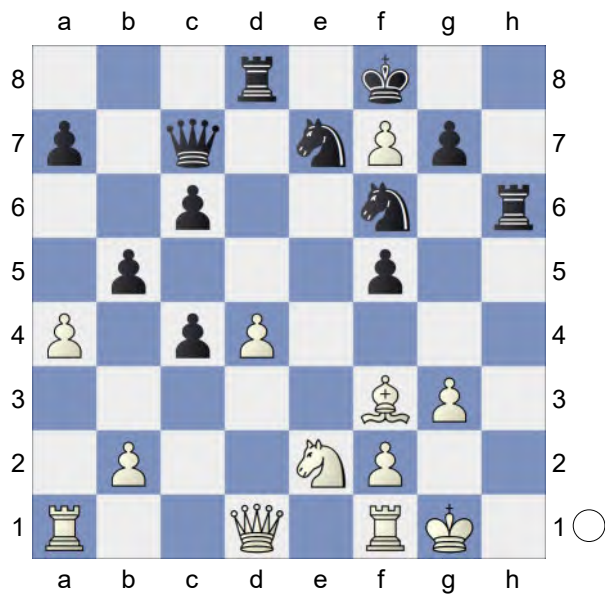


16.exf7+? After this the position becomes quite chaotic for a few moves, but Black's king safety is always worse and before long that becomes a factor.

[Stronger was 16.Bxf7+ Kf8 17.g3± keeping an extra pawn, and despite the absence of any mate motifs Black's king safety is still not great.]

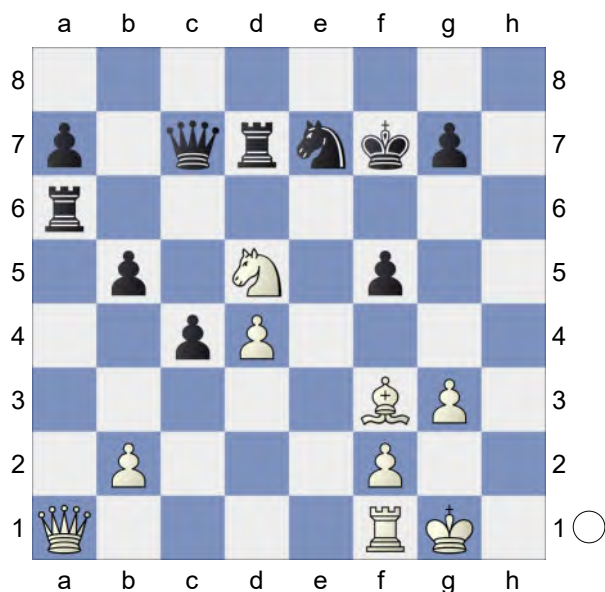
16...Kf8 Now the king has what can, under the circumstances, be seen as quite a decent shelter. **17.Bf3 Rd8 18.Ne2 Rxh4'** Restoring material equality, with a rather dynamic position. **19.a4 Qc7 20.g3 Rh6**

(Diagram)



21.axb5 cxb5 22.Ra6 Kxf7? A shame.
 [Black would have been right back in the game after the solid defensive reflex 22...Rd6!=]

23.Qa1 Rd7 24.Nf4 Nfd5 25.Nxd5 Rxa6



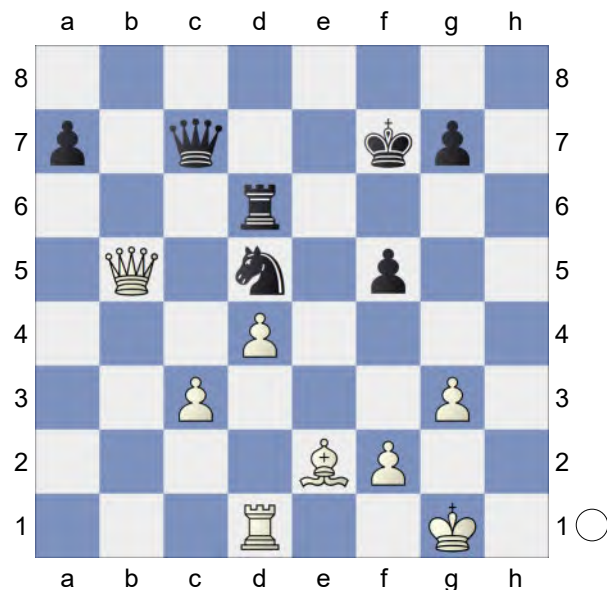
26.Qxa6 Nxd5 27.Qxb5 Ne7 28.Rd1 Rd6 29.Be2 c3? Allowing White not only to take the pawn, but keep a healthy structure while so doing.

[The last reasonable chance was 29...Kf8 ditching the pawn and hoping to salvage the endgame. After

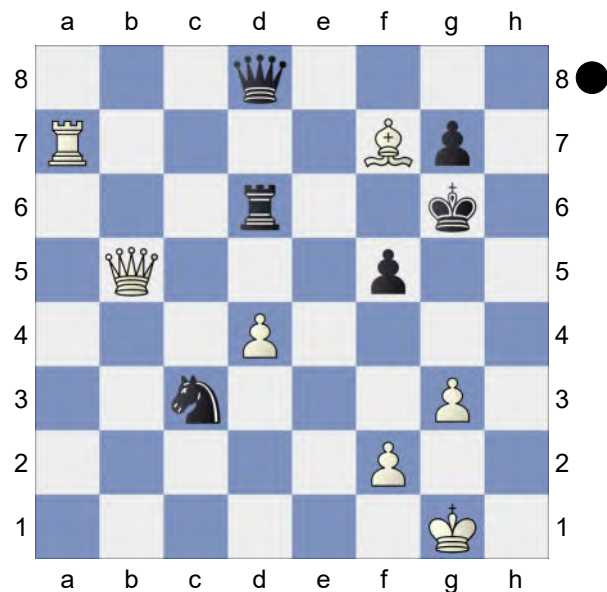
30.Qxc4 Qxc4 31.Bxc4 Nc6 32.d5 Na5± White's technical task is not trivial.]

30.bxc3 Nd5

[After 30...Qxc3 31.Bc4+ it's possible Black missed that a back rank check could no longer be blocked on c8.]



31.Bc4 Qd8 32.Ra1 Kg6 33.Rxa7 Nxc3 34.Bf7+



In addition to being a pawn down, Black's king is has its head on the chopping block and so they chose to call

it a day.
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□ Van Foreest, Jorden

■ Bluebaum, Matthias

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[Kitty Kat]

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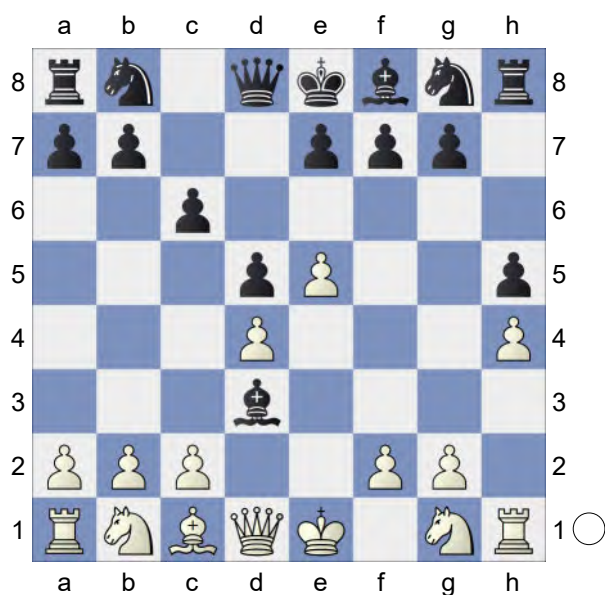
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

MH: 'B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

RR: 'Inf 63/(104)" 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5

3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3

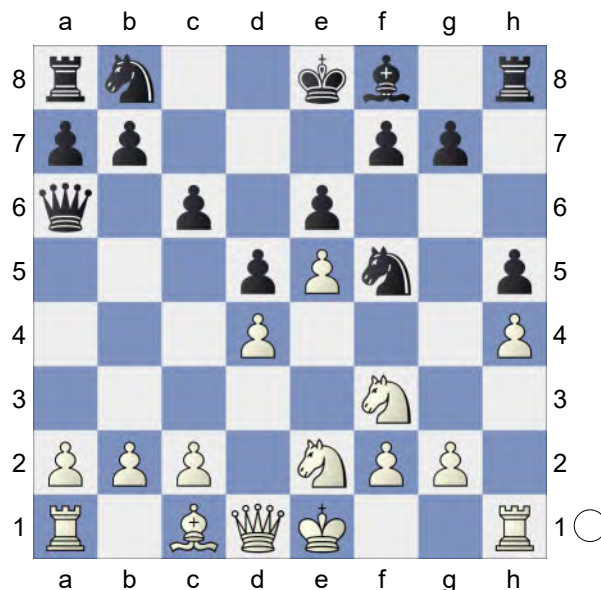


6.Qxd3 e6 7.Nf3 Qa5+ 7...Qa5+
scores better than 7...Ne7. 7...Da5+
punktet besser als 7...Se7. 8.Nc3 Qa6
9.Qd1 Ne7 0.48/23

[9...Bb4= -0.06/21]

10.Ne2± Nf5

(Diagram)



11.Bg5N

[11.0-0 Be7 B 12/21 2001]

11...c5 12.0-0 Nc6 0.81/22

[12...cxd4± 0.41/23 13.Nexd4
(13.Nfxd4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Bc5=)
13...Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Bc5]

13.dxc5N 0.19/21

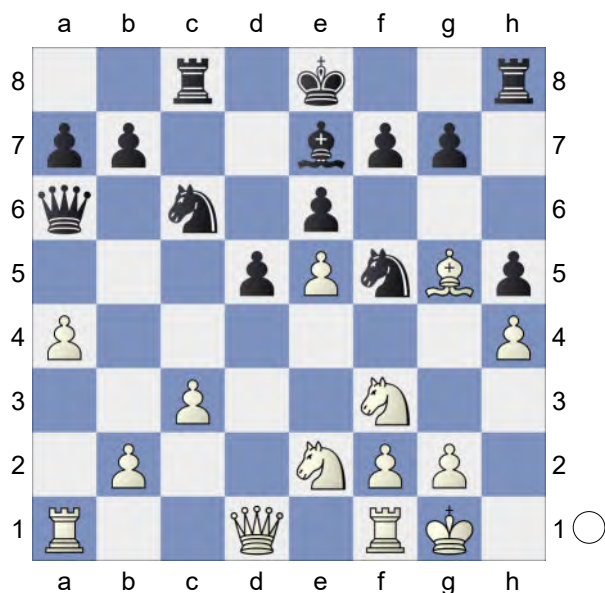
[Predecessor: 13.c3 Qb6 1.47/21
(13...Rc8± 0.64/20) 14.Ng3 0.90/20
(14.c4! 1.47/21; 14.Rb1 cxd4
15.cxd4 Be7 16.Bxe7 Nfxe7 17.Qd2
Nf5 18.b4 a6 19.Rfd1 Qd8 20.g3
0-0 21.Kh2 Rc8 22.a3 Nce7 23.Nf4
g6 24.Rbc1 Qd7 25.Qd3 Kg7
26.Rc5 b6 27.Rxc8 Qxc8 28.Qd2
Qd7 0-1 (61) Mittag,L (2619)-Farionov,
A (2684) 65/352 Belgrad 1995 (5))
14...g6? 2.50/22 (14...Nxc3± 0.90/20
15.fxg3 a5) 15.Nxf5+- gxf5 16.Bf6
Rh7 17.a3 1.21/18 (17.c4+- 2.57/17
Nxd4 18.cxd5 Nxf3+ 19.Qxf3)
17...Be7± 18.Bxe7 0.33/17
(18.dxc5± 1.26/20 Qxc5 19.Qd2)
18...Kxe7± 19.dxc5 Qxc5 1-0 Fier,A
(2543)-Wenninger,P (2373) FRA-ch
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[13.c3± 0.81/22]

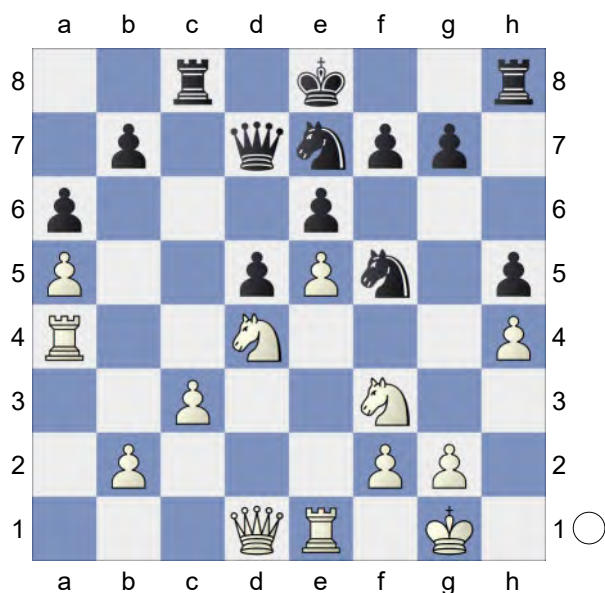
13...Bxc5= 14.c3 Rc8 15.a4

[15.Nf4 keeps more tension. Ng3
16.Re1 Ne4 17.Nd3]

15...Be7



**16.Bxe7 Ncxe7 17.Ned4 Qc4 18.a5
a6 19.Ra4 Qc7 20.Re1 Qd7**



21.Ra1 -0.08/23

[21.Rb4± 0.51/22]

21...Rc4 22.Ra3 Nxd4 23.Nxd4 Nc6

24.Nf3 -0.50/23

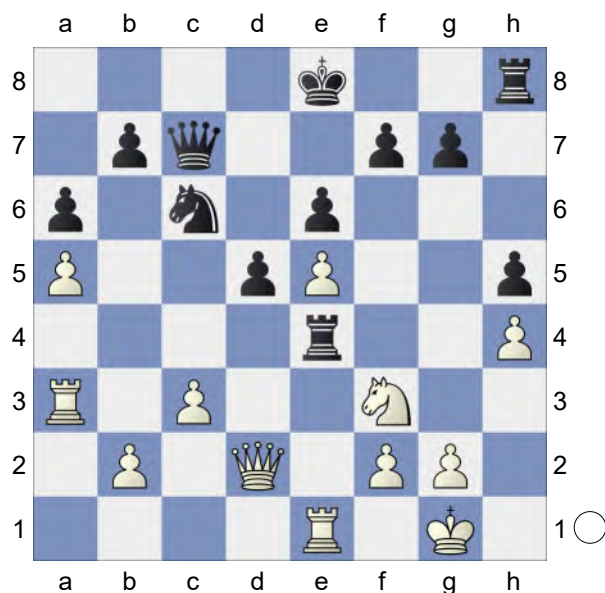
[24.g3= -0.09/21 should be
considered.]

24...Qc7 25.Qd2 -0.95/23

[25.Ra4± -0.44/21]

25...Re4 -0.06/20

[25...Rg4± -0.95/23 26.b4 0-0]



**26.Rxe4 dxe4 27.Ng5 Qxe5 28.Ra4
-0.77/24**

[28.Rb3= -0.14/22 remains equal.
Nxa5 29.Rb4]

28...f5±

[28...Nxa5 29.Qd8+ Kxd8 30.Nxf7+
Kc8 31.Nxe5+-]

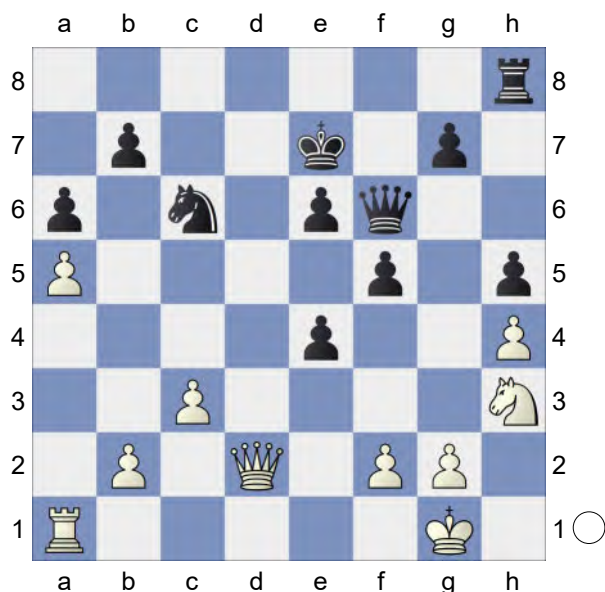
29.Ra1 Ke7!

[29...Nxa5 30.Rd1 0-0 31.Qd7+-]

30.Nh3 Qf6

[30...Nxa5 31.Rd1 Qc7 32.Qd4=]

(Diagram)



31.Qe3 Rd8 32.Nf4 -2.13/19

[32.Ng5♣ -1.19/20]

32...Kf7-+

[32...Qxh4? 33.Ng6+ Kf6

34.Nxh4+-]

33.Qg3 -3.34/21

[Δ33.Qb6 -2.05/20 Rd7 (33...Qxh4 34.Qxb7+ Ne7 35.Qb6=) 34.g3]

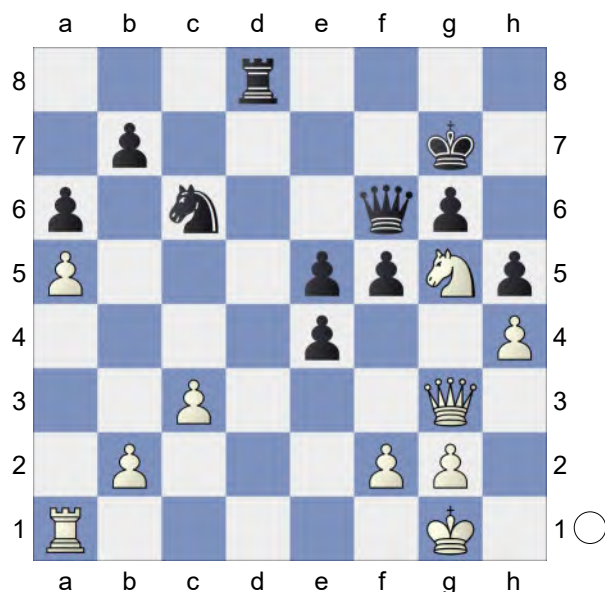
33...g6 -1.72/19

[Δ33...e5 -3.34/21 34.Nh3 Rd3]

34.Nh3 e5 35.Ng5+ Kg7 -1.21/19

[Black should try 35...Ke8 -1.58/24 36.Qe3 Rd7]

(Diagram)



36.Qe3♣ Qd6 -0.12/22

[36...Rd3♣ -1.39/22 37.Qb6 Rd7]

37.b4!= Rd7 next ...Nd8 is good for

Black. 38.Kh2 -1.07/23

[38.b5!= -0.14/23 axb5 39.a6 bxa6 40.Rxa6]

38...Nd8 39.c4? -2.80/20

[39.Rb1♣ -0.84/23]

39...Ne6? -0.45/21

[39...Qxb4+- -2.80/20 aiming for ... Nc6! 40.Kg1 Nf7 (40...Qxc4? 41.Rc1+-)]

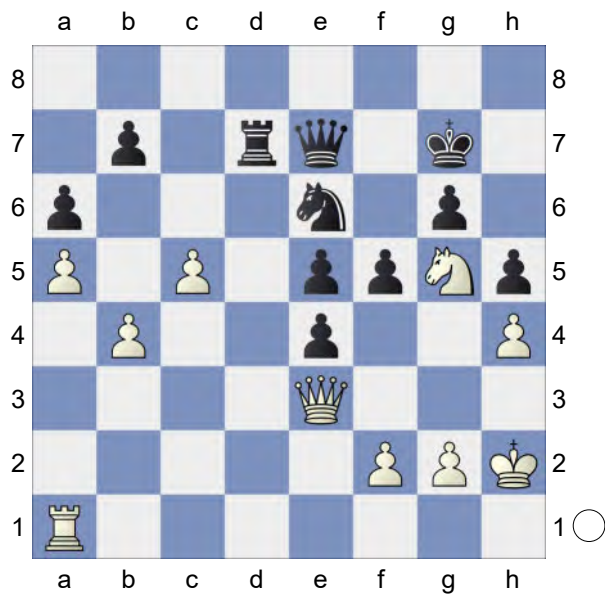
40.c5 -1.09/18

[40.b5!♣ -0.45/21]

40...Qe7 -0.29/19

[40...Qd5♣ -1.09/18 And now ...Nd4 would win. 41.b5 Nd4 (41...Nxc5? 42.Qxc5 axb5 43.Qc3+-; 41...axb5 42.a6♣)]

(Diagram)



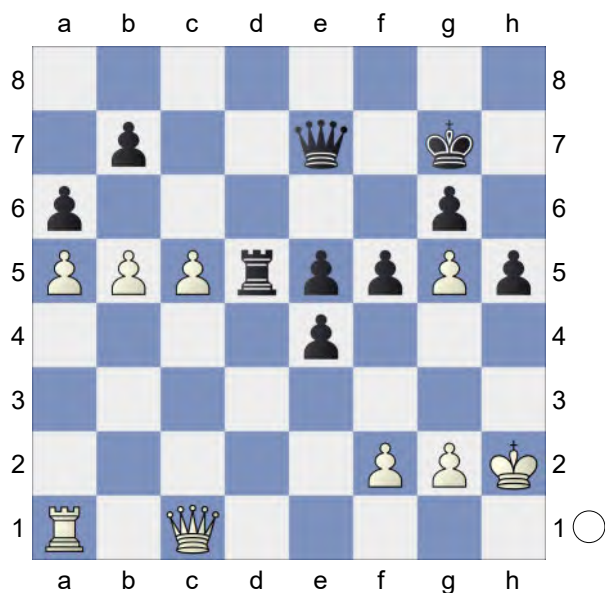
41.b5! Nxg5!

[41...Nxc5 42.Qxc5 axb5
43.Qxb5+-]

42.hxg5 Endgame. KQR-KQR

42...Rd3 43.Qc1 Rd5? 3.06/22

[43...axb5 44.c6 bxc6 45.a6+-]
[43...e3= -0.23/20 44.fxe3 Qxg5
(44...axb5 45.c6±)]



White stays focused until the end.

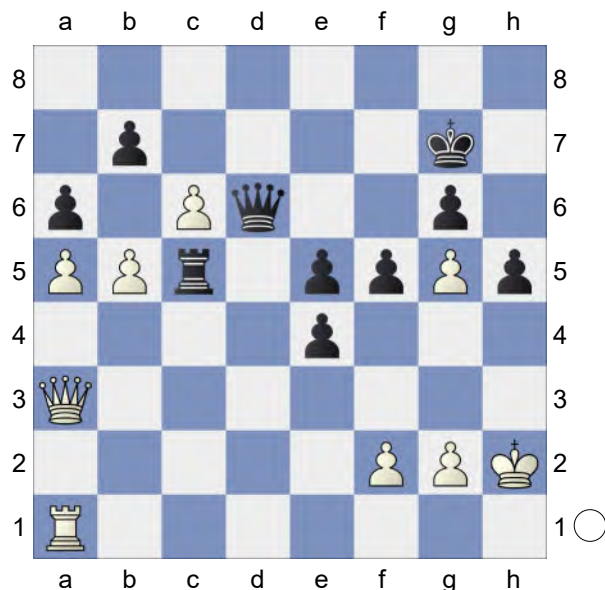
44.c6!+- Rc5? 5.27/24

[44...bxc6 3.26/17 45.bxa6 Rd7
46.Qxc6 e3 47.fxe3 Rc7]

45.Qa3

45...Qd6

Black must now prevent cxb7.



46.Rc1 4.86/17

[♖46.cxb7 10.07/18 Rc1 would now
be deadly. e3 47.Rd1 Promotion
(47.Qxe3 e4+ 48.Kg1 Kf7+-; 47.b8Q
Qxb8 48.Qxc5 Qd8+-)]

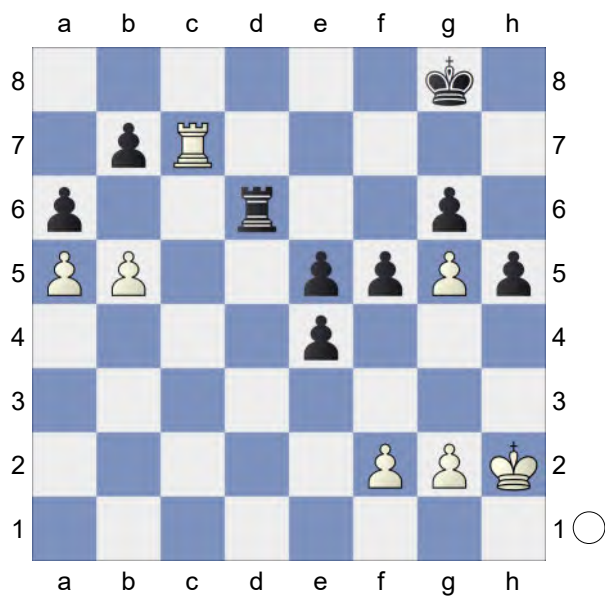
46...Rxc6 47.Qxd6 Remove Defender

47...Rxd6 KR-KR 48.Rc7+ Kg8?

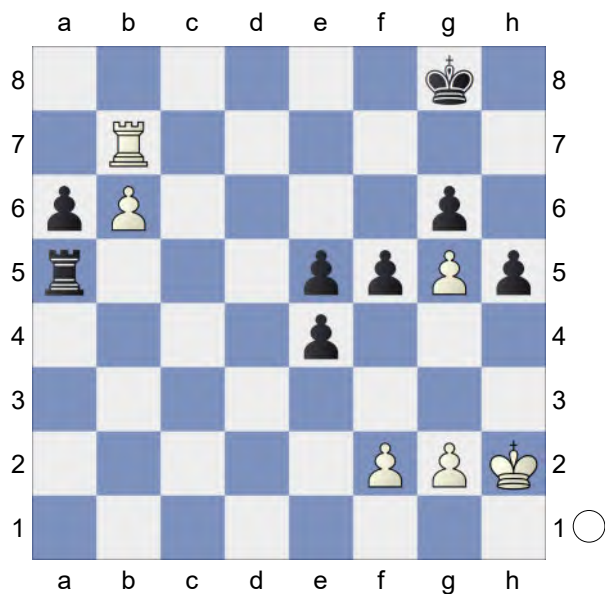
6.13/30

[48...Kf8 3.74/25 49.b6 Rd4 50.Rxb7
e3 51.fxe3 Rh4+ 52.Kg3 (52.Kg1
Ke8+-) 52...Rg4+ 53.Kh3 f4 54.exf4
exf4]

(Diagram)

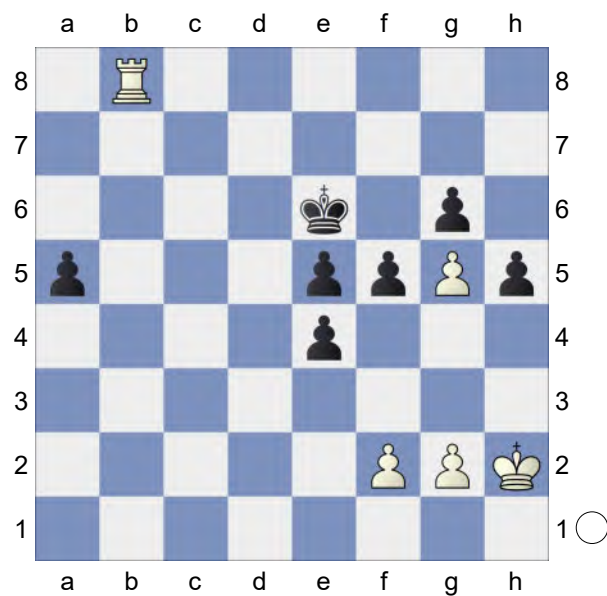


**49.b6! White is clearly winning. 49...Rd5
50.Rxb7 Rxa5**

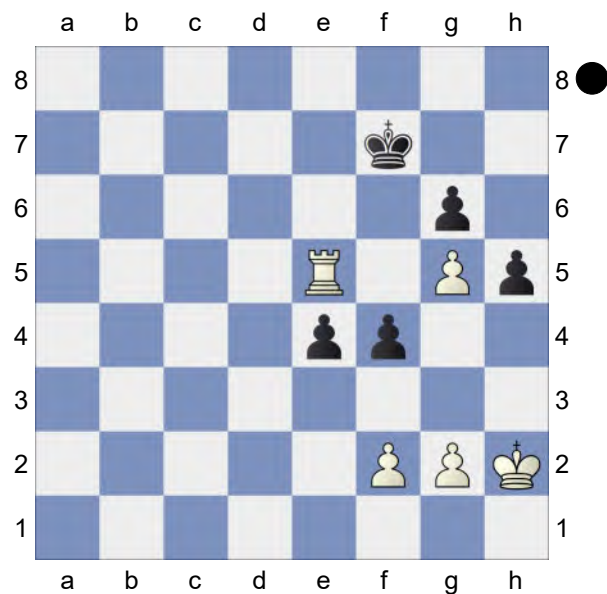


**Strongly threatening ...Rb5. 51.Rc7 Rb5
52.b7 a5 53.Rc8+ Kf7 54.b8Q
[Worse is 54.b8B f4=]
54...Rxb8 55.Rxb8 KR-KP 55...Ke6**

(Diagram)



**56.Rb6+ Kf7 57.Rf6+ Kg7 58.Ra6 f4
59.Rxa5 Kf7 60.Rxe5**



**Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/
Black=0.51
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□ Vaibhav,Suri

■ Anton Guijarro,David

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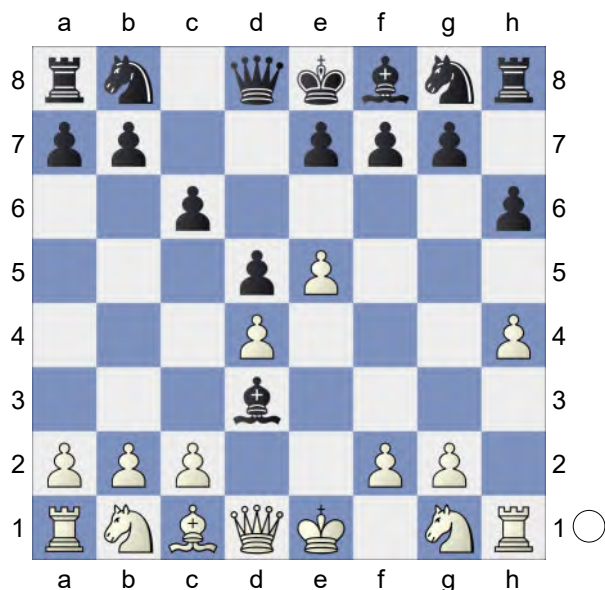
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6 5.Bd3

[5.g4 Bd7 6.Nd2 e6 7.Nb3 c5 8.Nxc5 Bxc5 9.dxc5 Qa5+ 10.c3 Qxc5 11.h5 Ne7 12.Nf3 Nbc6 13.Bf4 g5 14.Bg3 0-0-0 15.Bd3 d4 16.c4 Nf5 17.gxf5 exf5 18.Bh2 f4 19.Qb3 Bg4 Shomoev,A (2551)-Bareev,E (2643) RUS-chT Sochi 2007 (8) 0-1]

5...Bxd3



6.Qxd3 e6 7.Ne2N 7.h5 is the modern continuation. 7.h5 ist die moderne Fortsetzung.

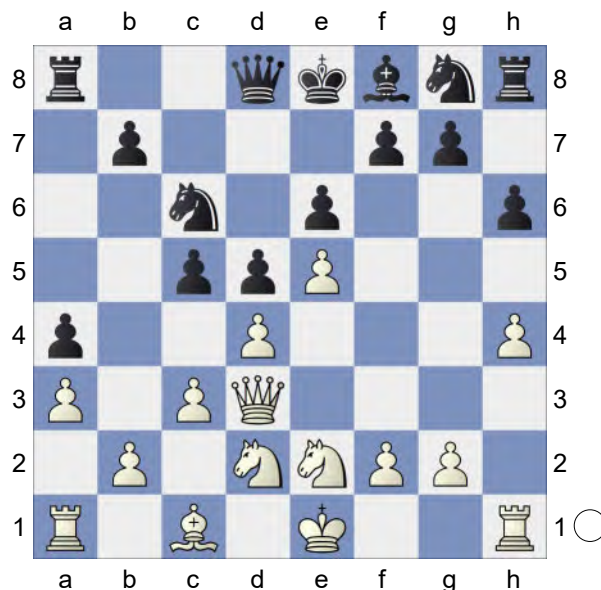
[7.Nf3 Qa5+ 8.Nbd2 Qa6 9.c4 Bb4 10.b3 Nd7 11.0-0 Ne7 12.a3 Ba5 13.b4 Bc7 14.Bb2 dxc4 15.Nxc4 Nb6 16.Rac1 Nxc4 17.Rxc4 Nd5 18.g3 Nb6 19.Rc3 Qxd3 20.Rxd3 Nc4 21.Bc1 a5 Paiva,H (2078)-Ferreira,V (2128) Titled Tuesday

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7...c5 8.c3 Nc6 White is slightly better.

9.a3 a5 10.Nd2 a4N

[Vorgänger: 10...c4 0.68/21 10...a4 0.30 11.Qh3 a4 12.h5 Na5 13.Nf1 0.54/17 (13.g4± 1.00/15) 13...Qb6± 14.Nd2 0-0-0 15.0-0 Kb8 16.Kh1 Qc7 0.85/18 ;Santo Roman,M (2495)-Simo Garcia, A Candas op 1992 (8) 1-0 (16...Nb3± 0.44/17 17.Rb1 Nxc1 18.Rfxc1 Re8)]



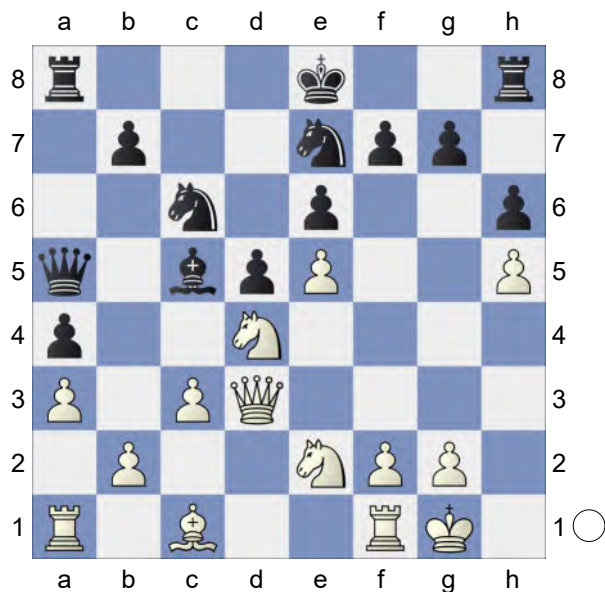
11.h5 Nge7 12.0-0 Qa5 13.Nf3 Nc8 14.dxc5 -0.24/16

[14.Ne1 0.23/7 was preferable.]

14...Bxc5= 15.Nfd4 N8e7

[15...Nxe5? loses. 16.Qg3 Nd7 17.Qxg7+-]

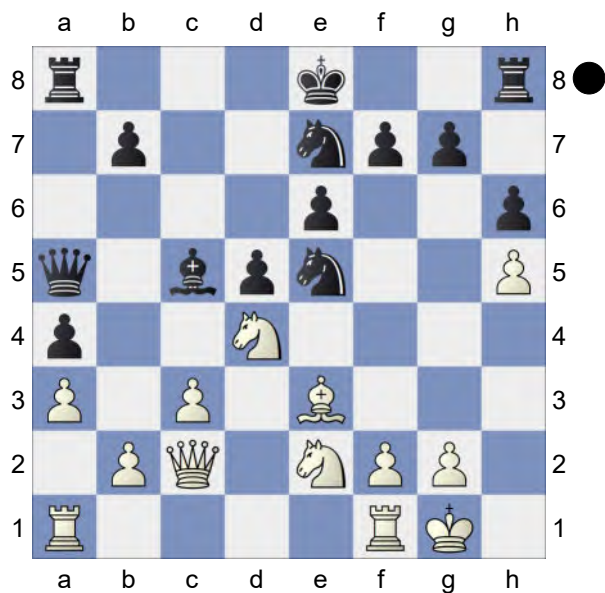
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16.Be3? -2.23/18 This costs White the game.

[16.Qg3= -0.20/22 Bxd4 17.cxd4]

16...Nxe5+ 17.Qc2

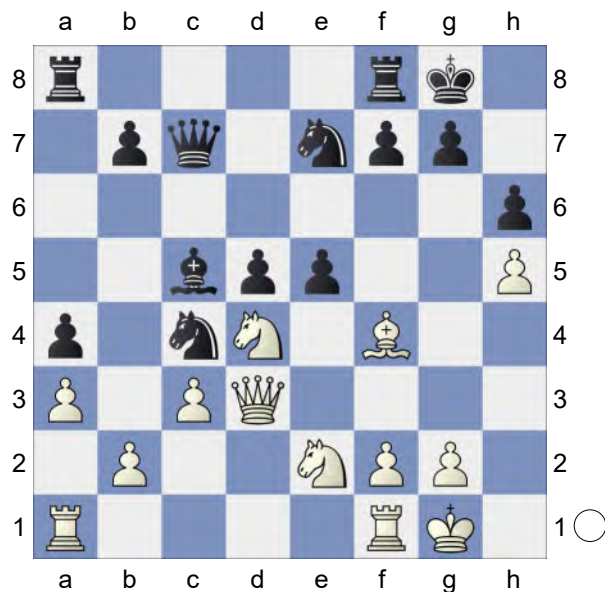


b4 would now be deadly. 17...Nc4 18.Bc1 -2.73/14

[18.Nxe6+ -1.60/4 fxe6 19.Bxc5 Qxc5 20.Nf4]

18...0-0 19.Qd3 Qc7 20.Bf4 e5

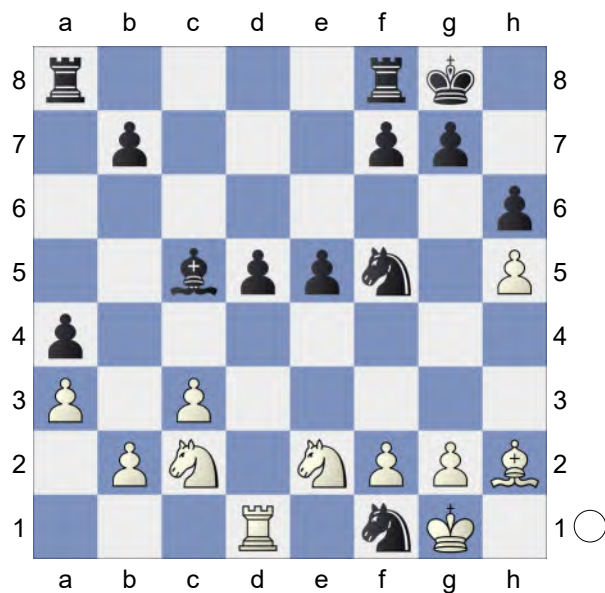
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21.Bh2 Qd7

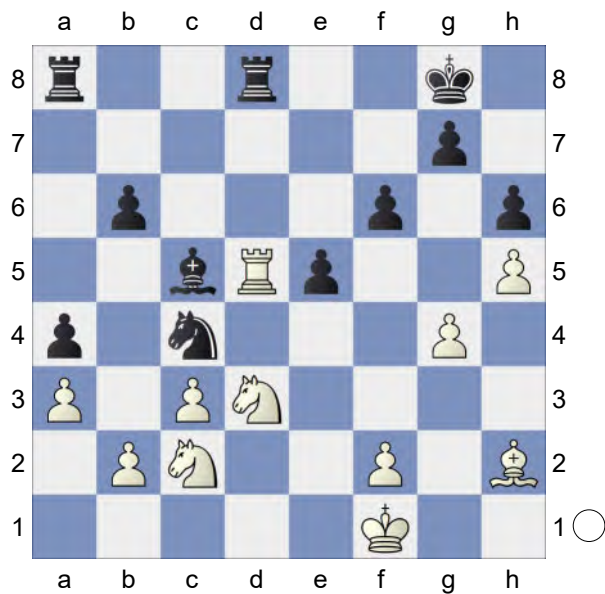
[21...Nxb2 22.Bxe5 Qxe5 23.Qb5+]

22.Nc2 Qf5 23.Qxf5 Nxf5 24.Rab1 Nd2 25.Rbd1 Nxf1

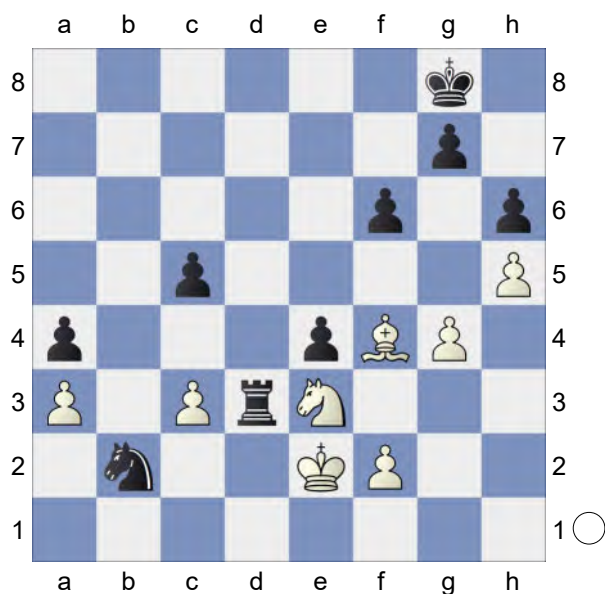


26.Kxf1 f6 27.Rxd5 b6 28.g4 Nd6 29.Nc1 Nc4 30.Nd3 Rfd8

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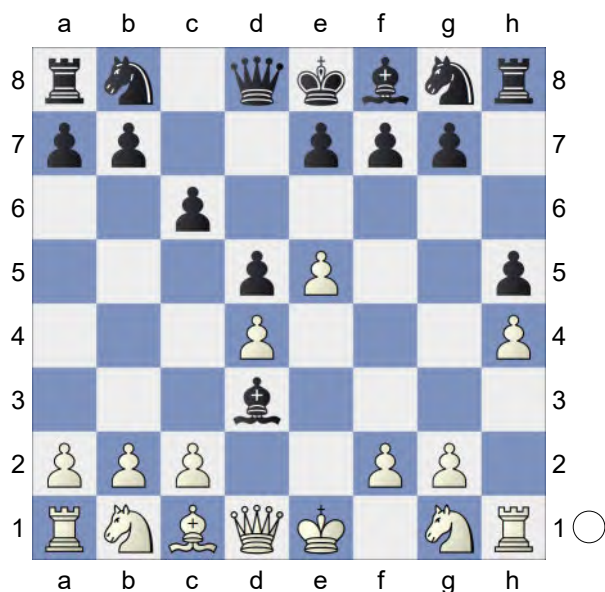
Black is clearly winning. 31.Rxd8+
 Rxd8 32.Ke2 e4 33.Nxc5 bxc5
 34.Bf4 Nxb2 35.Ne3 Rd3



Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/
 Black=0.11 (very precise) . Loses game:
 White=1 --- Mistake: White=2
 --- Inaccurate: White=3 ---
 OK: White=5 Black=14
 Best: --- Black=1
0-1

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 □ **Praggnanandhaa,Rameshbabu 2678**
 ■ **Carlsen,Magnus 2859**
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[Daniel Fernandez]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 e6 7.Nf3

[7.Bg5 is generally what we've focused on in these pages.]

7...Qa5+ 8.Nbd2

[8.Bd2 is not as constructive now that White can't push e6. After Qa6 it isn't obvious what White should do with the queen. 9.Qb3 c5=]

8...Nh6 The knight typically belongs on f5 in this structure, and why block the f8-bishop along the way if there's no need to do so?

[8...Qa6 would now fall somewhat under the category of wishful thinking, and is met by 9.c4 Bb4!? 10.0-0 Ne7 11.Rd1 although even here White's advantage isn't completely clear-cut. c5!?]

9.0-0 Nf5 10.Nb3

[10.c4 is the main move here, e.g. Jones,G-Perez Ponsa,F INT 2020, though the engine isn't that impressed. Be7 (10...Nd7 was my choice in Dragicevic,D-Fernandez,D Ballarat 2022, annotated in the April update.) 11.g3 0-0 followed by, in many cases, ...Rd8 and ...c5.]

[10.a4!? is something I've had my eye on for a while, as a thematic push that doesn't give Black too much information about what to develop next. Couple of recent games here: Be7 Delaying ...Nd7 is sensible from the perspective of keeping ...Qa6 on the cards, but it does also limit Black's ability to play ...c5.

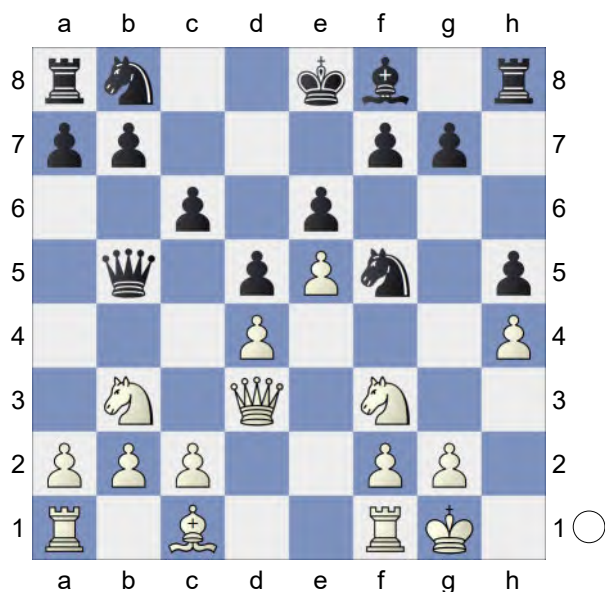
(The engine wants to play 10...Nd7!? 11.Nb3 Qa6↑ volunteering to take on doubled pawns, but I can't imagine many human players being too happy about that. Boyer,M-Gaal,Z Cala Gonone 2022) 11.Nb3 Qa6 12.Qd1 Nd7 (12...Nxh4?! is too risky:

13.Nxh4 Bxh4 14.Nc5 Qb6 15.Ra3→ threatening both Rb3 and Rh3. Gabrielian,A-Zakaryan,D Novorossiysk 2022) 13.g3 (13.Bg5!? Bxg5 14.hxg5∞ is also interesting, although over the next few moves White won't be able to prevent ...c5 from happening anyway.) 13...c5?! Despite the central importance of this break in the whole Advance for Black, playing it at the first opportunity seems ill-advised. (13...0-0 seems to improve, followed by stuff like ...Rfc8 and ...g6, and maybe only then ...c5.) 14.dxc5 Rc8 (14...Nxc5 15.Nbd4 Nxd4 16.Nxd4± is the kind of thing Black now more or less can't (or shouldn't) avoid.) 15.Kg2 Nxc5

16.Nbd4 g6 17.Re1 Ne4 18.c3 Bc5 and here in Dragnev,V-Fedoseev,V Sant Boi 2022, simply 19.Nxf5 gxf5 20.Nd4± would have been extremely strong.]

10...Qb5!

[For 10...Qa6 11.Qd1 see Abdusattorov,N-Murzin,V INT 2021 from the Sep 2021 update.]



I commented before that this was more accurate, so it's nice to see that the world champion agrees and to have that analysis tested on the very highest level again. 11.Qd1 c5 12.dxc5

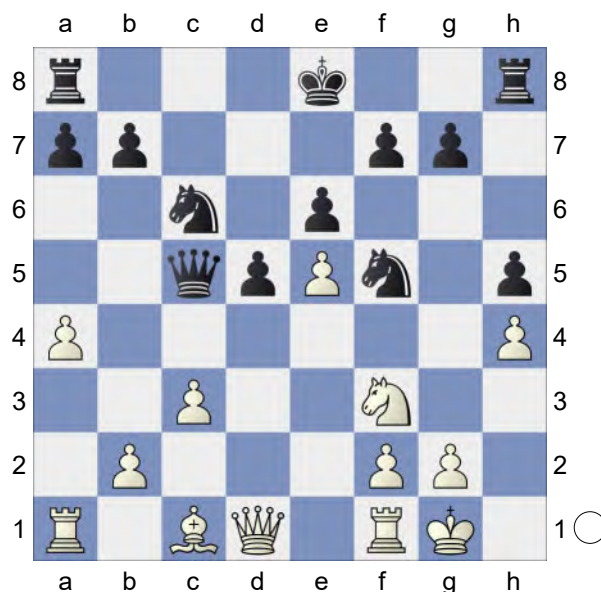
[12.a4 Qb6 13.a5 Qb5 is the main line that has been tested a few times before, e.g. 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Re1 a6 16.Nbd4? Nxd4 17.Nxd4 Bxd4 18.Qxd4 Nc6± Dominguez Perez,L-Caruana,F INT 2020]

12...Bxc5 13.a4 Qc6?! The problem with this move is that it hinders ...Nc6 as well as being a target for a future Nd4 (either knight), factors which concretely turn out to be more relevant than allowing the a5 tempo as Caruana did above. 14.Nxc5 Not the most testing

move, but not harmless either.

[There are few/no forced lines, but from what I can see 14.Bg5 looks most incisive, preparing to cause some tactical worries regarding the h5-pawn, and if Black defends it with ...g6 then going into f6 with the bishop. An illustrative line is 0-0 15.c3 Nd7 16.Re1 Rfc8 17.Nxc5 Nxc5 18.Nd4± White never has to worry about the b2-pawn in such lines, and Black is already struggling with the h5-pawn.]

14...Qxc5 15.c3 Nc6



16.Re1 By a different move order this position was already reached in my previous analysis. 16...Rd8

[16...Rc8! looks more accurate, anticipating White's future b4 push and lining up against the c3-pawn. Even without tempo, the move that makes most sense for White might still be 17.Bg5, which says all that you really need to know. White can consider ideas like Nd2 if Black castles, so there are still some wrinkles to iron out but Black should be objectively fine. (+0.2)]

17.Bg5 Rd7 18.Rc1± d4!?

Black decides to force the play.

[After the 18...Qb6 of Fier, A-Vazquez, G Mexico City 2022, a good approach would have been simply 19.b4 and Black's best might be to transpose.]

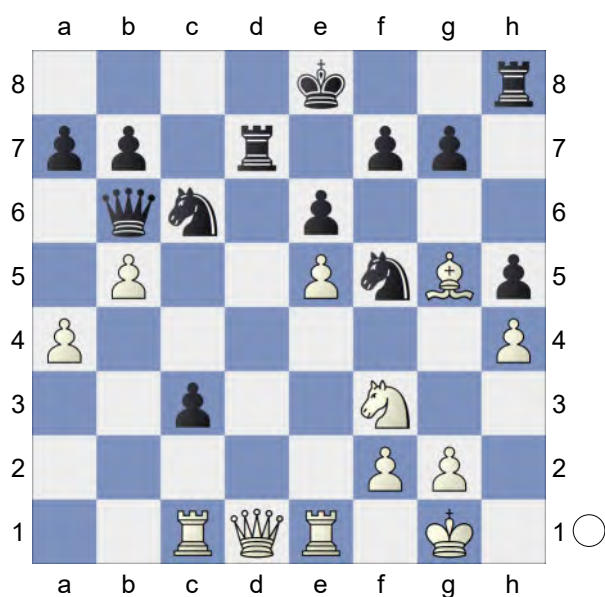
19.b4

[The most solid was 19.cxd4 Qb6 20.Be3 Qxb2 21.Rc4±, playing solidly and refusing to calculate complicated lines.]

19...Qb6 20.b5!? One of a few ways to handle the increasingly complicated situation. However, this does also just chase the knight to d5, where both qualitatively and concretely it seems likely to soak up the speed of White's attack.

[Or 20.a5!? Qb5 21.cxd4 Nfxd4 22.Nxd4 Rxd4 23.Qxd4 Nxd4 24.Rc8+ Kd7 25.Rxh8 Qxb4 26.Rd1 Kc6± with a confusing position, where all results are possible even if White's position looks nicer.]

20...dxc3



21.Qb3 Nce7

[21...a6!? 22.Rxc3 axb5 23.axb5

Nce7 and White's development advantage is also on the cusp of being neutralised.]

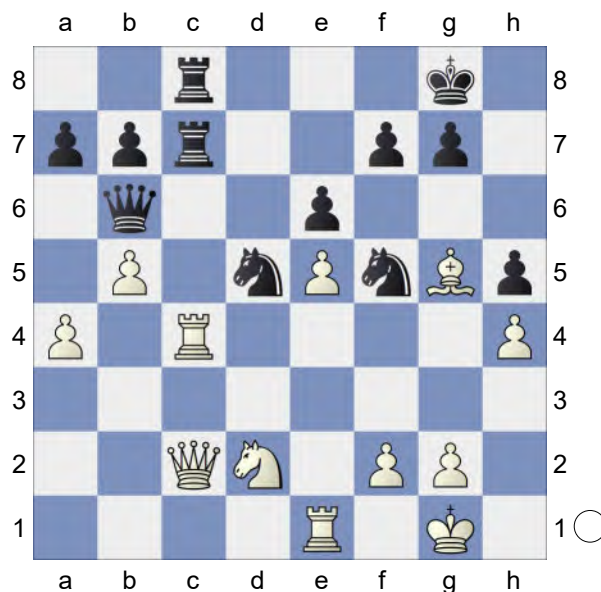
22.Rxc3 0-0 23.Qc2

[The worst-case scenarios were limited by 23.Bxe7 so that White could never end up with an overly bad bishop. The engine still awards +0.2 but it looks like fizzling out completely very soon.]

23...Nd5 24.Rc4

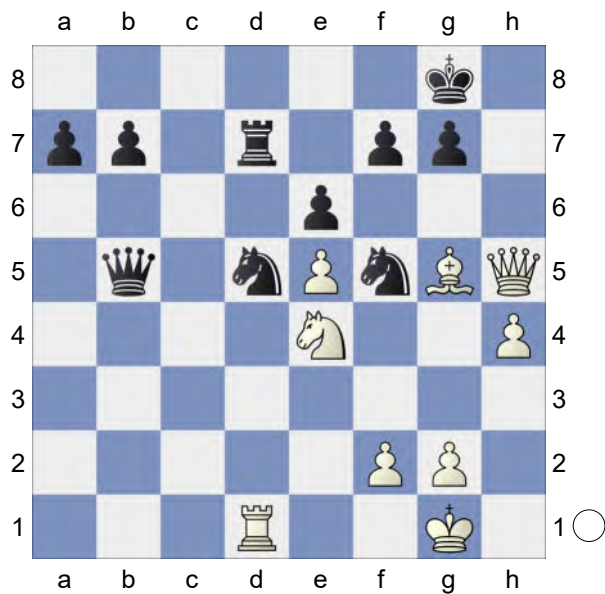
[24.Rd1!? Nxc3 25.Rxd7 Rc8∞]

24...Rc7= 25.Nd2 White starts to go all-in on the kingside, a reasonable practical strategy for rapid. As we are out of the opening I won't comment too much. **25...Rfc8**



26.Rxc7 Rxc7 27.Qd1 Qd4 28.Qxh5 Qxa4 29.Ne4 Qxb5 30.Rd1 Rd7

(Diagram)



31.Qg4 Kf8 32.Qh5 Kg8 33.Qg4 Nb6

The human impulse is to make sure undefending f6 doesn't lead to a forced loss, and then try to exchange pieces in some such way.

[This is one of those positions where 'everything' is 0.00, even an odd move like 33...a5 that allows White to continue attacking. 34.h5∞]

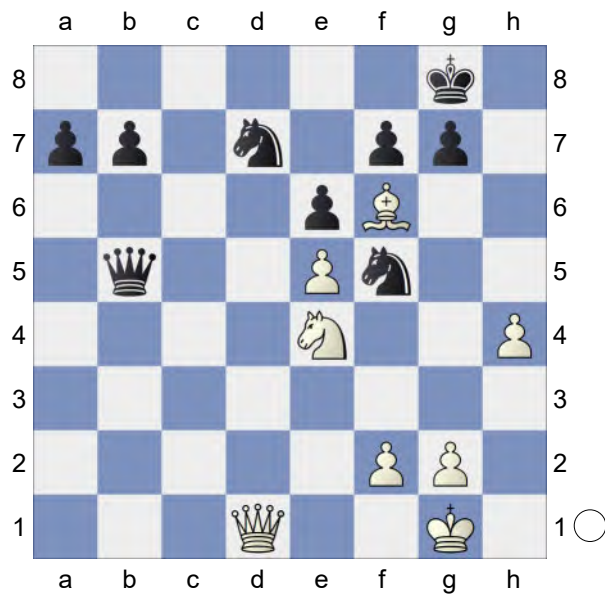
34.Bf6?? This looks vaguely threatening, but Magnus refuses to get stressed.

[The engine points out instantly that White could and should have forced a draw with 34.Nf6+ gxf6 35.Bd2+! The point is to avoid any overloading tricks in the lines where White needs to play a non-check like exf6.]

[The other possibility is 34.Rc1, but after Rd4 it will be White walking a tightrope.]

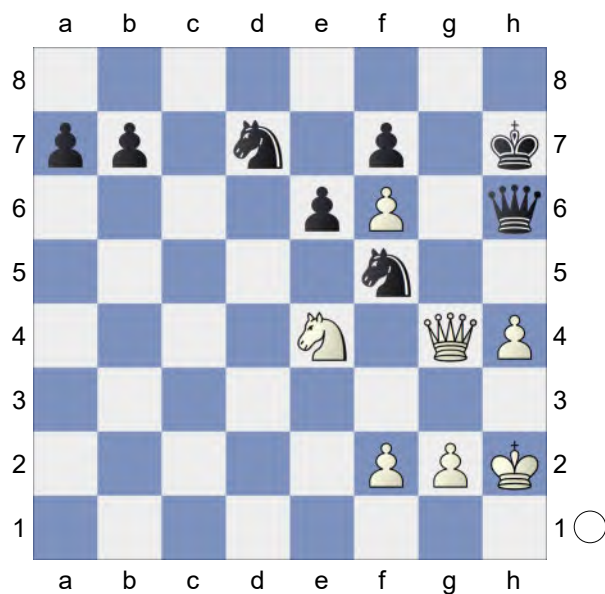
34...Rxd1+ 35.Qxd1 Nd7-+

(Diagram)



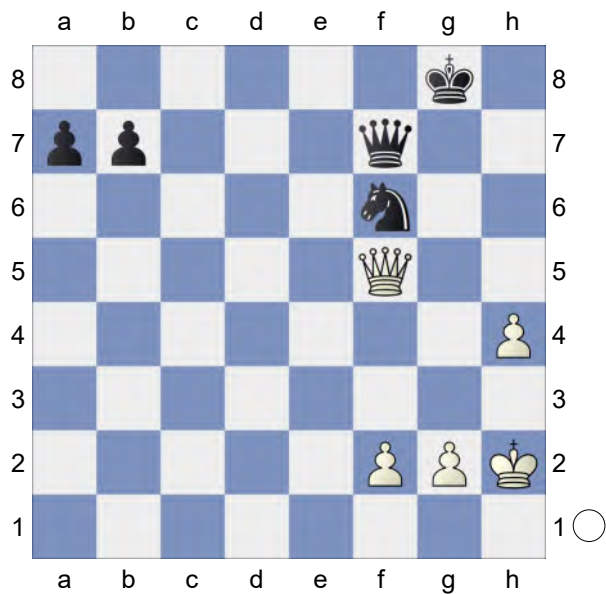
White is a long way from creating serious mate threats, remains with a deficit of 2 pawns and in the medium-long term the a & b pawns will carry the day. Magnus converts without problems.

36.Qc1 Qc6 37.Qf4 gxf6 38.exf6 Kh7 39.Qg4 Qc1+ 40.Kh2 Qh6

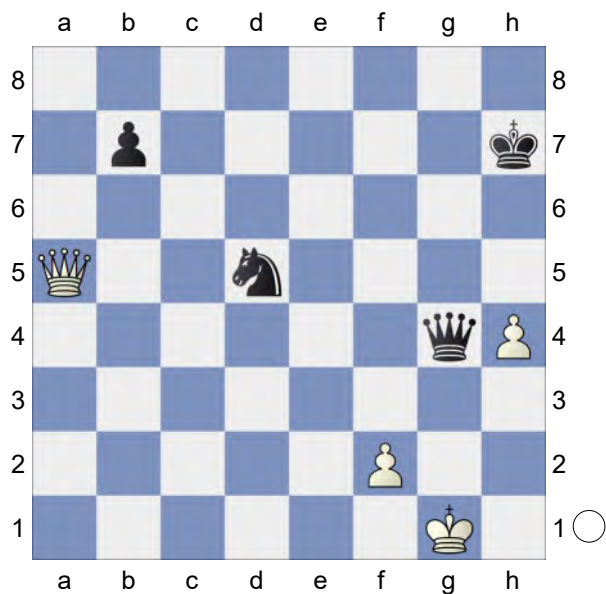


41.Ng5+ Kg8 42.Nxe6+ Qg6 43.Qc4 fxe6 44.Qxe6+ Qf7 45.Qxf5 Nxf6

(Diagram)

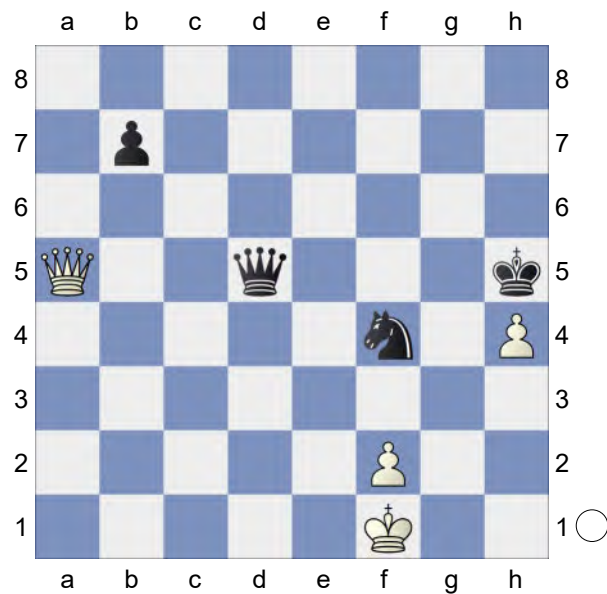


46.g4 Nd5 47.Qg5+ Kh7 48.Kg1 a5 0-1
49.Qd2 Qe6 50.Qxa5 Qxg4+



51.Kf1 Qe4 52.Qd8 Nf4 53.Qc7+ Kh6
54.Qb6+ Kh5 55.Qa5+ Qd5

(Diagram)



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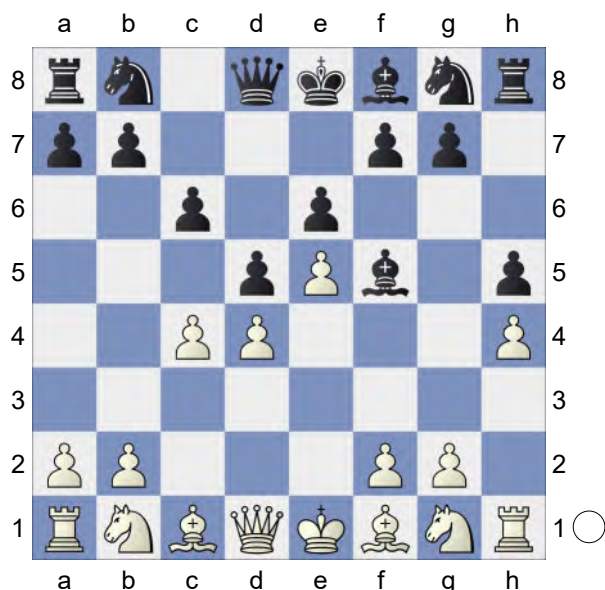
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17.10.2023

[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.c4 e6

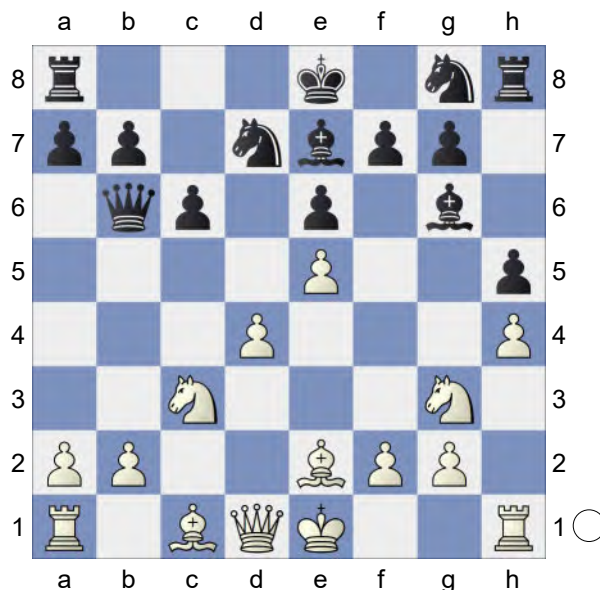


6.Nc3 dxc4! now scores much better than the old 6...Ne7. **7.Bxc4 Nd7 8.Nge2 Be7 9.Ng3 Bg6 10.Be2**

[10.Nge4 Nh6 11.Bxh6 Rxh6 12.Qd2 Nb6 13.Be2 Nd5 14.Bf3 Qb6 15.g3 0-0-0 16.0-0 Kb8 17.Rfd1 Rhh8 18.Rac1 Bxe4 19.Nxe4 g6 20.Rc4 Rd7 21.Nc5 Bxc5 22.dxc5 Qc7 23.Qe1 Qd8 24.b4 g5 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (45) Adams, M (2680)-Razuvaev, Y (2555) 70/169 London 1997]

10...Qb6

(Diagram)

**11.a4N** next a5! is good for White.

[11.Bxh5 Bxh5 12.Nxh5 0-0-0+]

[11.Nxh5 0-0-0 (11...Bxh5 12.Bxh5 g6 13.Be2 Rd8 14.Qb3 Qxd4 15.Be3 Nc5 16.Bxd4 Nxb3 17.axb3 Rxd4 18.Rxa7 Rhxh4 19.Rxh4 Rxh4 20.Rxb7 Rb4 21.Rxb4 Bxb4 22.Kd2 f6 23.exf6 Nxf6 24.Bf3 Kd7 25.Ke2 Kd6 26.g3 1-0 (84) Heberla, B (2503)-Cieslak, P (2391) Rilton Cup 52nd 2024 (6)) 12.Nf4 (12.Nxg7 Nxe5 Pin 13.Be3 Qxb2+) 12...Nxe5+]

[11.Be3 Nh6 12.0-0 Bxh4 13.d5 Qc7 14.dxe6 fxe6 15.Qb3 Nxe5 16.Bc5 Bf7 17.Nce4 Be7 18.Rad1 0-0 19.Bxh5 Bxc5 20.Nxc5 Rae8 21.Bxf7+ Qxf7 22.Rd6 Rd8 23.Nge4 Rxd6 24.Nxd6 Qg6 25.f4 Nef7 (29) Chapter 9 - 4.h4 & 5.c4-Part 2023]

11...a5! Strongly threatening ...Rd8.**12.Be3**

[12.Bxh5 Bxh5 13.Nxh5 0-0-0+]
[12.Nxh5 0-0-0 13.Ng3 (13.Nxg7? Nxe5 14.Be3 Qxb2+) 13...Rxh4 (13...Bxh4 14.Bg5= Pin; 13...Nxe5 14.Be3+) 14.Rxh4 Bxh4+]

12...Rd8N 0.39/18

[Vorgänger: 12...Nh6 13.Bxh5 Qxb2 14.Rc1 Bb4 15.Bd2 Bxg6 is the strong threat. Bd3 16.Be2 Bh7! Hoping for ...Nb6. 17.Bf3! Nb6 Threatens to win with ...0-0-0. 18.Be4 aiming for Rb1. Nc4! White must now prevent ...0-0-0. 19.Rc2 Qb3 ...Nxd2 would now be deadly. 20.Bxh7! Rxh7 21.0-0 Na3 0.19/22 (21...Nxd2 $\bar{f}$ -0.34/21 22.Qxd2 Nf5 23.Nxf5 exf5) 22.Rc1= Qxd1 23.Rfxd1 Nc4 24.Nce4 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ Gappel, H-Fischer, K Liga 2015 18681-K2-G2]
[12...Nh6= -0.14/21]

13.0-0!±

[13.Bxh5 Nxe5 14.Bxg6 Nxg6=]
[13.Nxh5 Bxh5 14.Bxh5 Qxb2 $\bar{f}$]

13...Qb4 0.70/21

[13...Bxh4 0.31/19 deserves consideration. 14.Nce4 (14.Bxh5? Bxg3 15.Bxg6 Bh2+ 16.Kh1 Bxe5+ 17.Bh5 Qxb2+; 14.Nxh5 Qxb2 15.Bd2 Kf8=) 14...Bxg3 15.Nd6+ (15.Nxg3 h4 $\bar{f}$) 15...Kf8]

14.Ra3 0.10/19

[14.Nxh5 Bxh5 15.Bxh5 Nxe5=]
[14.Bxh5 Bxh5 (14...Nxe5 15.Bxg6 Nxg6 16.h5=) 15.Nxh5 g6 $\bar{f}$]
[14.Nge4± 0.70/21]

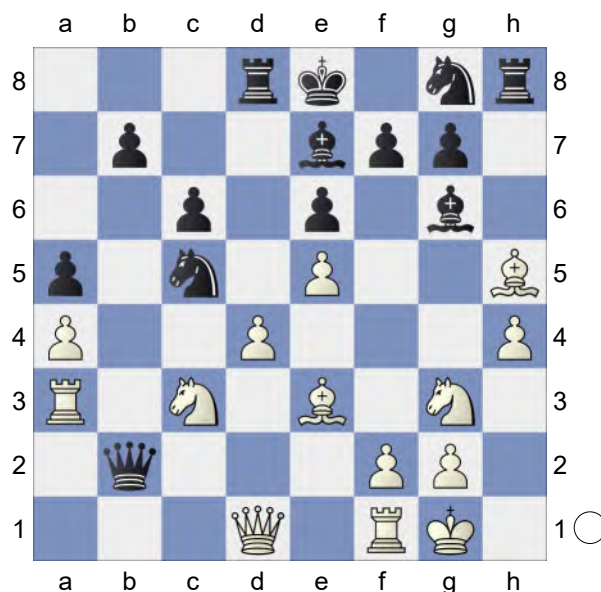
14...Nc5!= 15.Bxh5

[15.Nxh5 Qxb2 16.Nxg7+ Kf8 $\bar{f}$]

15...Qxb2 0.46/21

[15...Bxh5= 0.00/24 16.Nxh5 Qxb2]

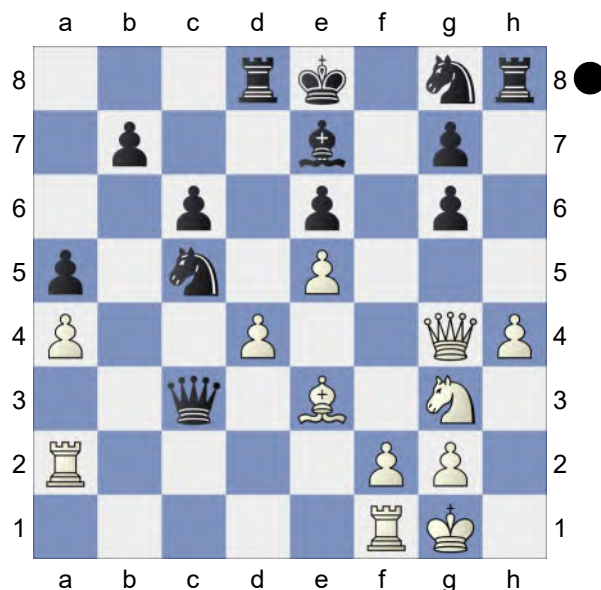
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16.Ra2 -0.04/22

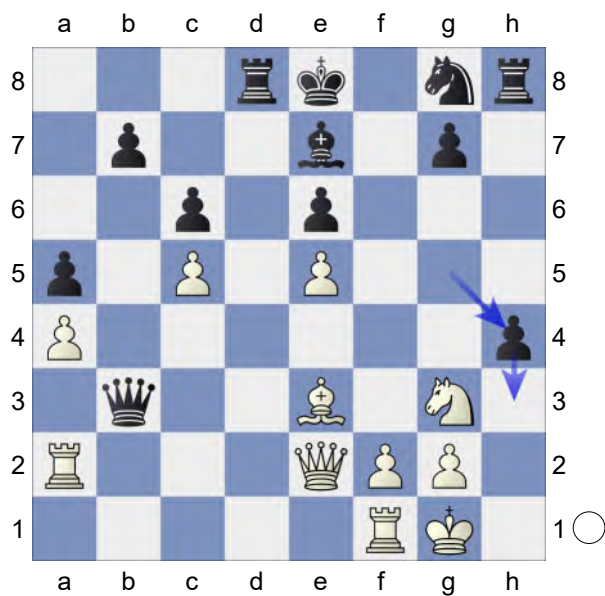
[16.Bc1± 0.46/21 Bxh5 17.Bxb2 (17.Nxh5 Qb4=) 17...Bxd1 18.Rxd1]

16...Qxc3 17.Bxg6 fxc6 18.Qg4

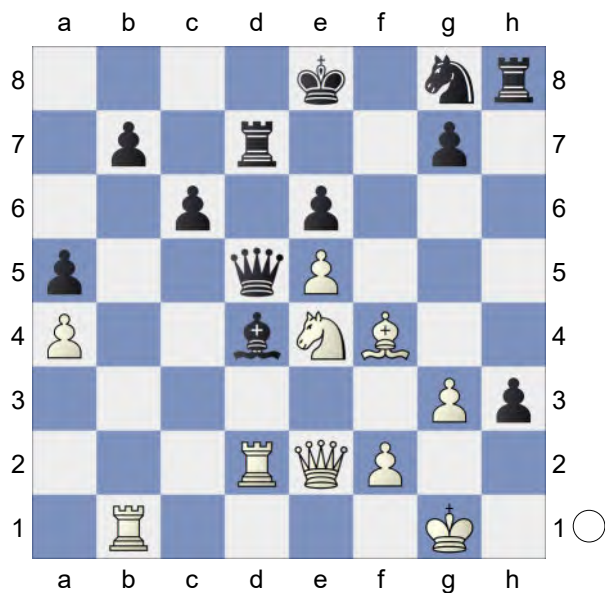


g5 0.31/20 19.dxc5± Qb3 20.Qe2↑
White is more active. 20...gxh4

(Diagram)

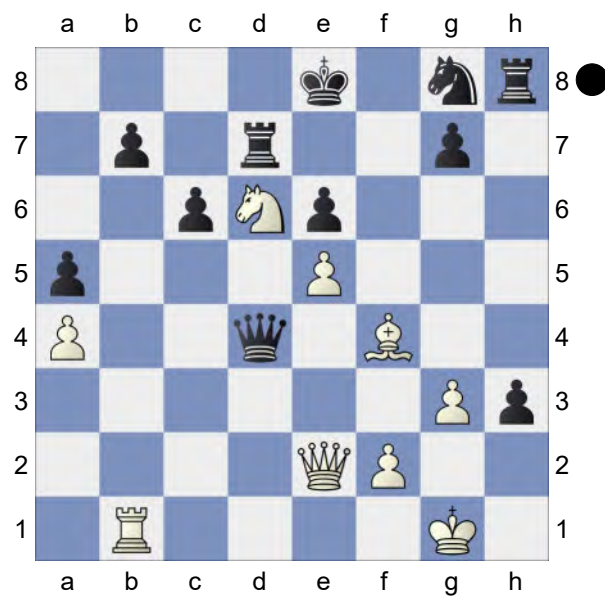


21.Ne4 h3! 22.g3 Qd5 23.Bf4 Bxc5
24.Rd2 Bd4 25.Rb1 0.00/20
[25.Rfd1± 0.48/18 c5 26.Kh2]
25...Rd7=

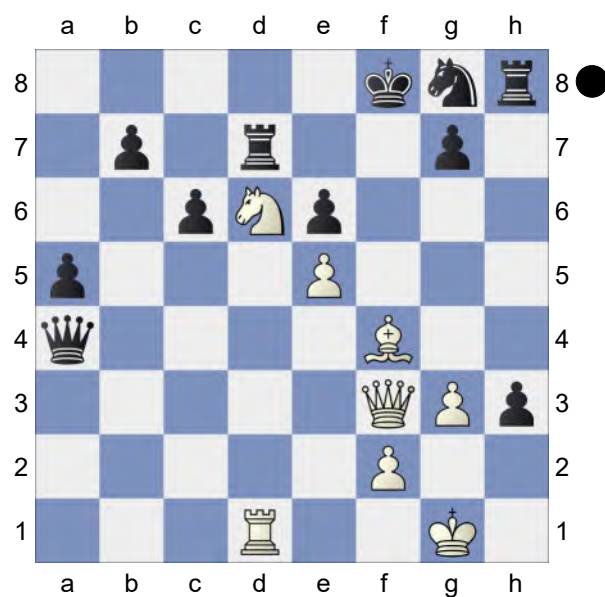


26.Rxd4? -2.30/23 Qxd4+ 27.Nd6+

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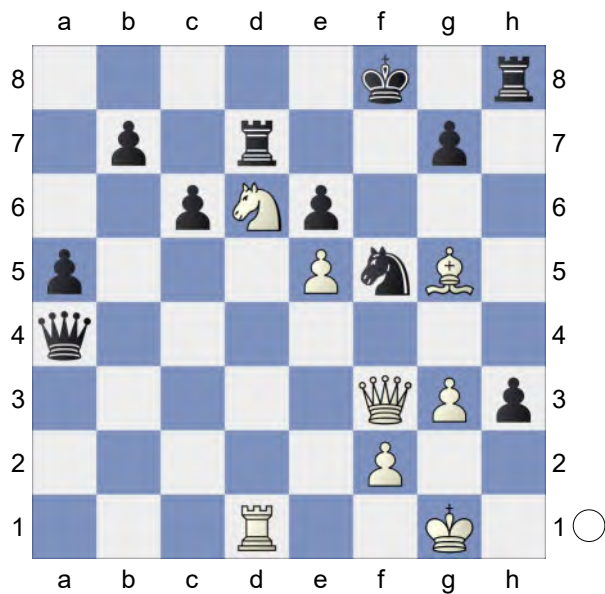
Kf8! 28.Rd1 Qxa4 29.Qf3



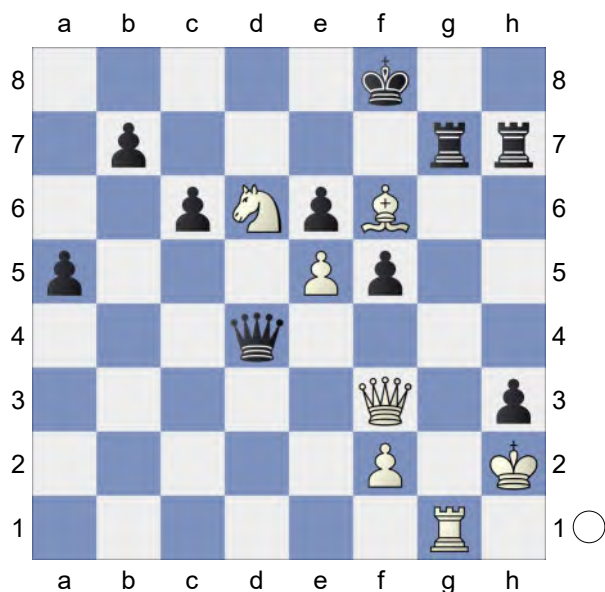
Ne7 0.21/27

[Better is 29...Rxd6!± -1.05/27
30.exd6 Nf6]
30.Bg5+= Nf5

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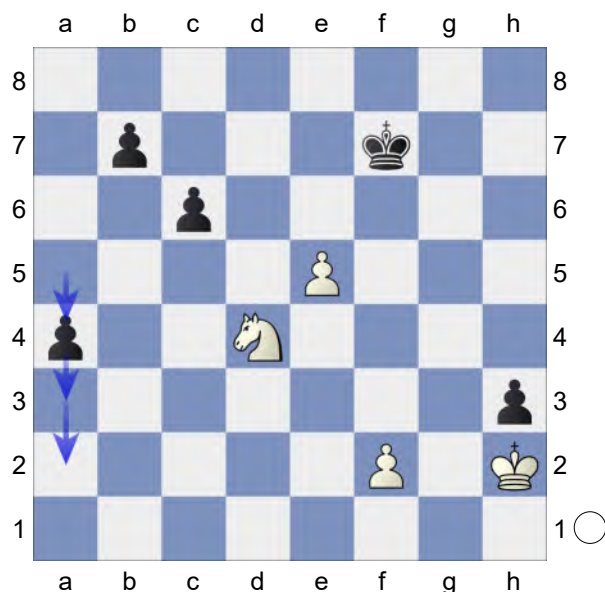


31.Kh2 g6 32.g4 Prevents Rh5. Pin
32...Rhh7! 33.gxf5 gxf5 34.Rg1
Chess con chili. 34...Qd4 35.Bf6
0.00/34 Against Rdg7
[35.Qg3!± 0.46/28 Rdg7 36.Bh6
Pin]
35...Rdg7



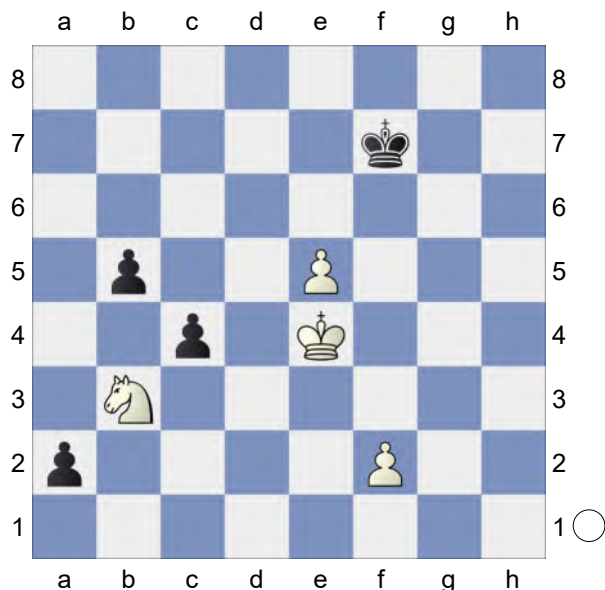
The position is equal. 36.Bxg7+ Rxg7
37.Rxg7
[37.Qxh3? Qxf2+ (37...Qxe5+?
38.Rg3+-) 38.Rg2 Rxg2+ 39.Qxg2
Qxg2+ 40.Kxg2 b5-+]
37...Kxg7 38.Qxf5 exf5 39.Nxf5+ Kf7

40.Nxd4 a4!



41.Kxh3 Endgame. KN-K3P
[41.Nc2!? b5□ (41...Ke6? 42.f4+-)
42.Kxh3= (42.f4? c5-+)]
41...a3 42.Kg4 b5 43.Nb3
[43.Nxc6? a2 44.Nd8+ Kg8-+]
[43.Nc2!? a2□ 44.Kf5=]
43...a2 44.Kf4
[44.Kf5!? c5□ 45.Ke4= (45.Nxc5?
a1Q-+)]
44...c5! 45.Ke4
[45.Nxc5? a1Q (45...a1B?
46.Ke4±) 46.Ke4 Qa2-+]
45...c4!

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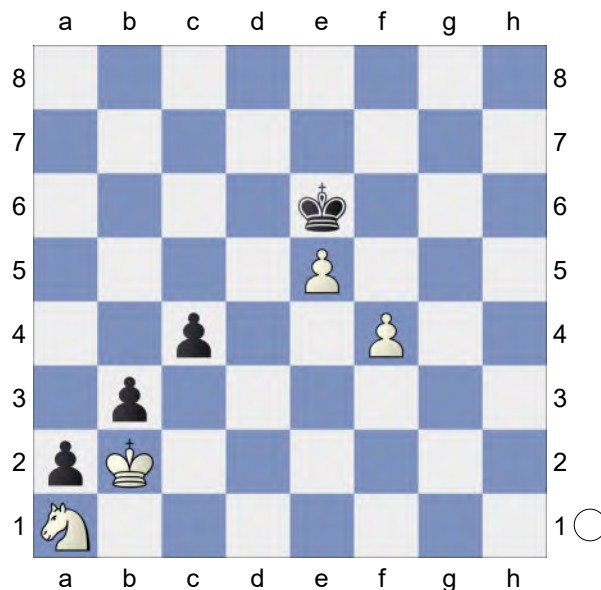
46.Na1 b4 47.Kd4 b3 48.Kc3

[48.Kxc4 b2 49.Nb3 b1Q
 (49...b1R? 50.Na1-+) 50.f3 Qf1+
 (50...a1B? 51.Nc5-+) 51.Kc3 Qxf3+
 (51...a1B+ 52.Kb4 Bxe5 53.Kc5
 Qxf3 54.Na5 Ke6 55.Nc4 Qc3
 56.Kb5 Qb3+ 57.Kc5 Bg3 58.Ne3
 Bf2 59.Kc6 Bxe3 60.Kc7 Ba7
 61.Kd8 Qb8#) 52.Kc2 Qe4+ 53.Kc3
 Qb1 (53...Qxe5+ 54.Kc2 Qh8
 55.Kd3 Qb2 56.Kc4 Kf6 57.Na1
 Qxa1 58.Kd3 Qd1+ 59.Ke3 a1Q
 60.Kf2 Qg4 61.Ke3 Qad4#) 54.Kc4
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 Qb4 57.Kxe5 Qxc5+ 58.Ke4 Ke6
 59.Kd3 Kf5 60.Ke2 Qc3 61.Kd1 Kf4
 62.Ke2 Qc2+ 63.Kf1 Kf3 64.Kg1
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 59.Kd5 Qd1+ 60.Ke4 a1Q 61.Kf4
 Qf6+ 62.Kg3 Qff3+ 63.Kh4 Qg4#)
 55.e6+ Ke7 (55...Kxe6 56.Nc5+ Kf6
 57.Ne4+ Kg6 58.Kd5 a1Q 59.Nc3
 Qd2+ 60.Kc5 Qaxc3+ 61.Kb5 Qb4+
 62.Kc6 Qdd6#; 55...Kxe6 56.Nd4+
 Kf6 57.Nb3 Kf7 58.Nd4 a1Q 59.Nc6
 Qc3+ 60.Kb5 Qab2+ Deflection
 61.Ka6 Qxc6+ 62.Ka7 Qcb7#)]

48...Ke6 49.f4

[49.Kxc4 gets mated. b2 (49...Kxe5
 50.Kxb3 Kf4 51.Kc3=) 50.Nb3 b1Q
 (50...b1R 51.Nd4+ Kxe5 52.Nc6+
 Ke4 53.f3+ Kf4 54.Ne7 a1Q
 55.Nd5+ Kxf3 56.Nc3 Rc1 57.Kd5
 Qxc3 58.Ke6 Qc8+ 59.Ke7 Rc6
 60.Kf7 Qd7+ 61.Kg8 Rc8#) 51.Nd4+
 Kxe5 52.f4+ Ke4 (52...Kxf4 53.Nb3
 Ke5 54.Kc3 Kd5 55.Na1 Qxa1+
 56.Kb3 Qb1+ 57.Kc3 a1Q+ 58.Kd2
 Qe1+ 59.Kd3 Qad1#) 53.Nb3 Qc2+
 (53...a1B 54.Nd2+ Ke3 55.Nxb1=)
 54.Kb4 Kd5 (54...Kxf4 is a self
 mate. 55.Ka3 Ke5 56.Na1 Qb1
 57.Ka4 Qxa1 58.Kb3 Qb1+ 59.Kc3
 a1Q+ 60.Kd2 Qe1+ 61.Kd3 Qac3#)
 55.Ka3 Kc4 56.Na1 Qc1+ 57.Ka4
 Qb2 (57...Qxa1? 58.Ka3 Qb1
 59.Ka4 a1Q#) 58.f5 Qb4#]

49...Kd5 50.Kb2 Ke6



Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.15 (very precise)
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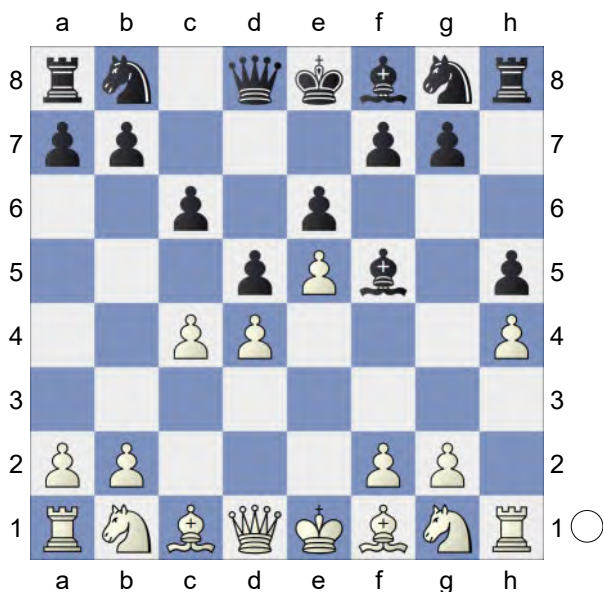
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Qatar Masters (6.5)

16.10.2023

[Daniel Fernandez]

On the one hand I was plagued by doubt as to whether I should actually try and tackle this game, because there is just such an awful lot to talk about. On the other hand, I suspect it is not the last time we have occasion to cover 11.a4 and so this represents, on some level, the first iteration of an undoubtedly protracted and iterative process. 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.c4 e6

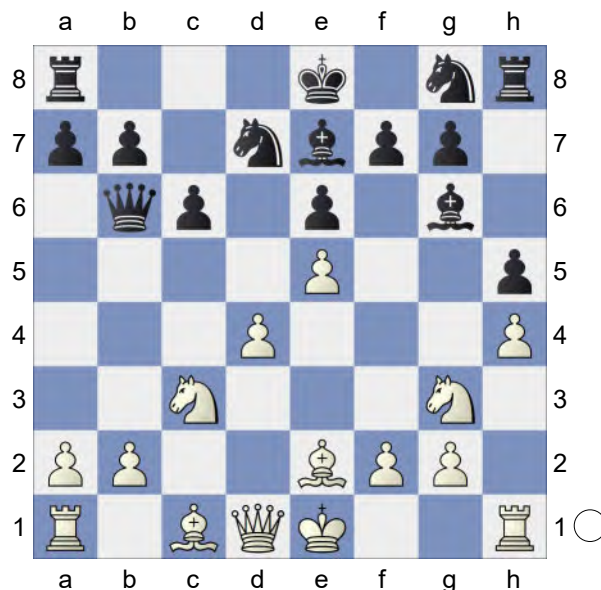


6.Nc3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 Nd7 8.Nge2 Be7 9.Ng3 Bg6 10.Be2

[White can offer a repetition with 10.Nge2 but on this occasion both sides were out for blood.]

10...Qb6

(Diagram)



Bringing us to a critical position. 11.a4

[After the immediate 11.Be3 Black has three sensible replies: ...Nh6, ...Rd8, and ...0-0-0.]

A) 11...Rd8 is maybe the most intuitive, not walking onto the half-open c-file and also creating ideas of ...Nxe5. 12.Qc1 At the same time, this creates significant problems for Black, who cannot afford to do nothing (White castles and then pushes either f4-f5 or a3, b4)

A1) 12...Nh6 13.0-0 Ng4!? (13...Bxh4 14.d5 Qa5 15.Nge4 looks like even more of a tightrope walk) 14.Bxg4 hxg4 15.d5 Qb4 (15...Bc5 16.dxe6 fxe6 17.Na4 Bxe3 18.Qc4+-) 16.h5 Bxh5 17.a3 Qb3 18.d6 Bh4 19.Bg5 Bxg3 20.Bxd8 Kxd8 21.fxg3± White's king safety leaves something to be desired, while Black's appears to be on the mend, but both sides are attacking.;

A2) 12...c5! 13.Nb5 Qa5+ is the engine choice and was

tried before in Praggnanandhaa, R-Salem, A Biel 2021. 14.Qc3 Qxc3+ 15.bxc3 a6 16.Nc7+ Kf8 17.f4 Rc8 18.f5 Bxf5 19.Nxf5 Rxc7 20.Nd6. The position is chaotic, more or less impossible for anyone to calculate over the board, and (importantly) there is still a good chance that White has more than enough compensation for the missing pawn, even before we start talking about the practical importance of the bishop pair.;

B) 11...Nh6 This would be my first choice, not least because (as we will see) it saves Black needing to think about playing something different in the position with a4, ... a5 included. 12.Bxh5 Qxb2 13.Rc1 Nf5! This is important. (13...Bb4?! quickly becomes hazardous after the consistent capture of the piece: 14.0-0 Bxh5 15.Qxh5 Bxc3 16.Rb1 Qa3 17.Rxb7±; 13...Bxh5 14.Qxh5 g6 15.Qe2± leads to a slight endgame advantage for White) 14.Bxg6 fxe6 This structure is nowhere near as bad as it looks, because after 15.Qd3 0-0-0 White is more or less obligated to take it. 16.Nxf5 gxf5;

C) 11...0-0-0?! 12.0-0! (12.Qc1 Nh6 13.0-0 Ng4=) 12...Nxe5 13.Rc1 The cloud engines love this idea and it is not difficult to see why. Black is prevented from playing ... Kb8 and so the king needs to stay on the c-file which is about to open. Ng4 (13...Kb8 14.Qa4 Ng4 15.Bxg4 hxe6 16.d5 Qa6 17.Qxa6 bxa6 18.dxe6 fxe6 19.Nce4±) 14.Bxg4 hxe6 15.h5

Bxh5 16.d5 Qa5 17.a3 With the threat of b4 followed by activating the queen. White's queenside attack is potentially (very) problematic, and the more the cloud engines look at it the more they like it.]

11...a5 No other move makes any sense. **12.Be3 Rd8?!** While eminently playable in the version without a-pawn pushes, here I think the absence of a threat of ...Nxe5 tilts the evaluation in White's favour.

[12...Nh6! 13.0-0 Bxh4 (13...Rd8? 14.Bxh5 Nf8 15.Bxg6 Nxg6 16.h5± and White was a clean pawn up in Trepát Herranz, J-García Ramos, D Platja d'Aro 2023) 14.Ra3 Bxg3 15.Rb3 Qc7 16.fxe3 This looks like best play for both sides and I suspect will be tested before long. It's not obvious what Black's plan is (if that word still holds any meaning at all) but equally not obvious what the b3-rook intends to do in the medium term.]

[12...Qxb2!? looks like a very practical move which doesn't exist against the immediate 11.Be3. It needs to be followed by a queen 'sacrifice' for equivalent material: 13.Nge4 Bb4 14.0-0 Bxc3 15.Rb1 Qxb1! (15...Bxe4? 16.Rxb2 Bxb2 17.Qb3+-) 16.Qxb1 Bxe4 17.Qxe4 Nb6 18.Rb1 Bb4± Black has reasonable positional control here.]

13.0-0 After this logical move I think White has a slight advantage. **13...Qb4**

[13...Bxh4 gives White a choice of many forcing moves:

A) 14.d5?! Qb4 (14...Qxb2?! 15.Nge4 Bxe4 16.Nxe4 Qxe5 17.dxc6 bxc6 18.Nd6+ Ke7

19.Nc4 Qc7 20.Qd2± Three pawns are not enough to compensate for White's long-lasting activity and the sketchy king safety Black suffers from.) 15.Bd2 Bxg3 16.Nb5 Bh2+! 17.Kxh2 Qh4+ 18.Kg1 Nxe5±;

B) 14.Nce4 Be7 White has nothing better than various lines which liquidate relatively quickly. 15.d5 (another possibility is 15.Bxh5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Rxd1 17.Bxb6 Rxf1+ 18.Rxf1 Bxh5 with very slight pressure for White) 15...Qb4 16.Bd2 Qd4 17.dxe6 Nxe5 18.Bc3 Qxd1 19.Rfxd1 Rxd1+ 20.Rxd1 h4 21.Bxe5 hxg3 22.exf7+ Kxf7 23.Bc4+ Ke8 24.Nxg3 Nf6= and after surviving fierce complications, Black should hold the resulting endgame without too many issues.;

C) 14.Nge4! Be7 (14...Bxe4 15.Nxe4 Be7 16.d5↑ is very unpleasant) 15.d5 Qb4 16.Ra3 exd5 17.Rb3 dxe4 18.Qc2! Qc5! 19.Bxc5 Nxc5± Another of these 'queen for stuff' positions, where objectively the queen should be a slight favourite.]

[13...Nxe5?? simply doesn't exist with the queen unprotected on b6, and this is one of White's points. 14.dxe5 Rxd1 15.Bxb6+-]

14.Ra3?! The correct idea, but maybe the wrong timing.

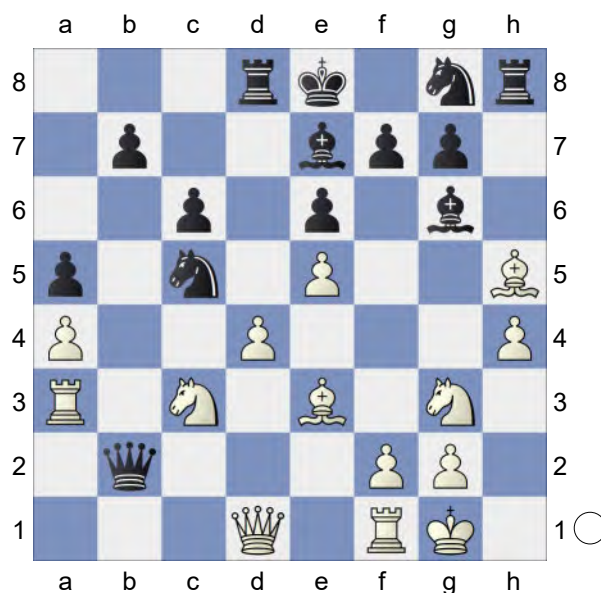
[P r e p a r i n g with 14.Nge4 is also reasonable and after Nxe5 15.Ra3 Nf6! 16.Rb3 (16.Nxf6+? Bxf6 17.Rb3 Qe7±) 16...Nxe4 17.Rxb4 axb4 18.Nxe4 Bxe4 19.f3 Bf5 20.Qb3± White again seems to have slightly better chances.]

14...Nc5

[In this case 14...Nxe5??, like almost everything else, runs into 15.Rb3+-]

15.Bxh5 Qxb2

[Also possible is 15...Bxh5!? 16.Nxh5 g6 17.Nf4 Qxb2∞]



16.Ra2?!

[The forcing 16.Bc1 was preferable, as otherwise White might be slightly worse. Bxh5 17.Qxh5! Qxc1 18.Qxh8 Qxa3 19.Qxg8+ Bf8 20.Nce4 (20.Nge4!? gives Black an additional option of Rxd4 21.Ng5 Rf4 since at this critical moment it is too slow to swing the other knight into the attack. 22.Ne2 Rf5 23.Ng3 Rxc5 24.hxg5 Qxa4 25.Nh5∞) 20...Nxe4 (20...Rxd4?? now loses to 21.Ng5 Rd7 22.Nh5+-) 21.Nxe4 Rxd4 22.Ng5 Rd7 White's attack seems to have stalled and Black is about to have three connected passers, but the engine doesn't mind this for White. Curious, I continued down its favoured line, which I give without notes: 23.g3 Qxa4 24.Re1 Qb4 25.Re4 Qe7 26.Rf4 b5 27.Rxf7 Qxf7 28.Nxf7

Rxf7 29.Qh7 Rf5 30.g4 Rxe5
31.Qg6+ Ke7 32.Qc2 Kd7 33.Qc3
Bd6 34.Qxa5 b4∞]

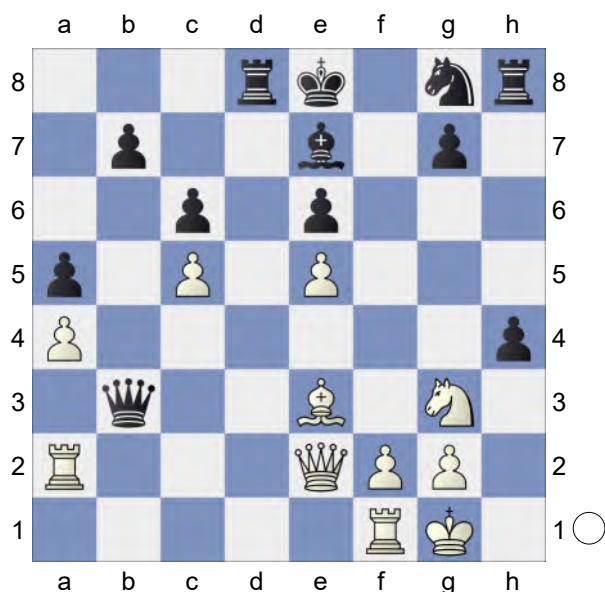
16...Qxc3 17.Bxg6 fxc6 18.Qg4

Black's king is caught in the middle, but has a decent amount of pawn cover. It's hard to be sure which player should be happier with this in a practical game.

18...g5?!

[18...Rxh4 19.Qxg6+ Kf8 20.dxc5 Qxe5∞ is slightly better for Black, since 'a pawn is a pawn' (we are starting to see the position calm down to the extent where it makes sense to say that) and it's not totally clear whose king safety is actually better anymore.]

19.dxc5 Qb3 20.Qe2 gxf4



In this version Black is in fact two pawns up, but the continued existence of the e5-pawn means that this is more or less irrelevant. **21.Ne4** Starting to let things slip a bit, but I am reluctant to attach any punctuation to such an 'obvious' move.

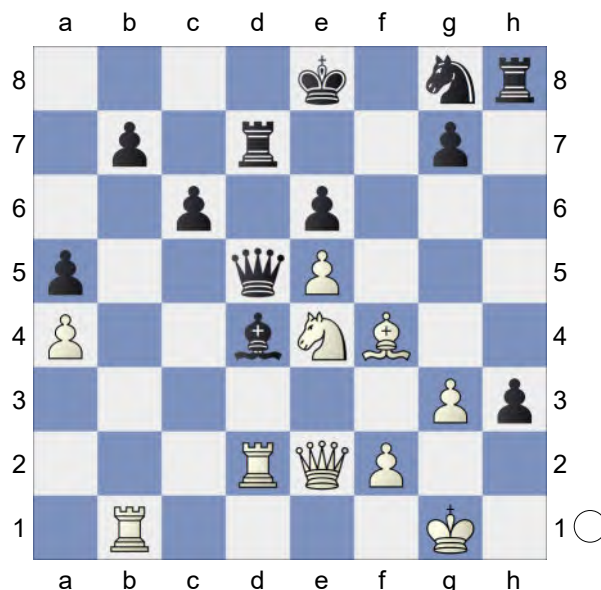
[21.Nh5!→ is rather unpleasant for Black.]

21...h3 22.g3 Qd5 23.Bf4 Bxc5

24.Rd2 Bd4 25.Rb1

[The restrained 25.Kh2 may have made more sense.]

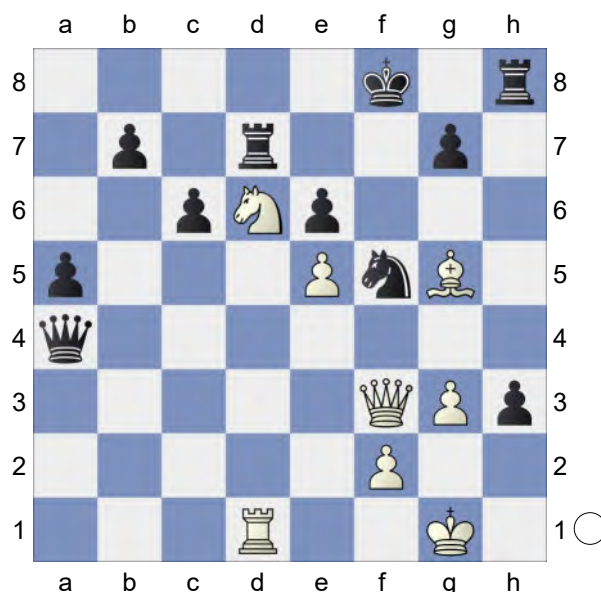
25...Rd7



26.Rxd4 Qxd4 27.Nd6+ Kf8 28.Rd1 Qxa4?! The last significant mistake in a titanic tussle.

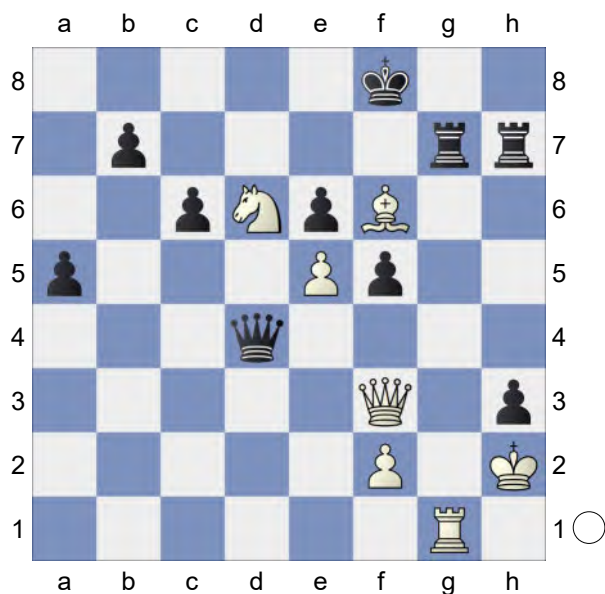
[28...h2+! 29.Kh1 Qc3∞ offers Black good counterattacking chances, especially as it takes away the f3-square from White's queen.]

29.Qf3 Ne7 30.Bg5+ Nf5

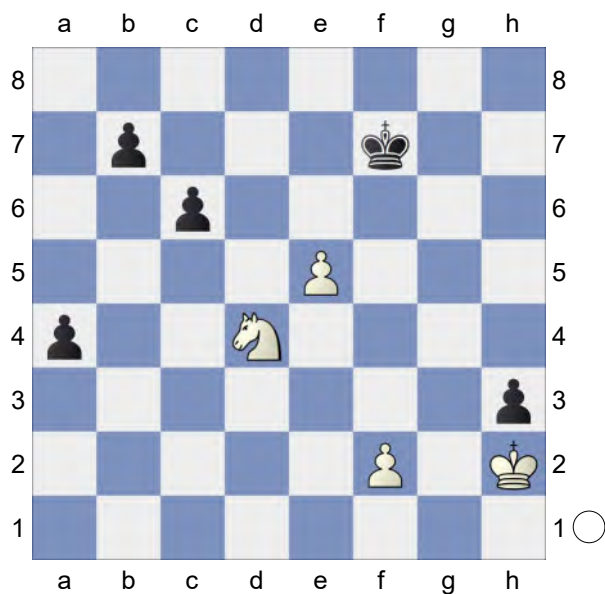


31.Kh2 g6 32.g4 Rhh7 33.gxf5 gxf5

34.Rg1 Qd4 35.Bf6 Rdg7!♞

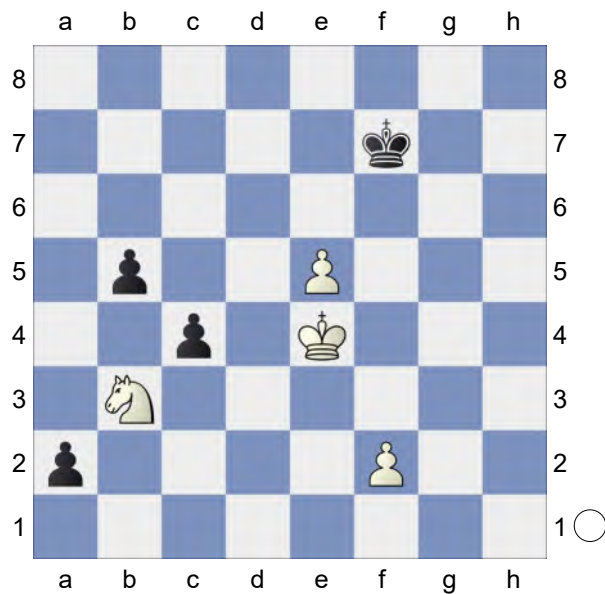


Liquidating down to an endgame which, while still wildly unclear from a practical perspective, is drawn with decent play by both sides. **36.Bxg7+ Rxc7 37.Rxc7 Kxc7 38.Qxf5 exf5 39.Nxf5+ Kf7 40.Nxd4 a4**

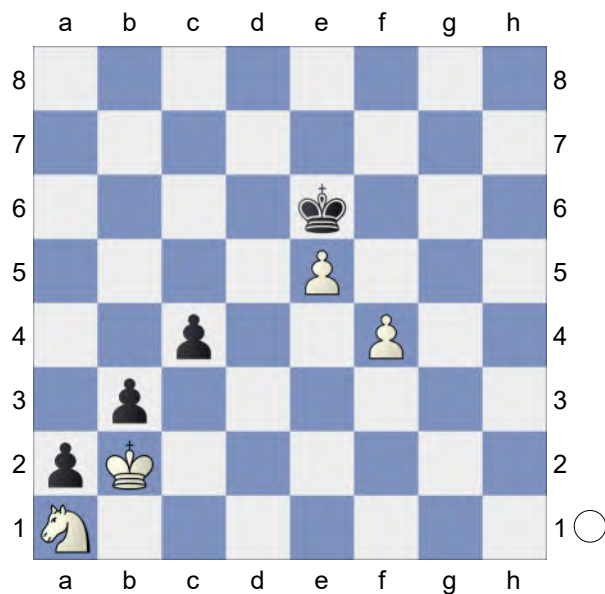


41.Kxh3 a3 42.Kg4 b5 43.Nb3 a2 44.Kf4 c5 45.Ke4 c4

(Diagram)



46.Na1 b4 47.Kd4 b3 48.Kc3 Ke6 49.f4 Kd5 50.Kb2 Ke6



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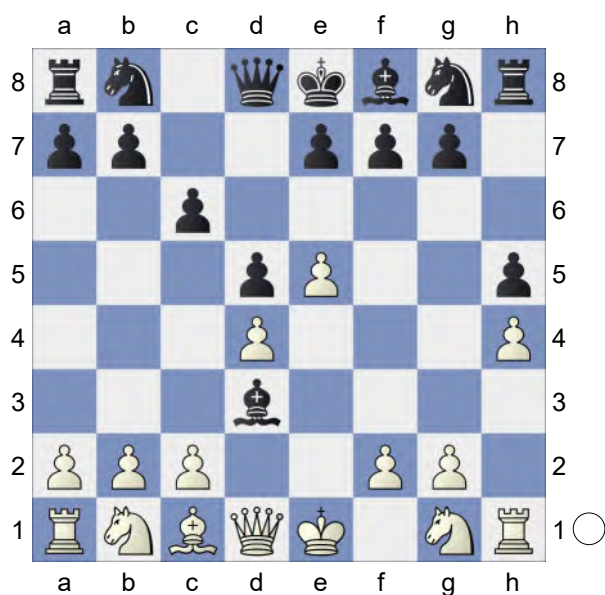
[MH]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation Kitty

Kat: 'B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

' 1.e4 Kitty Kat Kitty Kat 1...c6 2.d4 d5

3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3

**6.Qxd3** Threatens to win with e6! KittyKat: ' aiming for e6!' **6...Qa5+** **7.Nd2**e6! is the strong threat. Kitty Kat: ' Strongly threatening e6!' **7...e6** **8.Ngf3**White is slightly better. **8...Nh6**

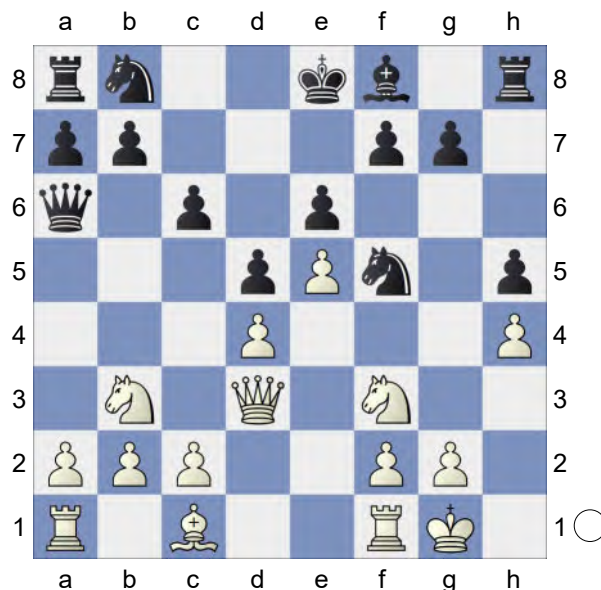
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better than 8...Qa6.'Kitty Kat: '8...Sh6 ist

besser als 8...Da6.' **9.0-0 Nf5** **10.Nb3****Qa6**

(Diagram)

**11.Qd1 b6**

[11...c5 12.Bg5 cxd4 13.Nbxd4

Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Nxc6 Qxc6

16.a4 Rc8 17.a5 Be7 18.Bxe7 Kxe7

19.c3 Qb5 20.Qd4 Qc5 21.Qf4

Rhd8 22.Qg5+ Kf8 23.Qxh5 Kg8

24.Qg5 d4 25.Rfd1 d3 26.Ra4

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12.a4N

[12.Bg5 c5 13.dxc5

A) 13...Bxc5 14.c3 (14.Nxc5

bxc5 15.Re1 Nc6 16.c3 Rb8

17.b3 Nce7 18.Bxe7 Nxe7

19.Qd2 Nf5 20.Rac1 0-0 21.c4

Rbd8 22.cxd5 Rxd5 23.Qg5 Qxa2

24.Qxh5 Qxb3 25.Ng5 Nh6

26.Ne4 Qb2 27.Nc3 Rd4 28.Ne2

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(Women) 2023 (1) 0-1 14...Nc6

15.Re1 Qa4 16.Nfd2 Be7

17.Bxe7 Ncxe7 18.g3 Nc6 19.Rc1

Rd8 20.Qe2 Kf8 21.c4 d4

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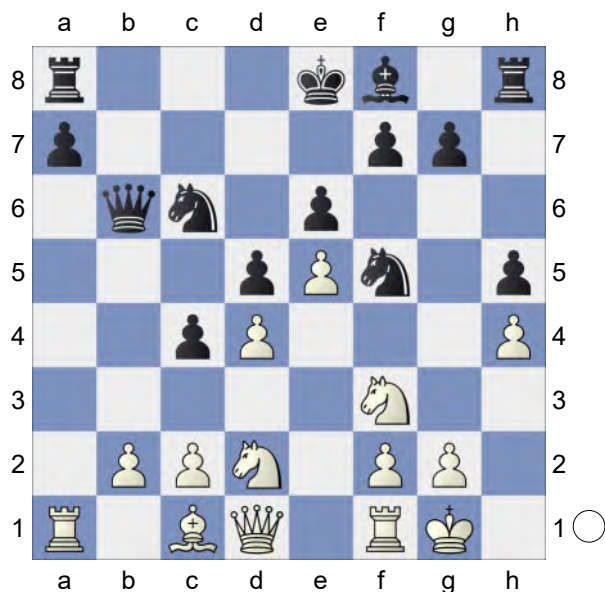
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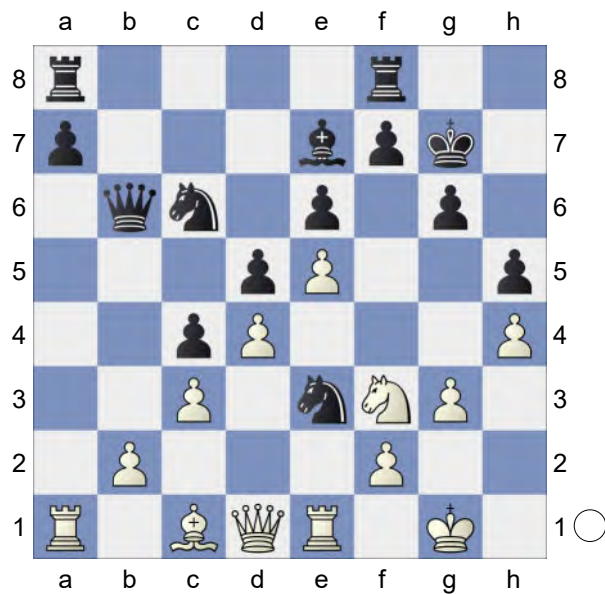
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[15...Be7 Kitty Kat 16.b3 c3 17.Nb1
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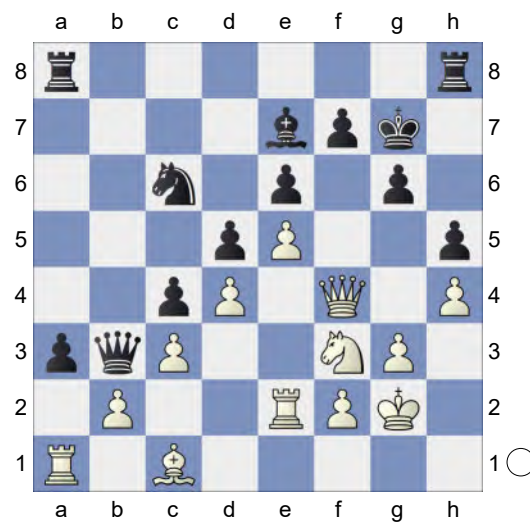
Kitty Kat: 'N' 'N' 16.c3 Be7 17.g3 0-0
18.Re1 g6 19.Nf1 Kg7 20.Ne3 Nxe3

(Diagram)



21.fxe3N Kitty Kat: ' next Qd2 is good for
White.'

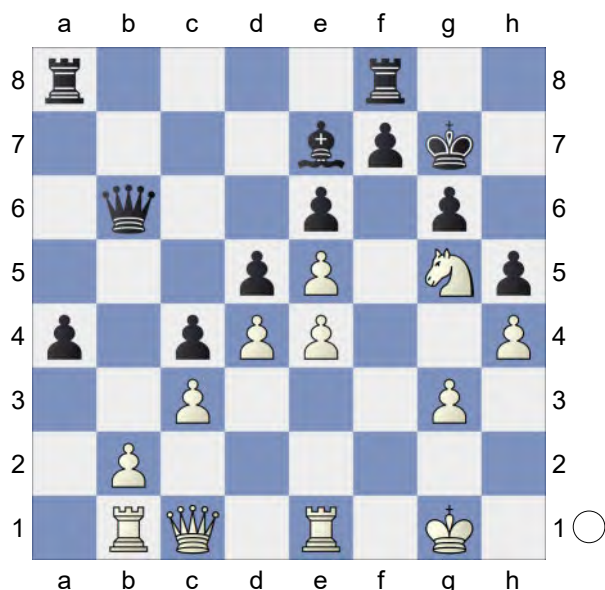
[Vorgänger: 21.Rxe3 a5 22.Re2
Qb3 23.Qd2 Rh8 Prevents Qh6+
Kitty Kat: ' Inhibits Qh6+.' 24.Qf4
0.00/22 (24.Kg2!± 0.44/22 Kitty Kat)
24...a4 0.37/21 (24...Qd1+!= 0.00/22
(Kitty Kat) deserves consideration.
25.Re1 Qb3) 25.Kg2 Kitty Kat: '±' '±'
a3 1.06/22 (25...Qd1= 0.17/20
26.Qh6+ Kg8; 25...Ra7= 0.21/21
(Kitty Kat) remains equal.)



26.Ng5? -1.06/23 (Kitty Kat: ' White
must play' 26.Rxa3!± 1.06/22 Rxa3
27.bxa3 Qxc3 28.Rb2) 26...Bxg5±

Kitty Kat: '=' '=' 27.Qxg5 Shirov,A (2661)-Firouzja,A (2760) Titled Tuesday intern op 16th Apr Late blitz 2024 (8) 0-1]

21...Na5 22.e4 Nb3 Against Qd2 Kitty Kat: ' Prevents Qd2.' 23.Rb1 Nxc1 24.Qxc1 a5 25.Ng5 [25.Re2 (Kitty Kat) simplifies a4 26.Ra1 Qb3 27.exd5 exd5 28.Kg2] 25...a4



26.Qf4

[26.exd5 simplifies exd5 27.Nh3 Qe6 28.Kh2]

26...Rab8 27.g4 hxg4 28.Rf1

Kitty Kat: ' h5 is the strong threat.'

28...a3 Strongly threatening ...a2. Kitty

Kat: ' Hoping for ...a2.' 29.h5 Kitty Kat: ' Chess con chili.'

[29.Qxg4? a2 (29...axb2 30.h5± Kitty Kat: '=' '=') 30.Rbd1 Qxb2-+]

[29.Nxf7!? Kg8 30.Nh6+ Kg7

A) 31.Qxg4? Kxh6 32.b4 (32.Kh1 Kitty Kat Rxf1+ Deflection 33.Rxf1 axb2-+) 32...cxb3-+;

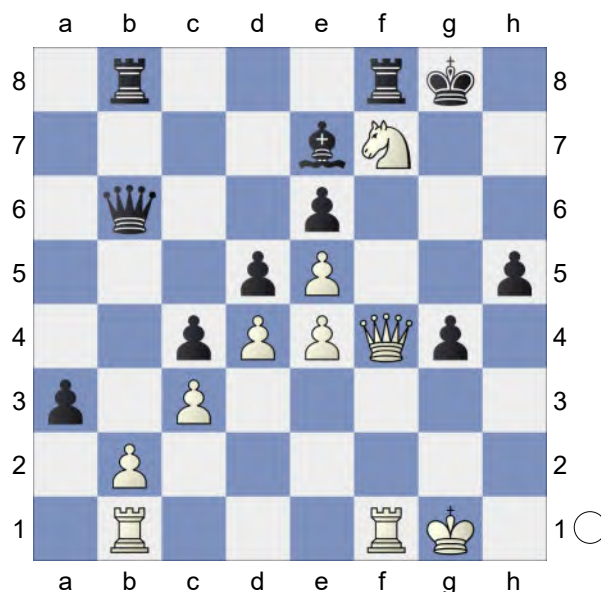
B) 31.Nf7=]

29...gxh5 White must now prevent ...f6.

Kitty Kat: ' ...f6 would now be deadly.'

30.Nxf7 White threatens Qh6+ and mate.

Kitty Kat: ' Intending Qh6+ and mate.' 30...Kg8



31.exd5→ d6 would now be deadly. White has some attack. Kitty Kat: ' Threatens to win with d6. White attacks.'

[31.Qh6!? Kitty Kat Rxf7 32.Rxf7 Kxf7 33.Qxh5+ Kg7 34.Qxg4+ Kh6 35.Kg2 Qxb2+ 36.Rxb2 axb2 37.Qxe6+ Kh5 38.Qf5+ (38.Qxe7 b1Q=) 38...Kh6 39.Qe6+ (39.exd5? b1Q-+) 39...Kh5 40.Qf5+ (40.Qxe7 b1Q=) 40...Kh6 41.Qe6+= (41.exd5? b1Q-+)]

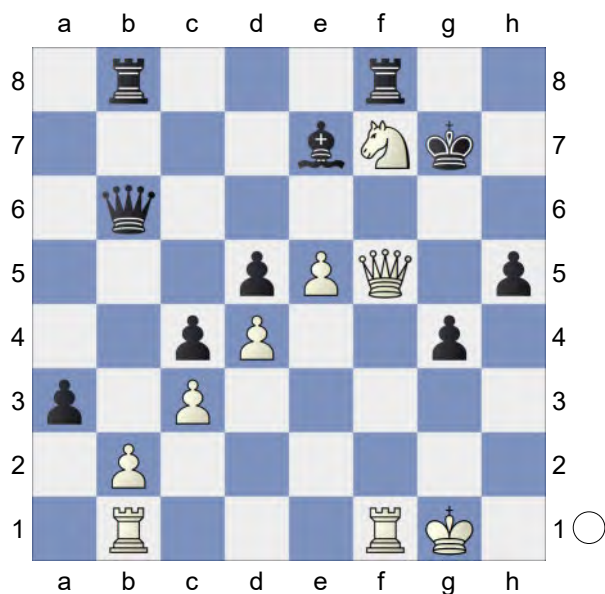
31...exd5 2.04/20

[31...a2= 0.00/21 (Kitty Kat) and Black is okay. 32.Rbe1 (32.Nh6+? Kg7-+) 32...Qxb2]

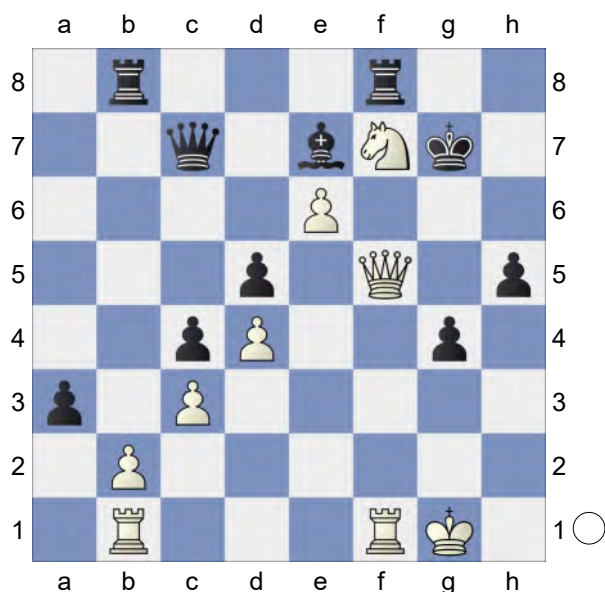
32.Qf5 Wards off Qe6. Threatening mate with e6. Kitty Kat: '+-' '+-' 32...Kg7? 0.26/10 Kitty Kat: '

[32...a2+- 4.44/20 33.Rbe1 (33.Qxh5? Kg7-+) 33...Kg7]

(Diagram)



' **33.e6!=-** aiming for Qe5+. Chess con chili. Kitty Kat: '!' '!' Kitty Kat: ' And now Qe5+ would win.' **33...Qc7**



34.Rf4! Intending Rxc4+! and mate. Kitty Kat: ' White wants to mate with Rxc4+!'

34...Bh4 7.73/18

[Weaker is Kitty Kat: ' Inferior is' 34...Rxb2 35.Rxc4+ (35.Rbf1 Rh2+-) 35...hxc4 36.Qxc4+ Kh7 37.Qh5+ Kg7 38.Qh6+ Kg8 39.Qh8#]

[34...Rg8 4.76/16 35.Ne5 Kh6

A) 36.Rbf1 axb2 37.Kg2 b1Q+-

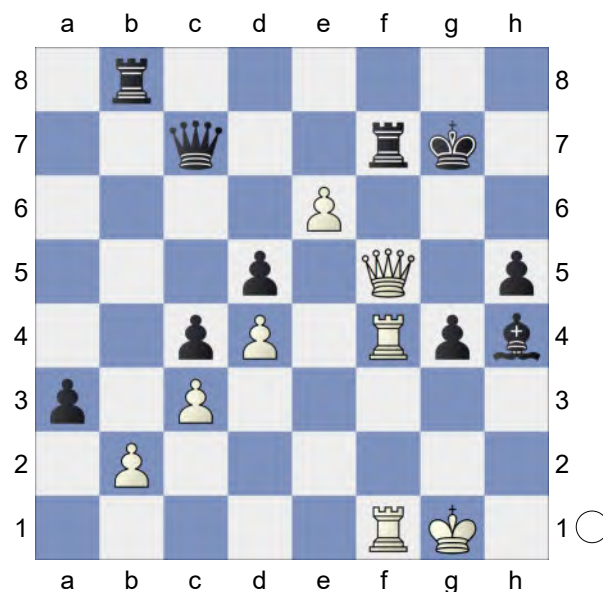
(37...Rbf8+- Kitty Kat);

B) 36.bxa3 Rxb1+ Kitty Kat: '?' '?' (36...Rb3 Kitty Kat) 37.Qxb1 Qb8 (37...Rg5 Kitty Kat 38.Rf7+-)]

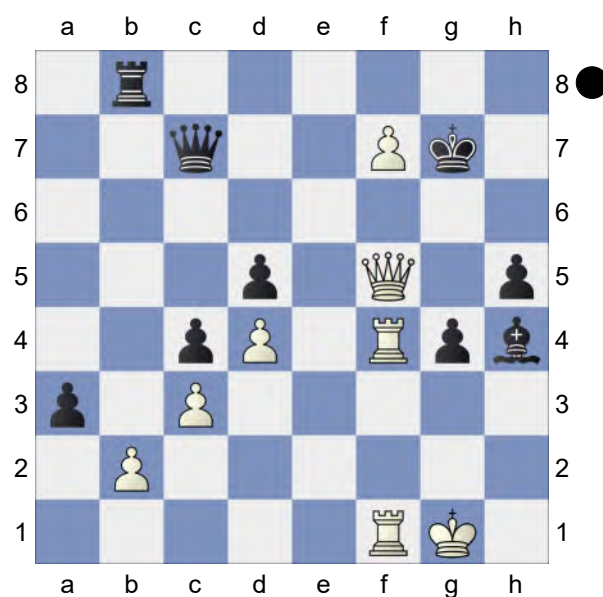
35.Rbf1+- Rxc4+! would kill now. Kitty Kat: ' Threatening mate with Rxc4+!'

[35.bxa3? perishes. Kitty Kat: ' is the wrong capture.' Rxb1+ 36.Kg2 Re1+ (36...Qb8+- Kitty Kat)]

35...Rxf7



36.exf7



Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless) .

Mistake: --- Black=2
Inaccurate: White=2 Black=1 OK:
White=14 Black=15 Best:
White=1 Black=2 Strong:
White=2 --- Kitty Kat: '
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06
(flawless) /Black=0.20 (precise) '
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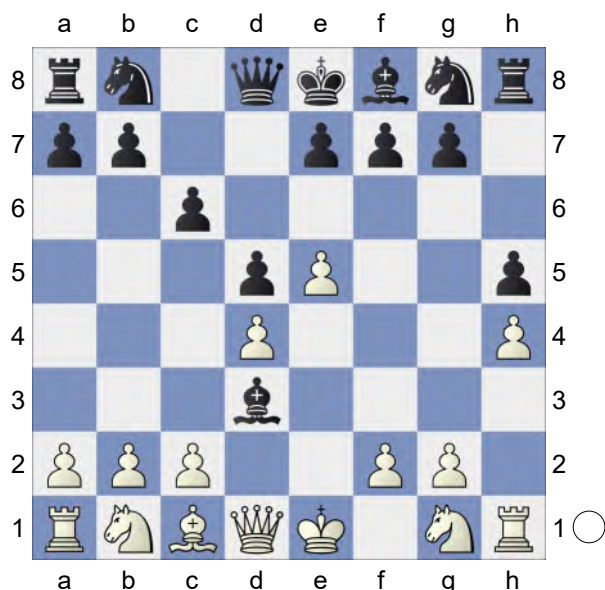
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



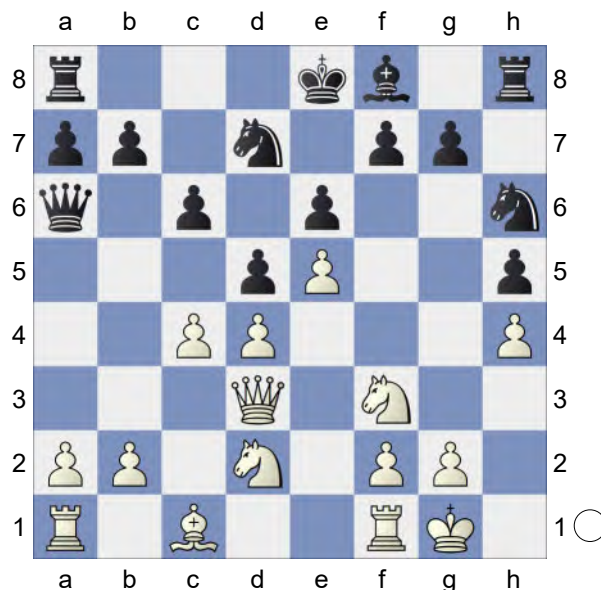
6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.Nd2 e6 8.Ngf3 Qa6

This ends up looking like wishful thinking, as usual. 9.c4 Nh6

[9...Bb4 10.0-0 Ne7 11.Rd1 c5 is the only possible justification of Black's previous move and was checked in Radzhabov,R-Girya,O Cheliabinsk 2021.]

10.0-0 Nd7

(Diagram)



11.b3 Nf5 12.a4! This kind of stuff is not new for us, of course, but it seems that every time we revisit it looks better for White!

[12.Qc2 It might be tempting to remove the queen from the d-file and a6-f1 diagonal without further delay, but in reality this lets the advantage slip. Be7 13.g3 0-0 14.a4 b6!= Prasanna,G-Lee,A Saint Louis 2022]

12...Rd8 13.Qc2

[Shirov opts not to repeat his previous choice of 13.Qc3 :

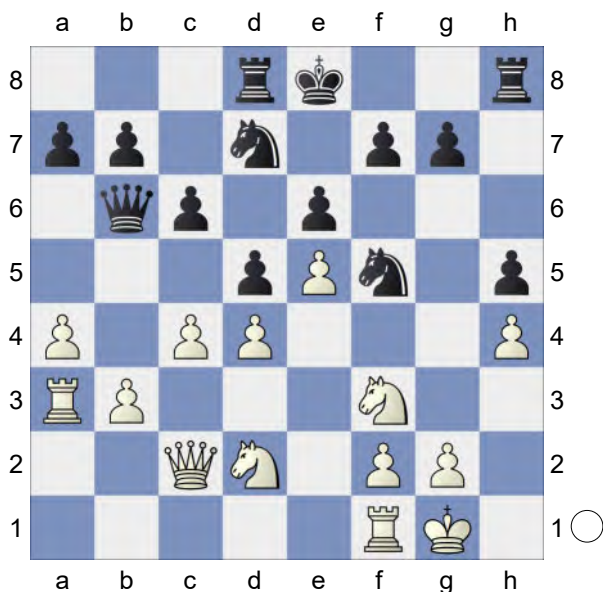
A) 13...c5 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.b4 Be7 16.c5! Black's queen is already in quite substantial trouble, and the only playable route now is 0-0!? which is a bit of an engine move. 17.b5?! d4! 18.Nxd4 (18.Qb4 Qb6! 19.cxb6 Bxb4↑) 18...Nxd4 19.Qxd4 Qa5 20.Nb3 Qc7=;

B) 13...Be7 14.Ba3 (14.a5!?±) 14...Nxb4 15.Nxb4 Bxb4 16.Bd6 dxc4 17.bxc4 Be7 18.c5+- 1/2-1/2 (47) Shirov,A (2654) - Starostits,I (2400) Kuressaare 2023]

13...Be7 14.Ba3

[14.Rd1 0-0 15.a5 is a more positional, and arguably stronger, approach.]

14...Bxa3 15.Rxa3 Qb6



Black starts to free his position. 16.a5!?

[The engine finds Black's position fully acceptable after 16.Qb2 a5=]

16...Nxd4 17.axb6 Nxc2 18.Rxa7 Rb8 19.c5

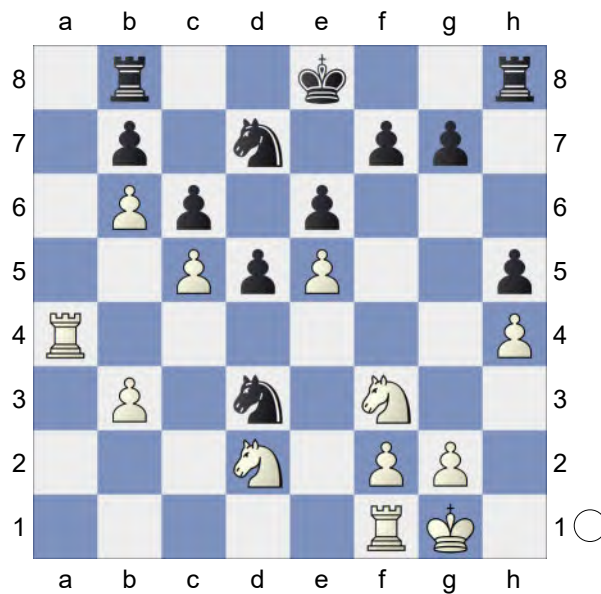
Setting the stage for a very complicated tactical phase, which it is nearly impossible to imagine being able to handle over the board. **19...Nb4** The c5-pawn is poisoned, but this move threatens it.

[It is also possible to wait to be pushed, e.g. 19...Ke7 20.Rc1 Nb4∞]

20.Ra4 Nd3

[20...Na6? 21.b4±]

(Diagram)



21.b4 White's queenside structure is of course very attractive, but the stability of the e5-pawn is at least questionable.

21...Ke7 22.Nb3 Rhd8!?

Black maintains the balance for now.

[Another way of getting to the game position is 22...N7xe5 23.Nxe5 Nxe5 24.Ra7 Rhd8]

23.Ra7?!

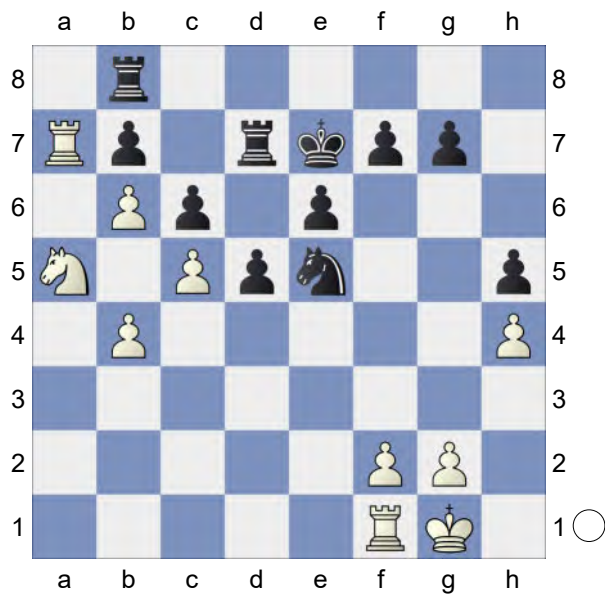
[23.Nfd4!? N7xe5□ (23...N3xe5 24.Ra7) 24.f4 Nc4 Black's knights occupy exotic, but not altogether bad, positions. 25.Rf3 Rdc8!"]

23...N7xe5

[23...Nxb4! arguably even leads to a slight edge for Black, as White is a touch overextended. 24.Rc1 (24.Nfd4 Nxe5 25.Na5 Rd7!±) 24...Nd3 25.Rc3 N7xe5 26.Nfd4 Ra8! 27.Rxb7+ (27.Nxc6+!? Nxc6 28.Rxb7+ Rd7 29.Rxd7+ Kxd7 30.Rxd3 Ra4±) 27...Rd7 28.Rxd7+ Kxd7 29.b7 (29.g3 Nb4) 29...Rb8 30.Na5 Nb2! 31.f4 Nbc4 32.fxe5 Nxa5 33.Rf3 Rxb7 34.Rxf7+ Ke8 35.Rxb7 Nxb7 36.Nxe6 Kf7±]

24.Nxe5 Nxe5 25.Na5 Rd7

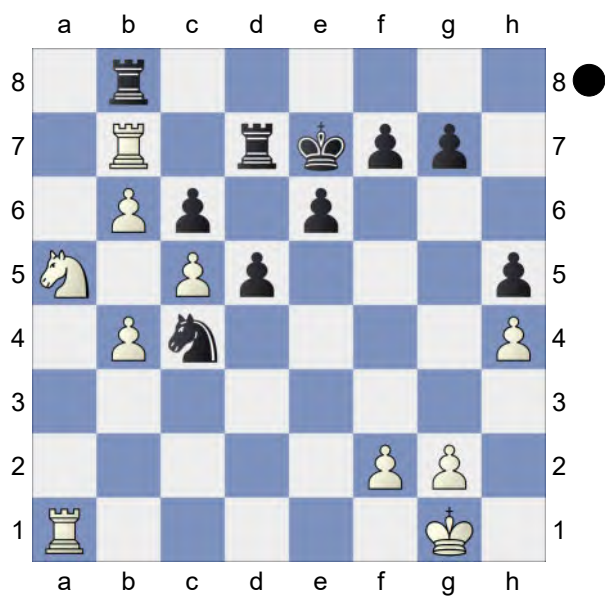
(Diagram)



26.Ra1 Nc4??

[26...Ke8 keeps the game going.]

27.Rxb7



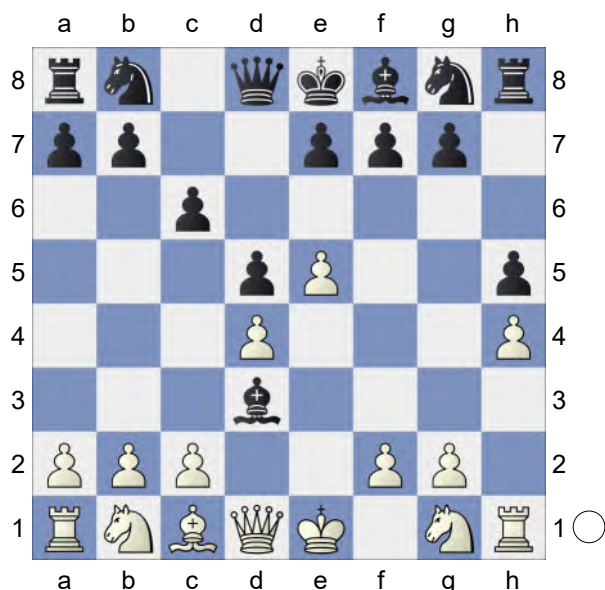
A relatively obvious, but completely devastating, clincher.

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 □ **Kadric, Denis** **2587**
 ■ **Deac, Bogdan Daniel** **2690**
 EU-ch Blitz Zagreb (10) 16.12.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 e6 7.Bg5 Be7 8.Nf3 Nh6
9.Bxh6! White is slightly better.
 9.Bxh6 is setting a new trend.
 9.Lxh6 setzt einen neuen Trend.

[9.Nc3 Nf5 10.Ne2 c5 11.dxc5 Nd7
 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.b4 a5 14.c3 axb4
 15.cxb4 b6 16.Ned4 Nxd4 17.Nxd4
 0-0 18.Nc6 Qe8 19.cxb6 Nxb6
 20.b5 Ra4 21.0-0 Qd7 22.Qe3 d4
 23.Qg5 g6 1-0 (92) Brkic,A (2621)-
Bacrot,E (2658) Tournament of Peace
2021 (3.5)]

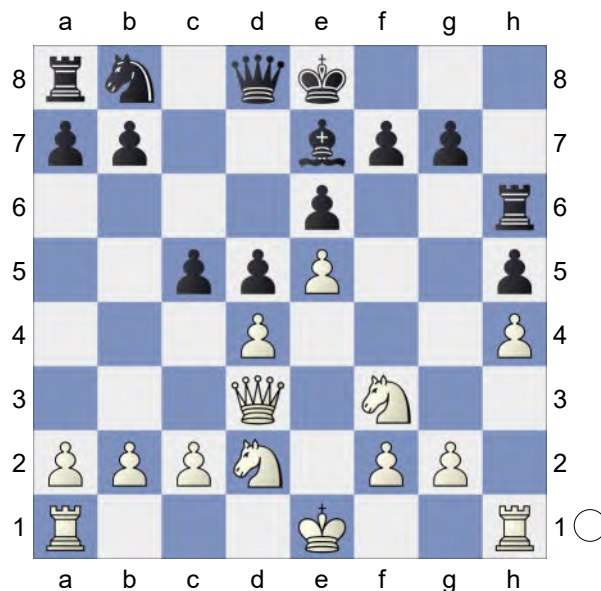
9...Rxh6 10.Nbd2

[10.c4 Rg6 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.g3
 Qa5+ 13.Nbd2 Qa6 14.Qxa6 bxa6
 15.0-0-0 Nc6 16.Kb1 Rb8 17.Nb3
 Rg4 18.Rd2 a5 19.Rc1 Rb6
 20.Rdc2 Kd7 21.Nc5+ Bxc5 22.Rxc5

f6 23.a3 Re4 24.R1c2 a4
1-0 (46) Perez Ponsa,F (2532)-Deac,
B (2700) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th
Feb Late blitz 2023 (5)]

10...c5

[10...Nd7 11.Nb3 c5 12.dxc5 Nxc5
 13.Qb5+ Qd7 14.Qxd7+ Nxd7 15.c3
 Rc8 16.Nbd4 a6 17.a4 Nc5 18.Ke2
 Rg6 19.g3 Rg4 20.Nd2 Nd7
 21.N2f3 Re4+ 22.Kd2 Nxe5 23.Nxe5
 Rxe5 24.f4 Re4 25.Rhe1 0-1 (53)
Zenker,U (2089)-Trifan,A (2289)
Titled Tuesday intern op 26th Nov
Late blitz 2024 (2)]



11.c3N

[11.dxc5 Qa5 12.c3 Qxc5 13.0-0
 Nd7 14.c4 Nb6 15.Rfc1 Rd8
 16.Qe2 dxc4 17.Nxc4 Nxc4 18.Rxc4
 Qb6 19.Rac1 Rg6 20.Qc2 Qb5
 21.a4 Qd5 22.Rd4 Qxf3 23.Rxd8+
 Bxd8 24.Qxg6 Qe2 25.Qxg7 Bb6
 1-0 (31) Le Pen,S (2017)-Genereau,T
 (1849) Sautron op 19th 2019 (4.16)
 26.Qf6 Qxb2 27.Rc8+ Kd7 28.Rf8
 Kc6 29.Rxf7 Qa1+ 30.Kh2 Qxa4
 31.Qxe6+ 1-0 Retzlaff,K (2017)-
Gravesend (1849) La 42/102 Havana

1986 (4.16)]

11...Nc6 12.a3 a5 13.b3N -0.02/22

[Vorgänger: 13.g3 Rg6 14.Kf1 Qb6
15.Kg2 a4 16.Rab1 Qa7 17.Rhd1
Kf8 18.dxc5 Bxc5 19.Qe2
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Mitropa Cup Online (Women) 2021 (7.
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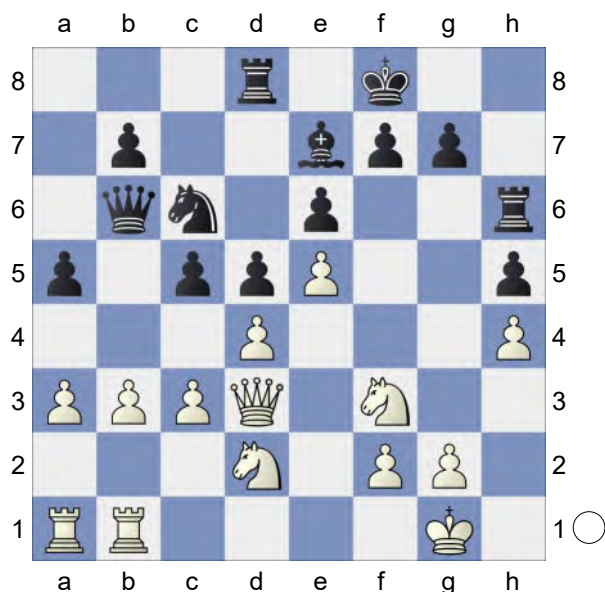
[13.dxc5± 0.42/22 Rg6 14.0-0]

13...Qb6 0.35/21

[13...cxd4= -0.02/22 14.cxd4 Rg6]

14.0-0± Rd8 15.Rfb1 Kf8 0.96/21

[15...cxd4± 0.53/17 16.cxd4 Rb8]



16.g3 Rg6 17.Nf1 0.29/24

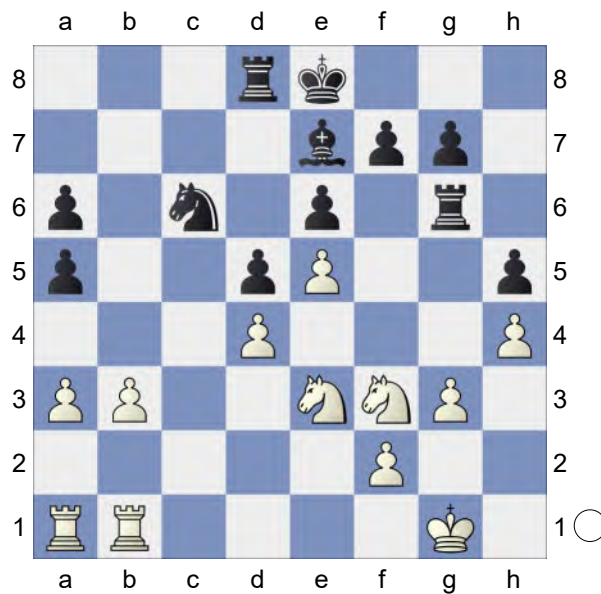
[Better is 17.b4± 0.82/21 cxd4
18.cxd4]

17...Qa6 18.Qxa6 0.08/21

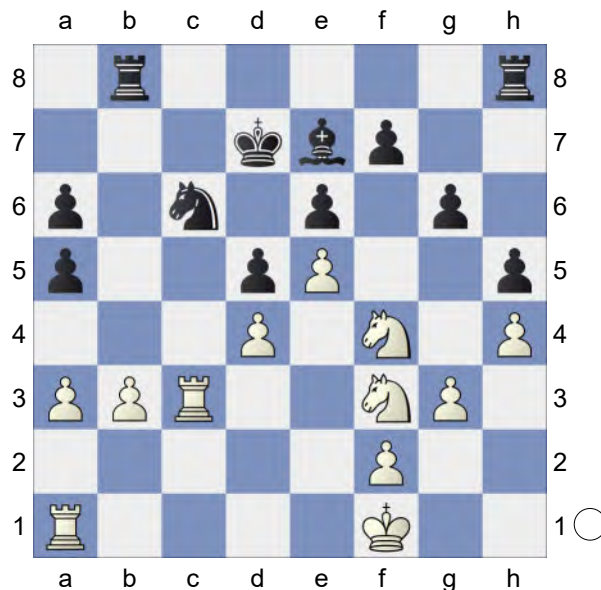
[18.Qd1± 0.44/22 might be stronger.]

18...bxa6= 19.Ne3 cxd4 20.cxd4 Ke8

(Diagram)



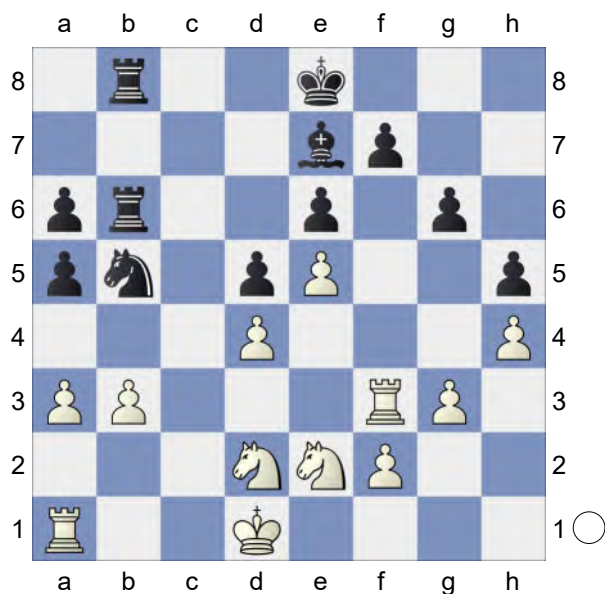
**21.Rc1 Kd7 22.Kf1 Rh6 23.Ng2 Rb8
24.Rc3 Rhh8 25.Nf4 g6**



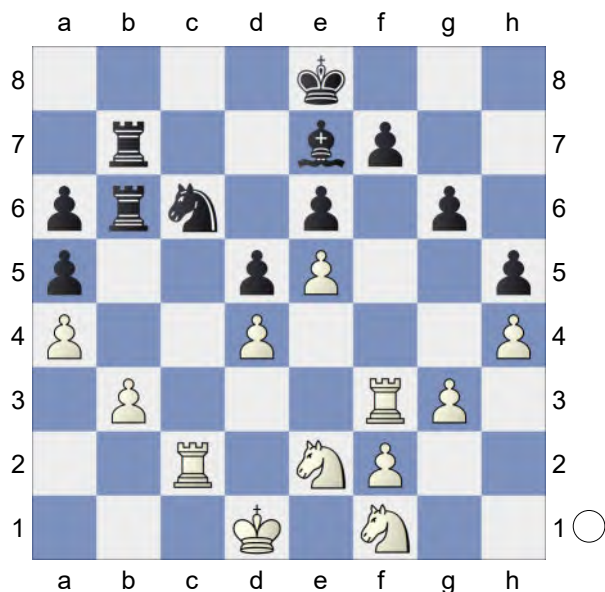
**26.Ne2 Rb6 27.Ke1 Rhb8 28.Nd2
Na7 ...Nb5 is the strong threat. 29.Kd1
Nb5 30.Rf3 Ke8**

[30...Nxa3? loses. 31.Rxf7 Nb5
32.Rg7± (32.Rxa5 Rf8±)]

(Diagram)

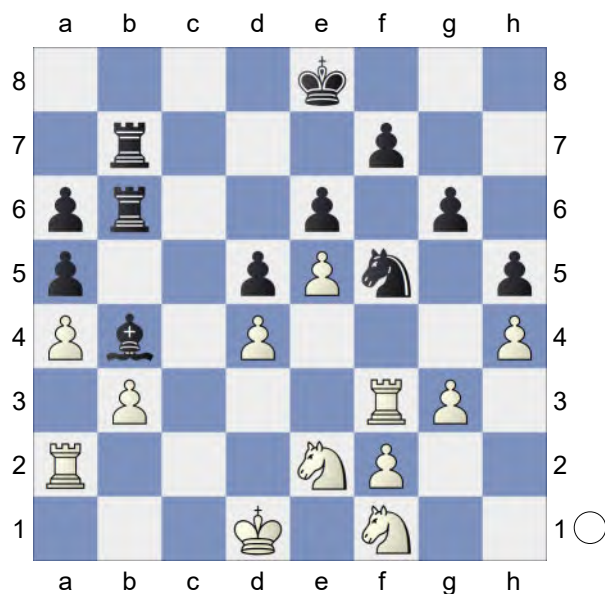


**31.a4 Na7 32.Rc1 Nc6 33.Rcc3 Bb4
34.Rc2 R8b7 35.Nf1 Be7**

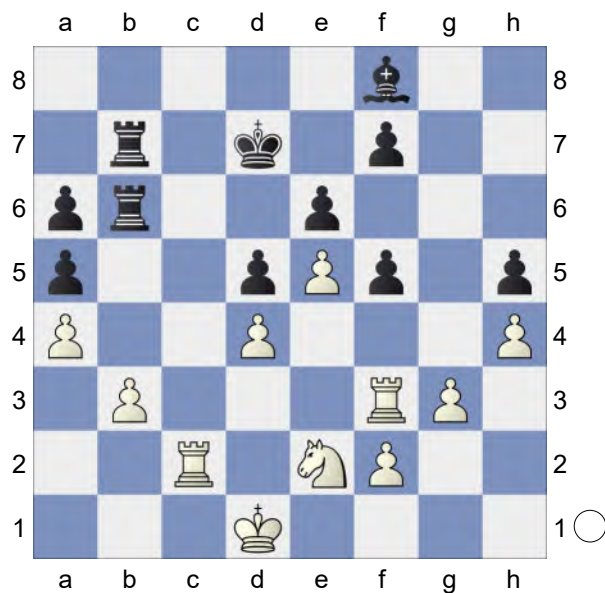


**36.Nd2 Bb4 37.Nf1 Ba3 38.Nd2 Ne7
39.Ra2 Bb4 ...Bxd2 would now be
deadly. 40.Nf1 Nf5**

(Diagram)

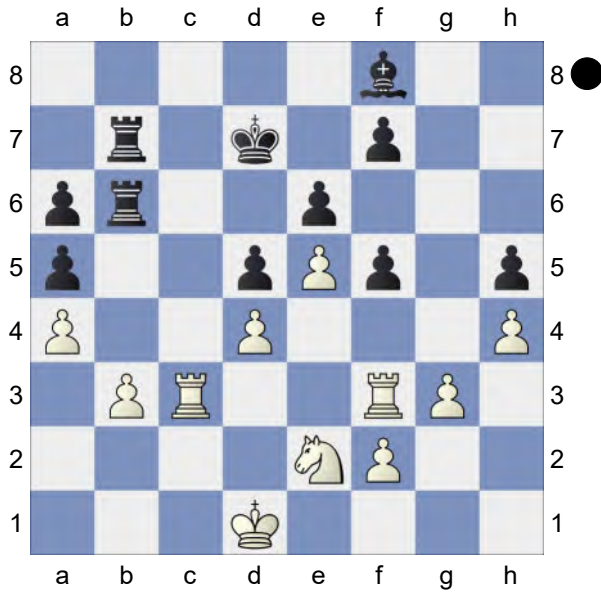


**41.Rc2 Kd7 42.Ne3 Be7 0.00/34
[42...Nh6 ̄ -0.36/26 43.Ng2 Be7]
43.Nxf5 The position is equal. 43...gxf5
44.Rcc3 Bb4 45.Rc2 Bf8**



**46.Rcc3 Bb4 47.Rc2 Bf8 48.Rcc3
Bb4 49.Rc2 Bf8 50.Rcc3**

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.09
 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
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□ Kramnik, Vladimir

■ Melkumyan, Hrant

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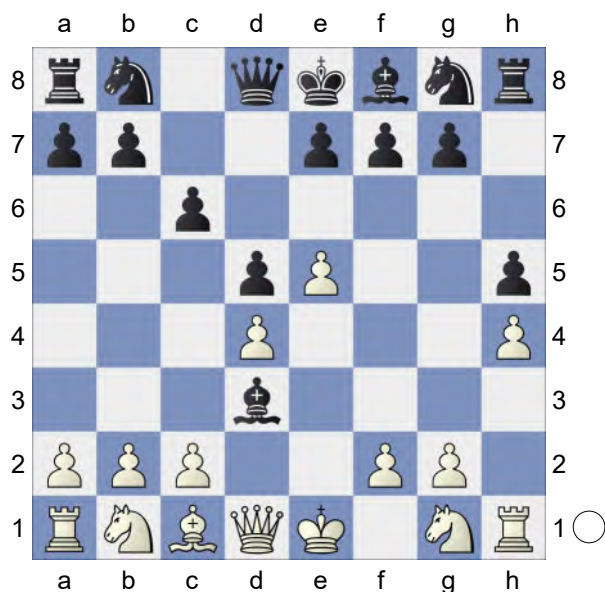
[Daniel Fernandez]

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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 Qa5+ Still a topical position (not everyone has moved over to 4.Nd2!) and here we are seeing much less of the Nd2 and Bd2 that used to dominate discourse. **7.b4**

[We discuss 7.c3 in Adhiban-Kushagra.]

7...Qa6 Yet another strong player declines the gambit! There have been a few interesting developments in the acceptance line (including one game by the same black player) but, while it obviously continues to be fertile ground for investigation, there is nothing that would indicate the acceptance is anything more than slightly impractical.

[7...Qxb4+ 8.Nd2 e6 9.Rb1 Qe7 10.c4 Nh6 11.Ne2 Nf5 (11...Na6?! 12.c5 Nf5 Martinez Alcantara, J-

Melkumyan, H INT 2022 13.Ng3±)

12.Ng3 Nxh4

A) 13.Kf1 Ng6!?

B) 13.Nde4 I've mentioned this idea here before, but recently it saw a test in the Portuguese championships (sadly it fizzled soon after!) dxe4 (13...Nf5!? 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.Nc5 Nxg3 16.Rxb7 Qxb7 17.Nxb7 Nxh1∞ avoids the repetition, at the cost of causing a hideous mess which even my engine is unable to shed any light on.) 14.Nxe4 Qd8 15.Bg5 Qa5+ 16.Bd2 Qd8 Santos, J-Martins, B Leiria 2022;

C) 13.Qc2!?N This novelty seems like an interesting practical try, and my best guess of what someone might be afraid of if they'd taken a deep look at the line.

C1) 13...Nxg2+?! 14.Kf1 Nf4 15.Nde4 dxe4 16.Bxf4 Na6 (16...b6!? 17.Nxe4 Qd7 18.Bg5± choking the f8-bishop rather than going for an immediate kill) 17.Nxe4 Qd7 18.Qe2!→;

C2) 13...Nd7 14.Rxb7 Qd8 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.Rc7→ followed by Qc6, and Black's king starts to feel uncomfortable.;

C3) 13...Na6? is natural but wrong due to 14.cxd5 exd5 15.Rxh4! Qxh4 16.Rxb7 Rc8 17.e6+-;

C4) 13...Ng6 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.Qc8+ Qd8 16.Qxb7 Nd7 17.Nxh5∞ Black still struggles to complete development, and as yet a threefold isn't on the cards.]

8.Qd1!?N As in the Adhiban game, an offer of a queen trade is met with declining by way of Qd1. In this position the move is actually new, since normally people try to do something more constructive with the queen. Kramnik's argument is one of a) the queen can work on either the kingside or queenside from d1, without the need to commit now, or b) simply understanding chess better than his opponent.

[For instance, last month we checked 8.Qb3 e6 and now the then-novelty 9.Bd2 in Grieve,H-Rowson,J London 2022]

8...e6 9.c3 With this move White is still fighting for an advantage. Black needs to think quite concretely about the issues that a4-a5 will pose in a few moves' time.

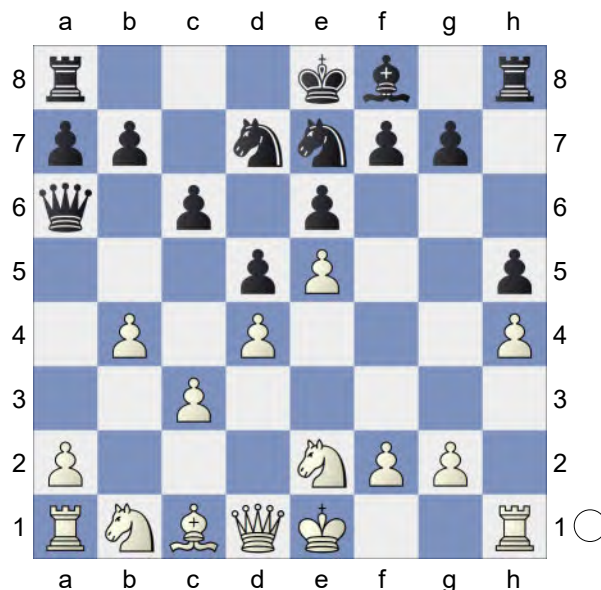
[9.Bd2 doesn't make sense here since Qb6!" is a very useful tempo for Black. To avoid gambiting a pawn immediately White would need to play c3, which then allows ...a5, etc.]

9...Ne7

[Still it looks like 9...Qb6 would have been a serious option, with the likely continuation 10.a4 a5 11.bxa5 Qxa5 12.Ne2 actually starting to look quite sharp. Black suffers from the usual problems of kingside development once those pieces are developed White will probably offer a trade in each case (...Ne7-f5 met by Ng3, or ...Be7 met by Bg5/Ba3.) b5!? 13.0-0 bxa4 14.c4!? (14.Qc2 is a more flexible option that also makes sense) 14...Bb4 15.c5∞]

10.Ne2 Nd7

(Diagram)



11.a4± Nf5 12.Nd2

[Often 12.Ng3 makes sense, but in this case, without the ability to castle, Black can possibly take advantage of their slight advantage in development and reply simply Nxg3 13.fxg3 f6̄ when it is not so easy for White to explain why they have no developed pieces.]

12...Be7 13.Nf3 b6

[Here some form of trying to play ...f6 is strongly indicated (even in the absence of Bg5 from White, an idea that we see in this month's Adhiban game.) The computer suggests prefacing it with 13...Qc4!? but it is far from obvious why this helps.]

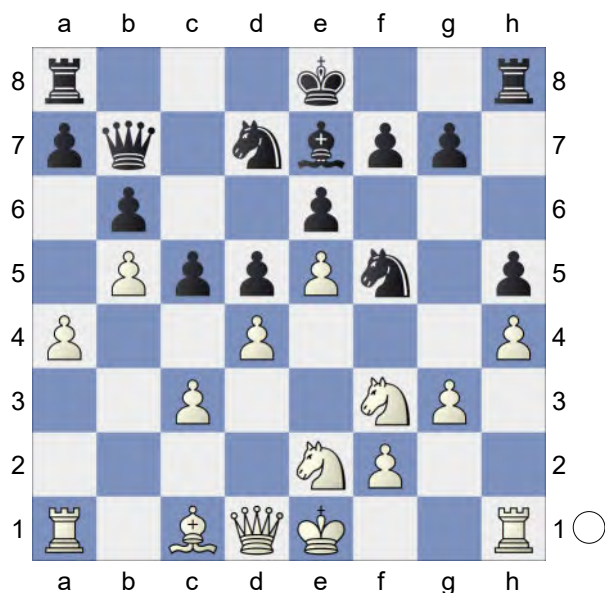
[13...f6?! 14.Nf4 fxe5 15.Nxe6± is getting close to miniature loss territory.]

14.g3 A very standard move for this structure, and White retains a static plus.

[14.a5! is more to the point, trying to dissuade Black from pushing ...c5 by means of pawn tension.]

14...c5! Now Black should not be too much worse, although (compared to

versions of ...c5 played before White gets b4 in) equality is still not on the cards. **15.b5 Qb7**

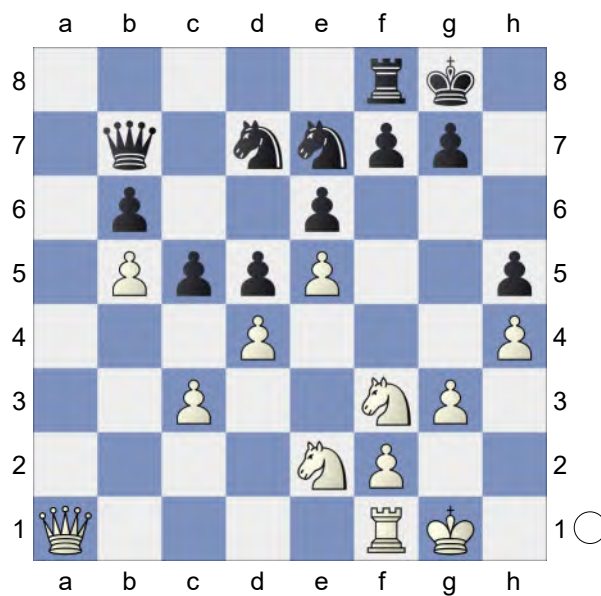


16.0-0 a6 17.Bg5 axb5 18.axb5 Rxa1 19.Qxa1 0-0?! Now White gets some clarity about how to deploy their pieces, and a bit of time to do so after choosing the right kingside squares.

[19...Bxg5! 20.hxg5 (20.Nxg5 unprotects the d4-pawn, and in a highly concrete line like 0-0 21.Nf4 Ra8 22.Qd1 Black can actually take it. cxd4![∞] and the computer contrives to not get mated.) 20...g6 With the kingside jammed up like this and some central tension still remaining, White has no alternative but to play strategically (preparing g4 would be quite slow) and Black is not doing too badly.]

20.Bxe7 Nxe7

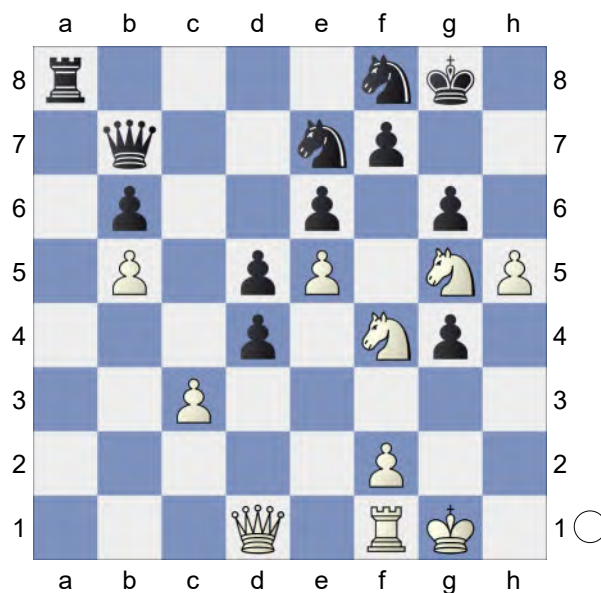
(Diagram)



21.Nf4

[Even stronger is 21.Qc1! trying to use the g5-square for the queen.]

21...Ra8 22.Qd1 g6 23.Ng5 White has gained some useful time for kickstarting the kingside initiative, but against very accurate play it is actually not enough. **23...Nf8 24.g4 hxg4 25.h5 cxd4**

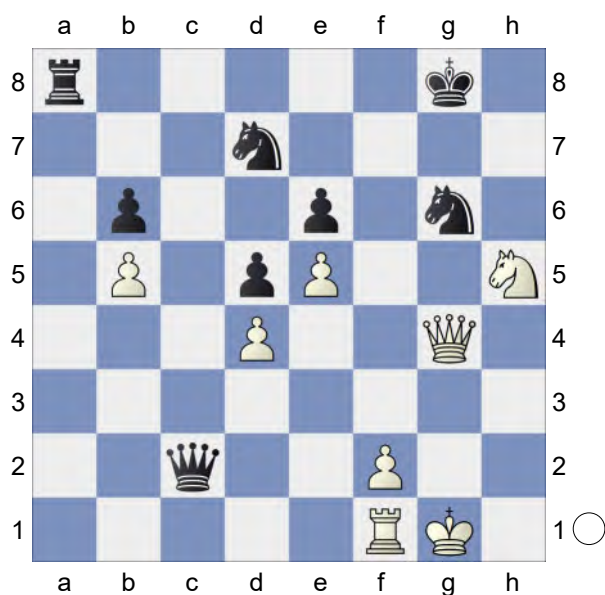


26.cxd4 Qc8 27.Qxg4 Qc2 28.hxg6 Nexg6 29.Nh5 Nd7?? Under the huge pressure of a queen and two knights, as well as a former world champion

handling them, Melkumyan cracks.

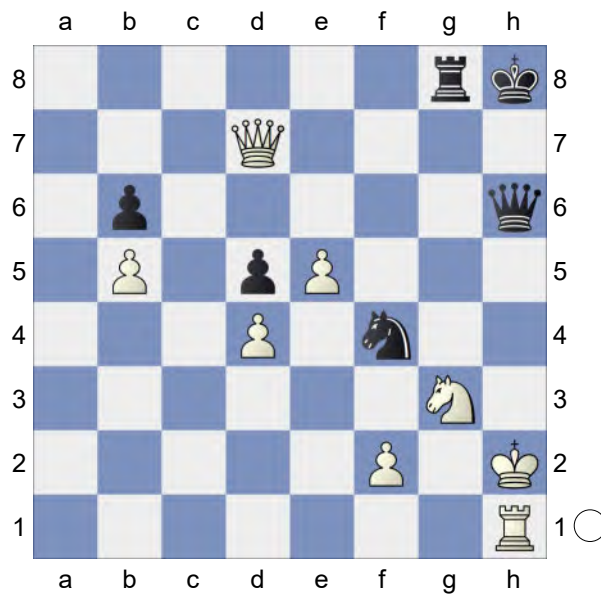
[The only move that my silicon colleague has for me is 29...Ra4![∞], about which I offer no further comment. Human players are starting to come up with stuff like this as well (of course) but it would be difficult to appreciate at a short time control that this rather vague counterattack against the d4-pawn is any use in the face of stuff like Nf6+.]

30.Nxe6+- fxe6

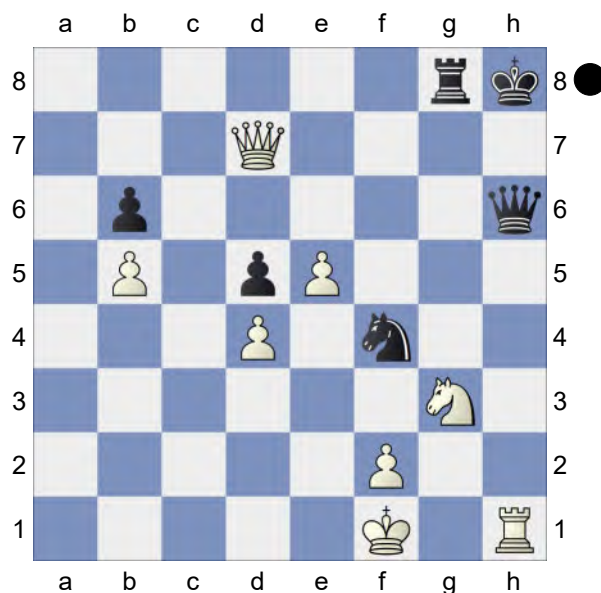


31.Qxe6+ Kh8 32.Qxd7 Rg8 33.Ng3 Nf4 34.Kh2 Qg6 35.Rh1 Qh6+

(Diagram)



36.Kg1 Ne2+ 37.Kg2 Nf4+ 38.Kf1



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□ Esipenko,Andrey

■ Mitrabha,Guha

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[Kitty Kat]

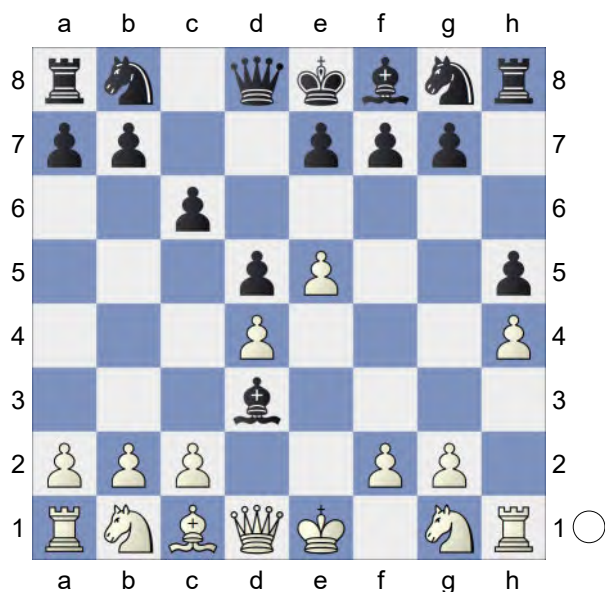
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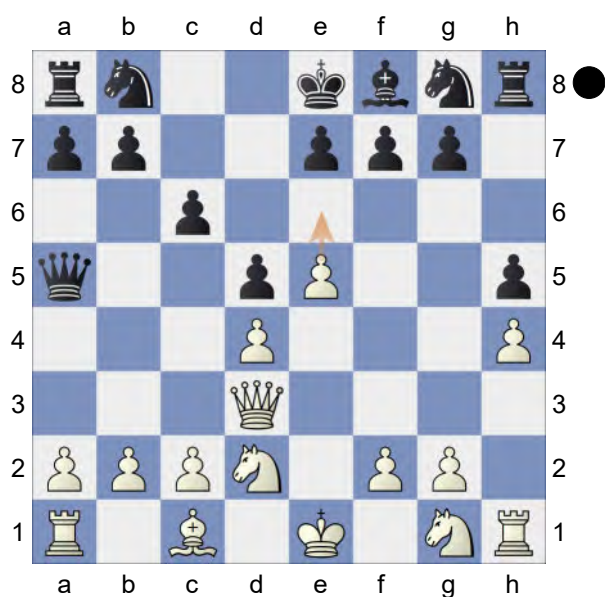
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.Nd2

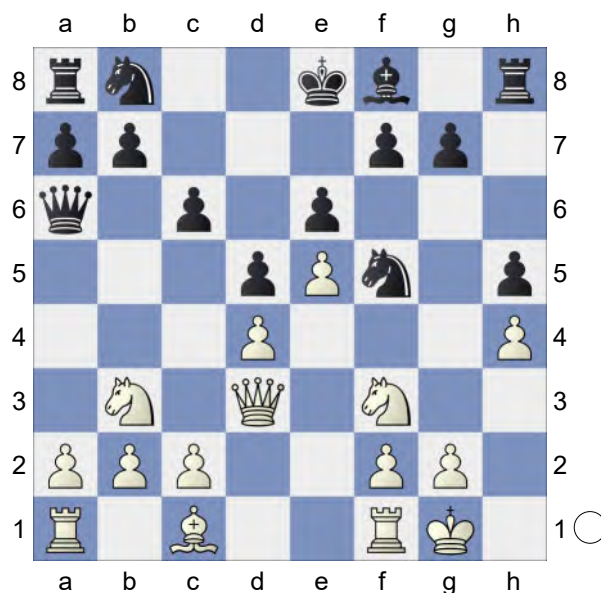


e6! would now be deadly. 7...e6 8.Ngf3
White is slightly better. 8...Nh6

8...Nh6 scores better than 8...Qa6.

8...Sh6 punktet besser als 8...Da6. 9.0-0

Nf5 10.Nb3 Qa6



11.Qc3 0.11/27

[11.Qd1±

0.48/24

is more appropriate.]

11...Nd7 12.Bg5 Rc8 0.68/23

[12...Qb6=

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deserves

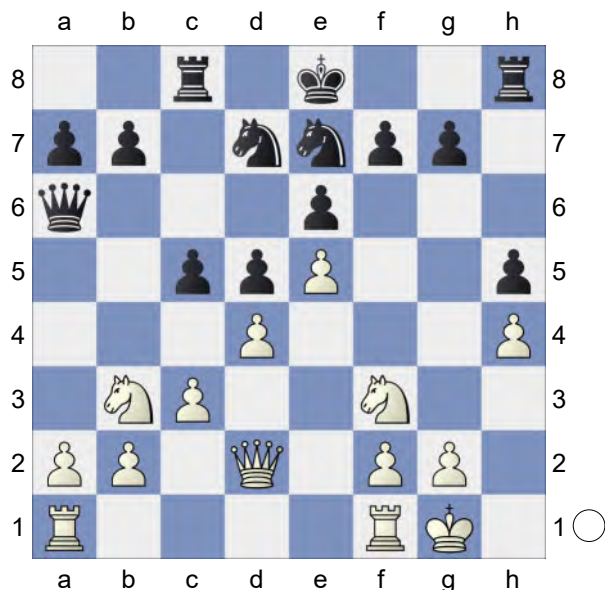
consideration.]

13.Qd2± c5 14.c3 Be7

[14...Qa4 15.Rfe1 b6 16.g3 g6
17.Kg2 Bg7 18.Qf4 b5 19.Re2 a6
20.Nbd2 Qc2 21.Rae1 Qxb2 22.Ne4
Qa3 23.Nd6+ Nxd6 24.exd6 0-0
25.Be7 cxd4 26.cxd4 Rfe8 27.Re3
Qb4 28.a3 Qc4 29.Ng5 1-0 (36)
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15.Bxe7 Nxe7

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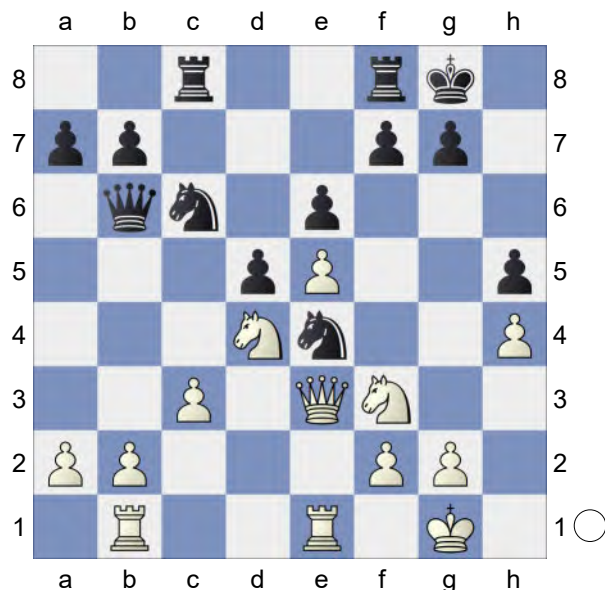


16.dxc5

[Vorgänger: 16.Nxc5 Nxc5 17.dxc5 Rxc5 18.Qg5 Qd3 0.51/20 (18...Qc4= 0.14/25) 19.Qxg7± Rg8 20.Qf6 Rc4 Threatens to win with ... Rxg2+! 21.Ng5 0.09/24 (21.Rad1± 0.76/24 Qg6 22.g3) 21...Qg6!= 22.g3 And now Rac1 would win. Qxf6! 23.exf6 ½-½ Radovanovic,N (2439)-Babakekhyan,A (2264) Belgrade Serbia op 2023 (1) Nf5 24.Rad1 Rg6 25.Kg2 Rxf6 26.Rfe1 Ne7 27.Rd3 Ra4 28.a3 Rf5 29.f4 Nc6 30.Nf3 Kd7 31.Nd2 Kc7 32.Nf3 Kb6 33.Nd4 Rf6 34.Nxc6 bxc6 35.Re5 Rg6 36.Rg5 Kc5 37.Kh3 Rxg5 38.fxg5 ½-½ (48) Radovanovic,N (2439)-Babakekhyan,A (2264) Belgrade Serbia op 2023 (1)]

16...Nxc5 17.Nbd4 Ne4 18.Qe3 Qb6 19.Rab1 Nc6 20.Rfe1 0-0

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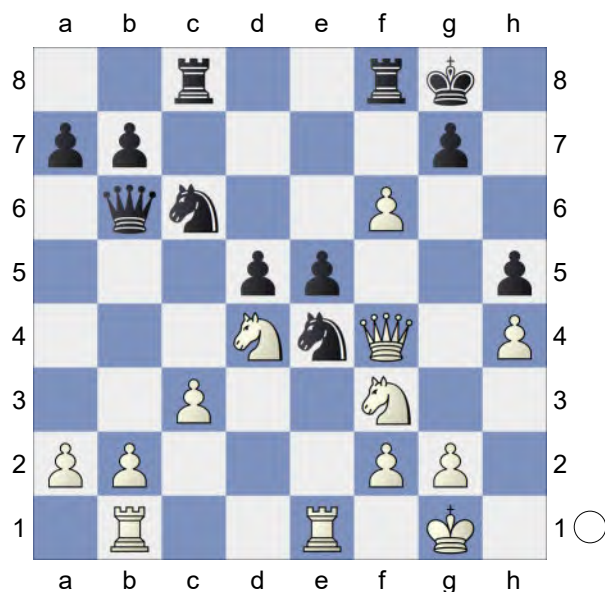


21.Qf4 -0.46/20

[White should try 21.a3= 0.11/24]

21...f6! 22.exf6 e5 1.07/23

[22...Nxd4± -0.40/23 keeps the upper hand. 23.cxd4 Rxf6]



23.Qf5!±

[23.Nxe5? Rxf6 24.Nf5 Nxe5 25.Rxe4 dxe4-+ (25...Ng6? 26.Rb4±)]

23...Rce8? 4.74/23 This move loses the game for Black.

[23...Nxd4± 1.02/21 is more resistant.

24.cxd4 (24.f7+ Rxf7 25.Qxc8+ Rf8=) 24...Qxf6 25.Qxf6 (25.Qxe5 Qxe5 26.dxe5 Rc2±; 25.Qxh5 Rc2± Decoy) 25...gxf6]

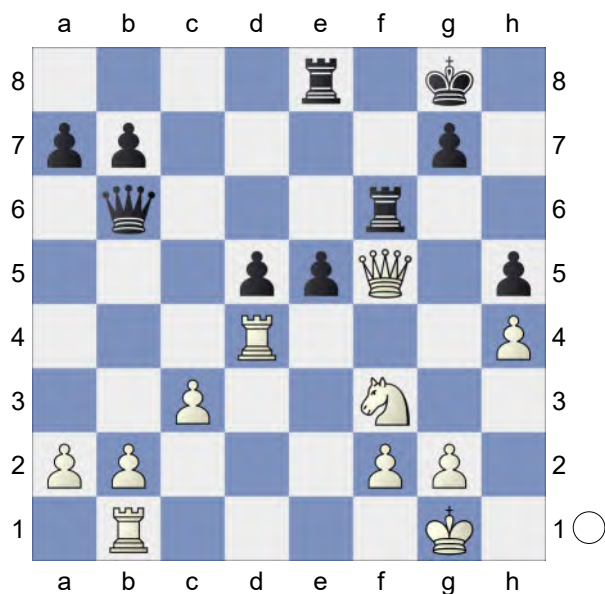
24.Rxe4+- White is clearly winning.

[24.Qg6 Nxf6 25.Nf5 (25.Nxc6 bxc6 26.Rxe5 Rxe5=) 25...Qc7+-]

24...Nxd4 25.Rxd4 aiming for Ng5!

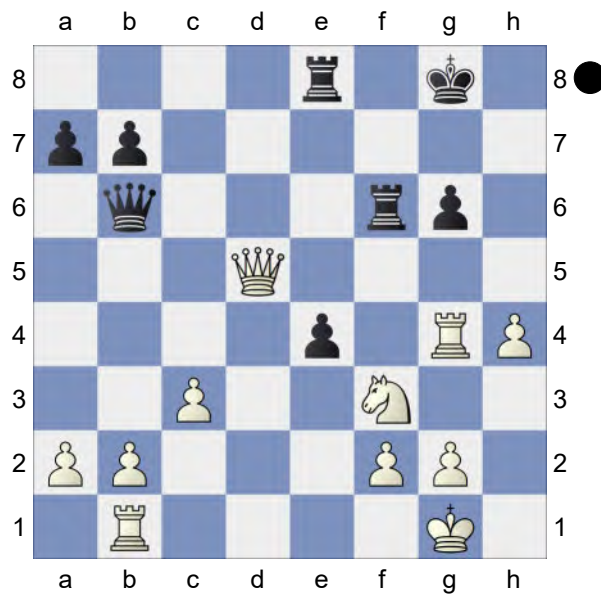
[Not 25.cxd4 dxe4 26.Ng5 (26.Nxe5? loses. Qxf6 27.Qxf6 Rxf6+-) 26...Rxf6 27.Qh7+ (27.Qxe4 Kf8+-) 27...Kf8+-]

25...Rxf6



26.Qxh5 g6 27.Rg4 e4 28.Qxd5+

(Diagram)



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□ Martinez Alcantara, Jose Eduardo

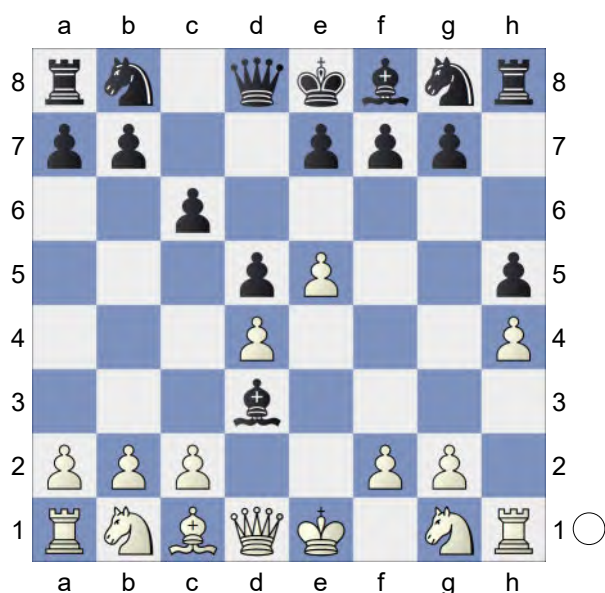
■ Eljanov, Pavel

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[GM Grigor Grigorov]

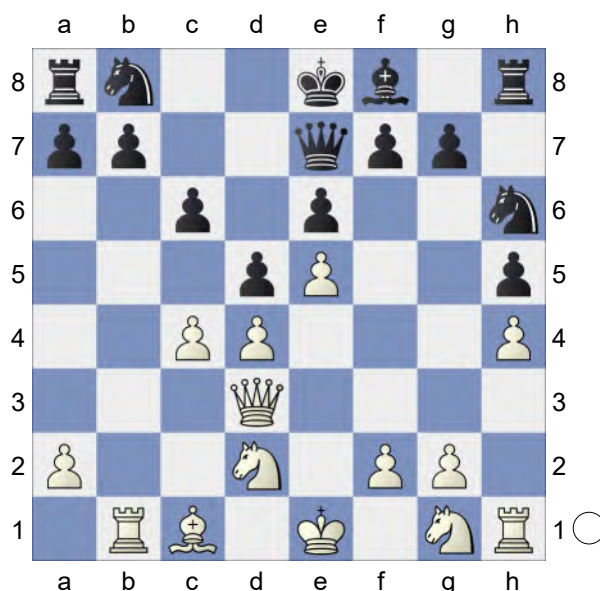
In this example, we are going to examine another interesting gambit line. The starting position of this variation arises after **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3**



6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.b4 Qxb4+ 8.Nd2

By means of this pawn sacrifice, White wants to force the black queen into the exposed b4-square and to open the b-file for the rook. Now, we need to reckon with the threat of Rb1. Also, White can try to make use of his lead in development by means of c2-c4. **8...e6** This is the most natural continuation. One of the ideas is to answer **9.Rb1** with **9...Qe7** defending the b7-pawn. The closed nature of the position makes White's lead in development less significant. Nevertheless, White definitely has compensation due to his space advantage and Black's weakened

kingside. At this point, the most logical move is **10.c4**. As mentioned above, White should try to play as energetically as possible. If he delays the advance c2-c4, Black will close the position with ...b7-b5. The main crossroads is being reached after **10...Nh6**



11.Ne2 Nf5 Besides attacking the h4-pawn, Black is ready to complete the development by means of simple moves such as ...Qd7 and ...Be7. Once again, energetic play is required from White.

12.Ng3 The most challenging continuation. As a rule in this structure, White tries to get rid of the strongest black piece the f5-knight.

[The natural **12.Nf3** turns out to be a bit slow. It allows **dx c4 13.Qxc4 b5** Black not only eliminates the pressure on the b-file, but also grabs space on the queenside. After protecting the c6-pawn with the queen, he will be ready to develop the knight via a6. **14.Qc3** White tries to keep the queen as active as possible. This position occurred in the game 0-1 (36) Maneluk, D (2349) -Khudyakov, S (2239) Cheliabinsk 2022 (In case of

14.Qc2 Qd7[∞] Black enjoys an excellent position. The next move is going to be ...Na6.) 14...a5! Making use of the position of the white queen in order to win more space on the queenside. Now, White should reckon with the annoying threat of ...Qb4. At this point, the following sequence seems pretty logical - 15.a3 Qd7 16.0-0 Na6 17.Ng3 Nxd3 18.fxd3 Be7 19.Ng5 0-0[∞] White has compensation for the pawn but nothing more. The position is objectively balanced. In case of necessity, Black is always ready to give the dark-squared bishop for the white knight.]

12...Nxb4 Black has nothing better than accepting the challenge. **13.Nde4** This is the only way to pose Black some practical problems. Concrete analysis shows that White's compensation is enough for equality.

[Wrong is 13.Rxb4? Qxb4 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.Rxb7 Qd8-+ when Black is winning. The next move is going to be ...Nd7. White does not have the slightest compensation.]

13...dxe4 This move practically forces a draw.

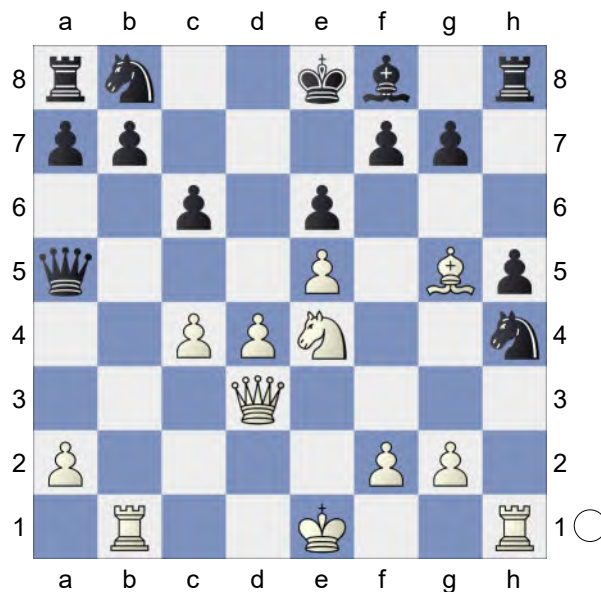
[In case of 13...Nxd3+ 14.Kf1 dxe4 15.Nxe4 Qd7 16.Kxd3 White enjoys a dangerous initiative in return for the pawns.]

[An attempt to keep the position more complicated is 13...Nf5 14.cxd5 cxd5 Now, White faces a choice between two equally good alternatives. 15.Nc5 This move leads to a forced sequence resulting in a position with a material imbalance. Black is sacrificing the queen. The following sequence is logical and forced:

(Another direction is 15.Nxf5 dxe4 16.Qb5+ Qd7 17.Nd6+ Bxd6 18.exd6 b6 19.Qg5 Qxd6 20.Bf4 Qxd4

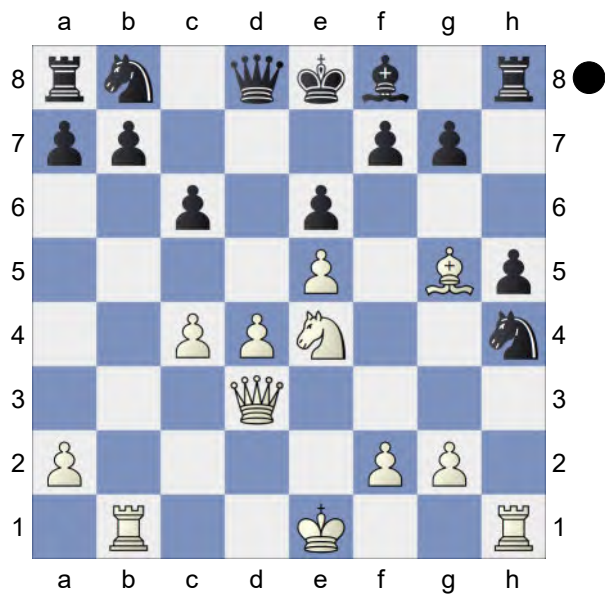
So far, everything has been more or less forced. Black has four extra pawns, but White's initiative is rather dangerous. As always, the engine gives equality, provided that both sides play precisely. The following line is quite characteristic. 21.Rd1 Qc3+ 22.Bd2 Qf6 23.Rxh5 Rxh5 24.Qxh5 g6 25.Qh7 Qe7= The position is balanced.) 15...Nxd3 16.Rxb7 Qxb7 17.Nxb7 Nxb1 18.Qb5+ Nd7 19.Qc6! White should play this move. Otherwise, Black will consolidate with ...Rc8. Bb4+ 20.Kf1 0-0 21.Qxd7 Rac8 22.Be3 Rc2 23.Kg1 Nxf2 24.Bxf2 Rxa2= Black has managed to obtain enough material for the queen. The position is objectively equal, but in a human game everything can happen.]

14.Nxe4 Qd8 15.Bg5 This move forces Black to go for a repetition. **15...Qa5+**



16.Bd2 Qd8 17.Bg5 Qa5+ 18.Bd2 Qd8 19.Bg5

(Diagram)



1/2-1/2 (19) Santos,J (2384) -Martins,B
(2308) Leiria 2022

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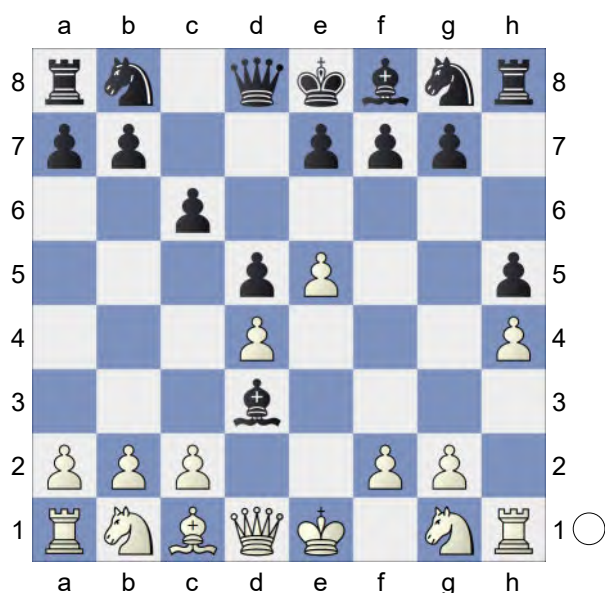
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation Kitty

Kat: 'B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

' 1.e4 Kitty Kat Kitty Kat 1...c6 2.d4 d5

3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 Threatens to win with e6! Kitty

Kat: ' And now e6! would win.' 6...Qa5+

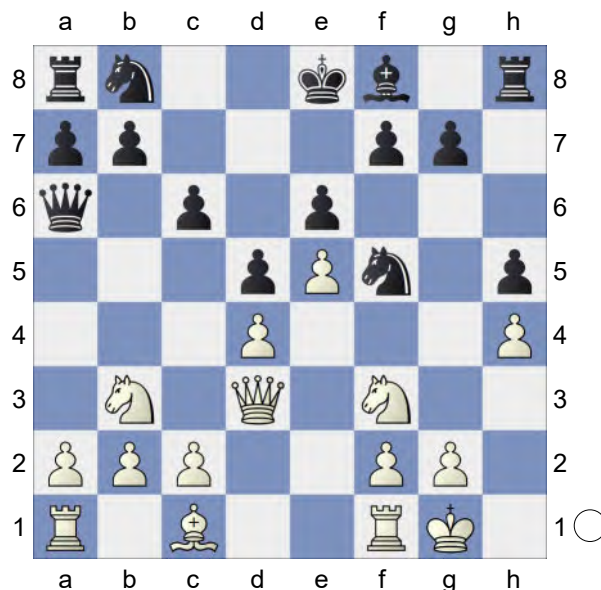
7.Nd2 Hoping for e6! Kitty Kat: '

Strongly threatening e6!' 7...e6 8.Ngf3

White is slightly better. 8...Nh6 9.0-0

Nf5 10.Nb3 Qa6

(Diagram)



11.Qd1 b6

[11...c5 12.Bg5 cxd4 13.Nbxd4
 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Nxc6 Qxc6
 16.a4 Rc8 17.a5 Be7 18.Bxe7 Kxe7
 19.c3 Qb5 20.Qd4 Qc5 21.Qf4
 Rhd8 22.Qg5+ Kf8 23.Qxh5 Kg8
 24.Qg5 d4 25.Rfd1 d3 26.Ra4
 Ellithorpe,G (2698)-7.Nc3 0-0 8.Be3
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 1989 1-0]

12.a4N Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt
 die ausgetretenen Pfade. Kitty Kat: '!?'
 '!'? Kitty Kat: 'Exploring less charted
 t e r r i t o r y . 'Kitty Kat: 'Erkundet wenig
 bekanntes Terrain.'

[12.Bg5 c5 13.dxc5 Bxc5
 (13...bxc5 14.Nbd2 c4 15.c3 Nc6
 16.b3 Chapter 14: Caro Kann-
 Mainline 4... h5,6) 14.c3 (14.Nxc5
 bxc5 15.Re1 Nc6 16.c3 Rb8 17.b3
 Nce7 18.Bxe7 Nxe7 19.Qd2 Nf5
 20.Rac1 0-0 21.c4 Rbd8 22.cxd5
 Rxd5 23.Qg5 Qxa2 24.Qxh5 Qxb3
 25.Ng5 Nh6 26.Ne4 Qb2 27.Nc3
 Rd4 28.Ne2 Re4 Kashlinskaya,A
 (2474) -Rudzinska,M (2297)
 Bydgoszcz (Women) 2023 (1) 0-1)
 14...Nc6 Kitty Kat: '!' '!' 15.Re1 Rc8

(15...Qa4 16.Nfd2 Be7 17.Bxe7 Nxe7 18.g3 Nc6 19.Rc1 Rd8 20.Qe2 Kf8 21.c4 d4 22.Qe4 g6 23.c5 Rd5 24.Qf4 b5 25.Qg5 d3 26.Qf6 Rh6 27.Ne4 g5 28.Qxg5 Nxe5 29.Nbd2 Rg6 30.Qxh5 Aakash,G (2483)-Pultinevicius,P (2530) Prague Challengers 5th 2023 (7) 0-1) 16.Nxc5 bxc5 17.b3 Rc7 18.Qc2 0-0 0.52/18 (18...Rb7= 0.16/19 Kitty Kat) 19.Nh2 Qa5 0.51/24 ;Shirov,A (2668)-Pultinevicius,P (2525) Casablanca Mohammed op 4th 2023 (7) 0-1 (19...Nce7= 0.08/21 is more appropriate.)]

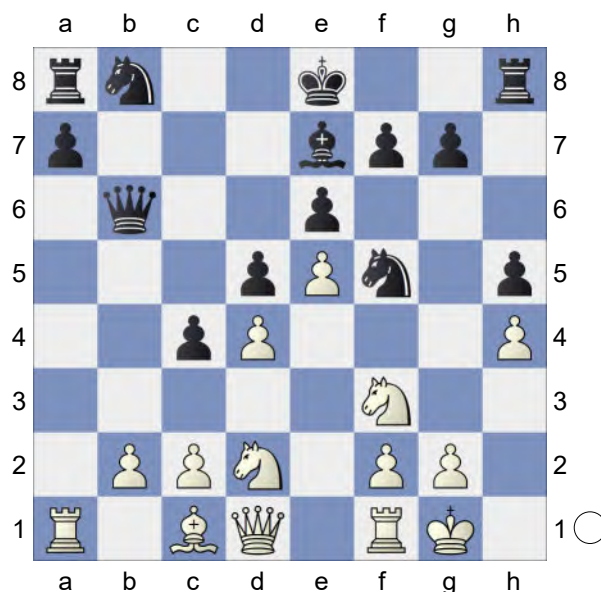
12...c5 13.a5 White wants to play axb6.
13...c4N

[Vorgänger: 13...Nc6 14.axb6 Qxb6 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.Nxc5 Qxc5 17.c3 0-0 0.47/22 (17...a5= 0.03/23; 17...Rb8= 0.00/23 Kitty Kat) 18.Ra4 g6 19.Re1 Rfc8 1.12/21 ;Smith,O (2042)-Larkin,B (1850) South Wales op 18th 2023 (7) 1-0 (19...Rab8± 0.49/20)]

14.axb6 Qxb6 15.Nbd2 Be7

[15...Nc6 Kitty Kat 16.c3 Be7 17.g3 0-0 18.Re1 g6 19.Nf1 Kg7 20.Ne3 Nxe3 21.fxe3 Na5 22.e4 Nb3 23.Rb1 Nxc1 24.Qxc1 a5 25.Ng5 a4 26.Qf4 Rab8 27.g4 hxg4 28.Rf1 a3 29.h5 gxh5 30.Nxf7 1-0 (36) Shirov,A (2660)-Dautov,R (2575) GER CupT final 2024 (2.1)]

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Kitty Kat: 'N' 'N' **16.b3 c3** 0.67/20

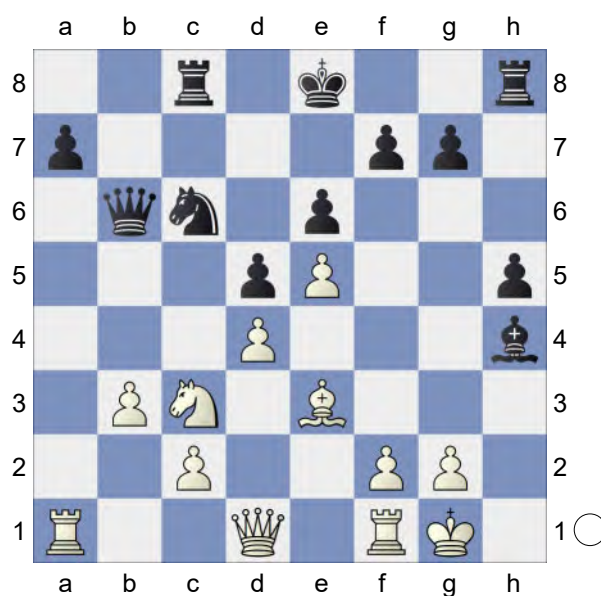
[16...cxb3!= 0.18/21 17.Nxb3 Bxh4 (17...Qd8 Kitty Kat)]

17.Nb1± Nc6 18.Be3 Kitty Kat: 'Black is now going downhill.'
18...Rc8 White stays focused until the end.

19.Nxc3 Nxh4 1.28/22

[⚡19...0-0 0.91/21]

20.Nxh4± Bxh4



21.Ne2 Qb7 22.c4 Rd8 1.92/19

[22...Nb4± 1.35/17 Kitty Kat]

23.Nf4 Discovered Attack Kitty Kat: '+-' '+-' Kitty Kat: ' Hoping for cxd5.

Discovered Attack' 23...dxc4 2.29/17

[23...Ne7 1.80/19 keeps fighting. Kitty Kat: ' was called for.'

A) 24.Nxh5 dxc4 (24...Nf5± Kitty Kat) 25.bxc4 Qe4+-;

B) 24.g3 Kitty Kat Bg5;

C) 24.Qf3 Nf5 25.cxd5 (25.Nxh5 0-0+-) 25...Bg5]

24.bxc4+-

[24.Nxh5 g6 25.Nf4

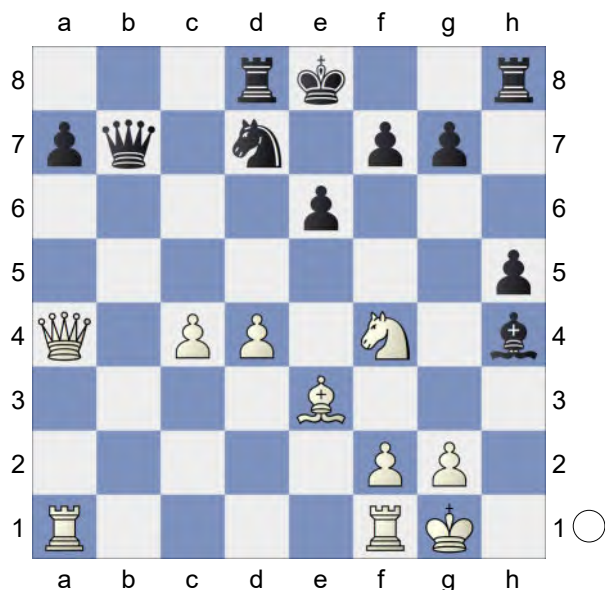
A) 25...Bg5 Kitty Kat 26.bxc4 (26.Nxe6 fxe6 27.Bxg5 Qh7=) 26...Bxf4 27.Bxf4 Rxd4=;

B) 25...Qxb3 Kitty Kat 26.Qg4±;

C) 25...cxb3= 26.Rb1= Kitty Kat]

24...Nxe5 25.Qa4+

[25.Nxh5 Nxc4 26.Nxg7+ Kf8̄ Kitty Kat: 'ㄱ' 'ㄴ']

25...Nd7**26.c5** Black must now prevent d5.

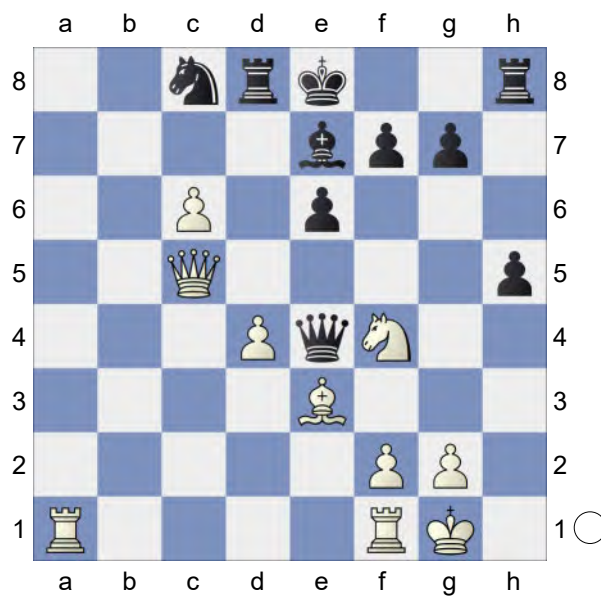
[26.Qxa7 Qe4±]

26...Qe4 27.c6

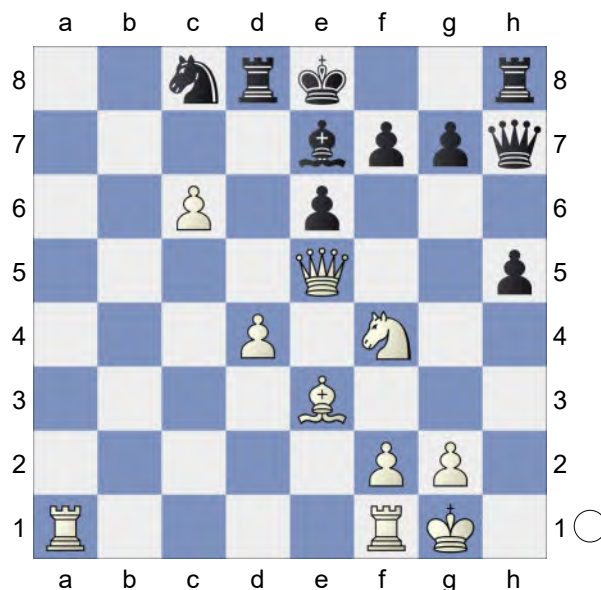
[27.Qxa7 0-0= Kitty Kat: 'ㄱ' 'ㄴ']

27...Nb6 28.Qxa7

[But not Kitty Kat: ' Don't play' 28.Qb5?! 0-0 29.Rxa7 Kitty Kat (29.Qxh5 Kitty Kat Bf6=) 29...Nc8]

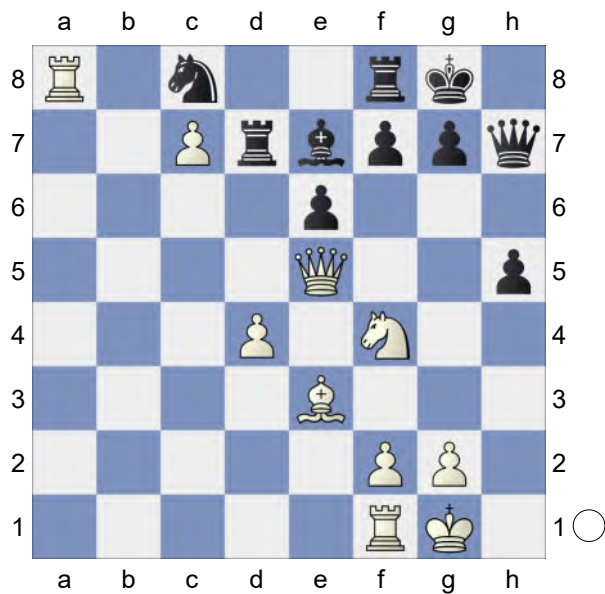
28...Nc8 29.Qc5 Be7**30.Qe5 Qh7 5.84/22**

[30...Qxe5 2.08/21 is tougher. Kitty Kat: ' keeps fighting.' 31.dxe5 g5]



31.c7 White is clearly winning. Kitty Kat: 'White is clearly winning.' **31...Rd7 32.Ra8 0-0**

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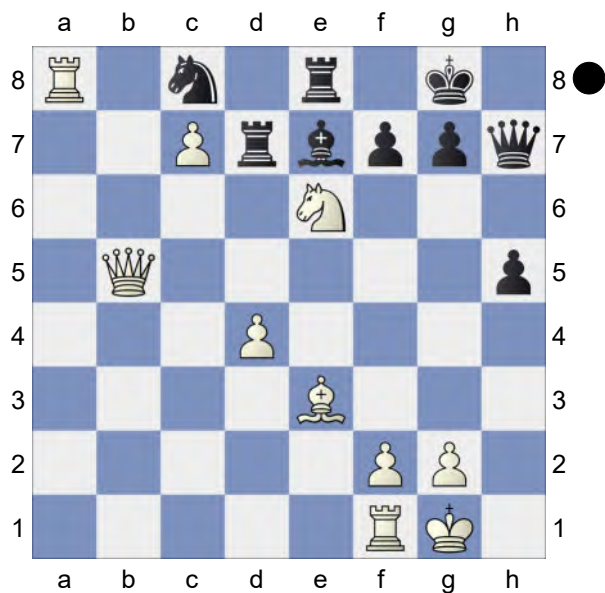


33.Nxe6! Re8

[33...Rxc7 34.Nxf8]

[33...f6 *Kitty Kat* 34.Nxf8]

34.Qb5



Weighted Error Value: White=0.05
(flawless) /Black=0.41. Mistake: ---

Black=4 Inaccurate: ---

Black=1 OK: White=14

Black=14 Best: White=4

Black=1 *Kitty Kat*: '

Weighted Error Value: White=0.04
(flawless) /Black=0.36'

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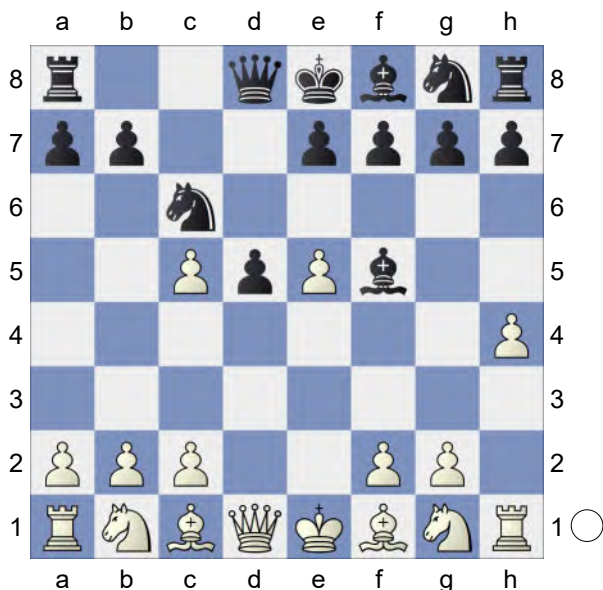
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation This game was played in the 2014 Qatar Masters Open between Anish Giri (2776 FIDE) and Mikhailo Oleksienko (2620 FIDE). 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 c5 5.dxc5 Nc6



6.Bb5

[6.Nf3 e6 7.Be3 Bg4 8.Bb5 Nh6 9.Nbd2 Nf5 10.Nb3 Nxe3 11.fxe3 Bxc5 12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.Nxc5 Qa5+ 14.c3 Qxc5 15.Qd4 Qxd4 16.cxd4 Rb8 17.b3 f6 18.Rc1 Kd7 19.Kd2 a5 20.Rc5 a4 Halkias,S (2567)-Tari, A (2639) chess.com INT rapid 2021 (5) 0-1]

6...Qc7 7.Ne2!? Active counter play! A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante. A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante. 7...e6N

[7...Qxe5 8.Bf4 Qxb2 9.Nbc3 Nf6 10.0-0 Qb4 11.Rb1 Qxc5 12.Ba4 e5 13.Bxe5 Ng4 14.Bg3 0-0-0 15.Bxc6 Qxc6 16.Nb5 Bc5 17.Ned4 Qf6 18.Qf3 Caro-Kann-Caro-Kann g6 19.Nxa7+ Bxa7 20.Qc3+ Kd7 21.Rxb7+ Intro-N,N]

8.Be3N White is slightly better.

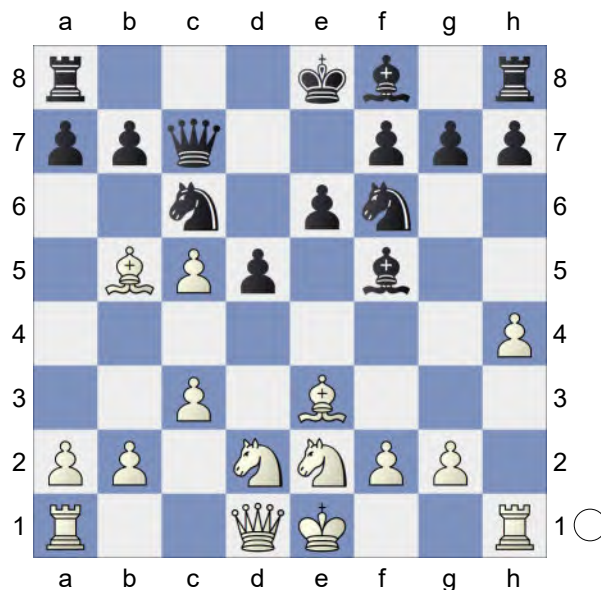
[Predecessor: 8.b4 a5 9.c3 Threatens to win with 0-0. Be7 1.22/24 (9...g6± 0.38/20) 10.Bf4 Nh6 11.Nd4 0-0 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Bxh6 gxh6 14.0-0! 1-0 (32) Perez Ponsa,F (2554)-Dolezal,C (2361) Villa Martelli 2022 1-0 (32) Perez Ponsa,F (2554)-Dolezal,C (2361) Villa Martelli 2022]

8...Qxe5 9.c3 Qc7 10.Nd2 0.12/19

[10.Nd4± 0.74/18]

10...Nf6 0.76/12

[10...e5= 0.12/19]



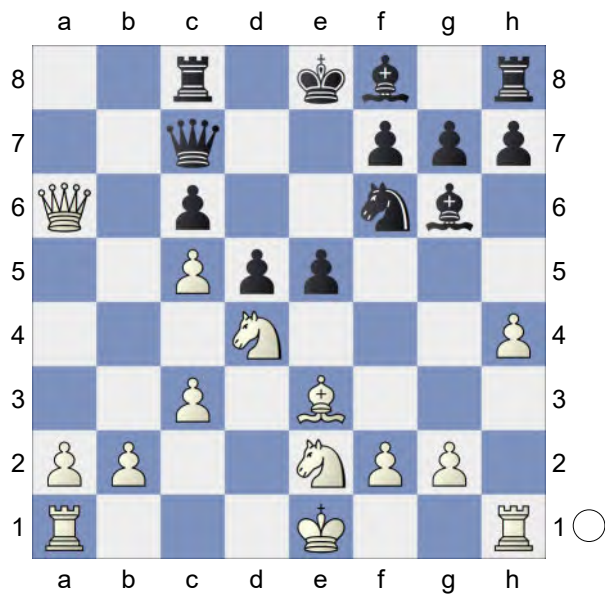
11.Nb3 -0.50/22

[11.Nd4± 0.76/12]

11...a6 12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.Nbd4 Bg6

14.Qa4 Rc8 15.Qxa6 e5

[15...Bxc5?! 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Bxc5±]



Repels Bf4 **16.Nf3** Black must now prevent Nxe5! **16...Ng4 17.h5! Bf5** ...Nxe3 would now be deadly.

[17...Bc2 with more complications.

18.Kd2 Bf5 19.Ng3 Be6]

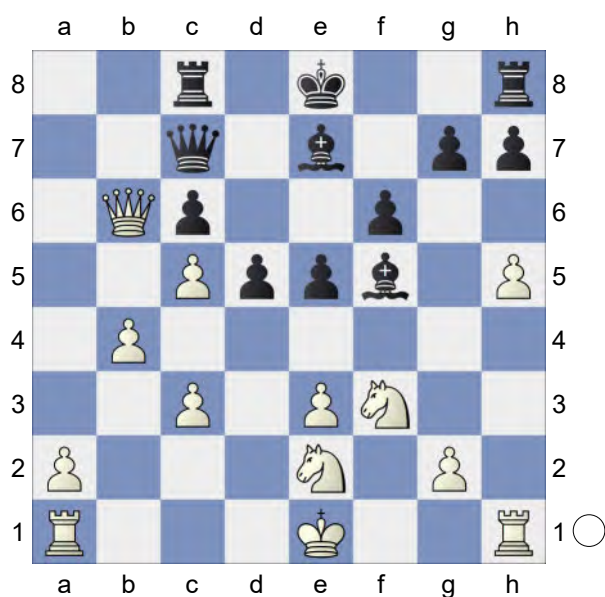
18.b4 Nxe3 0.21/15

[18...Be7 -0.48/17]

19.fxe3= Threatening c4. **19...Be7**

20.Qb6 f6 1.20/20

[20...Qd7!= 0.00/17]

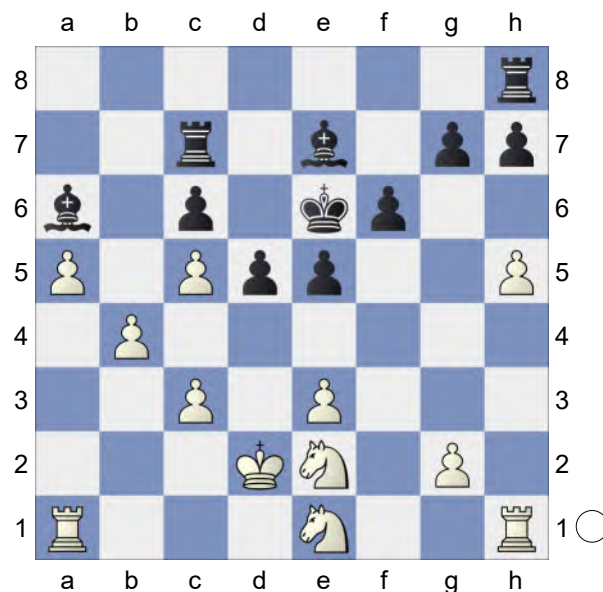


21.Qxc7± Rxc7 22.a4 Kd7 23.a5 Bd3
24.Kd2 Ba6 25.Ne1 0.72/11

[Δ25.g4 1.40/12]

25...Ke6 1.13/16

[Δ25...f5 0.72/11]



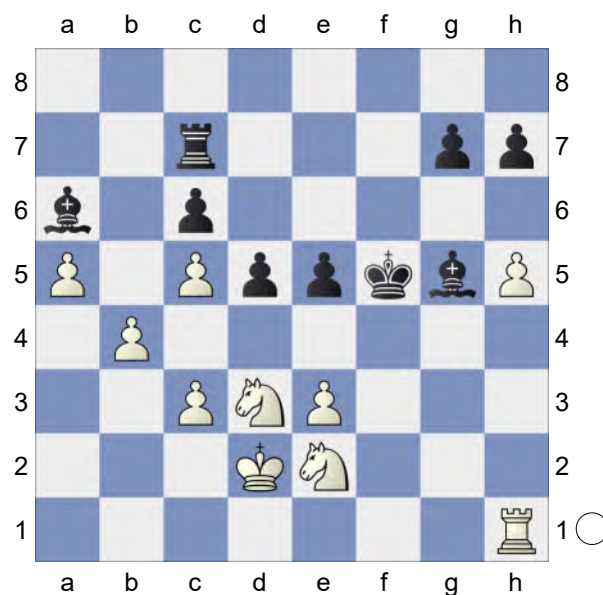
26.Nd3 0.34/8

[White should try 26.g4!± 1.13/16]

26...f5± 27.g4 Rf8 0.70/14

[27...fxg4= 0.00/23 28.Rag1 Bg5]

28.Raf1 Bg5 29.gxf5+ Rxf5 30.Rxf5
Kxf5



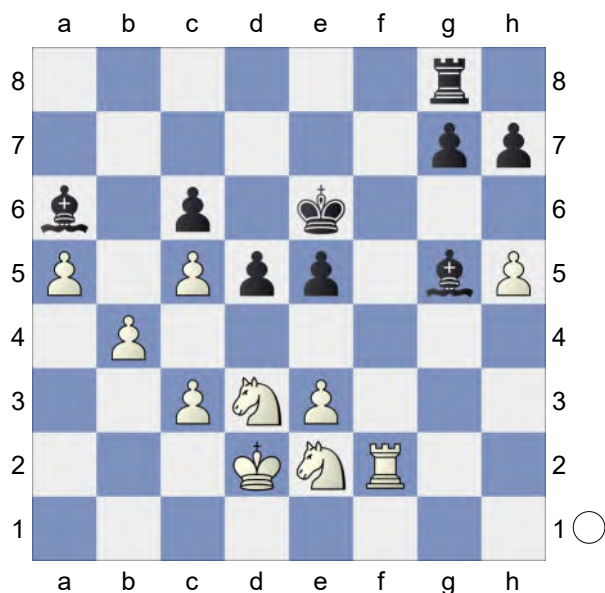
31.Rf1+ Ke6 32.Rf8 Rc8 33.Rf2

[33.Rxc8 simplifies Bxc8 34.c4 dxc4
35.Nf2]

33...Rc7 0.62/18 **34.Rf8** 0.15/12

[34.Ne1± 0.62/18]

34...Rc8= **35.Rf2** **Rg8=** 0.04/25



36.Rg2 0.02/11

[Better is 36.Ne1± 0.55/16]

36...Bh6! This pair of bishops is nice.

37.Nf2↑ White has some pressure.

37...Rd8 1.14/20

[37...Rf8= 0.01/19]

38.Ng4!± **Rf8** **39.Nxh6** 0.82/8

[⚡39.Nc1! 1.41/24]

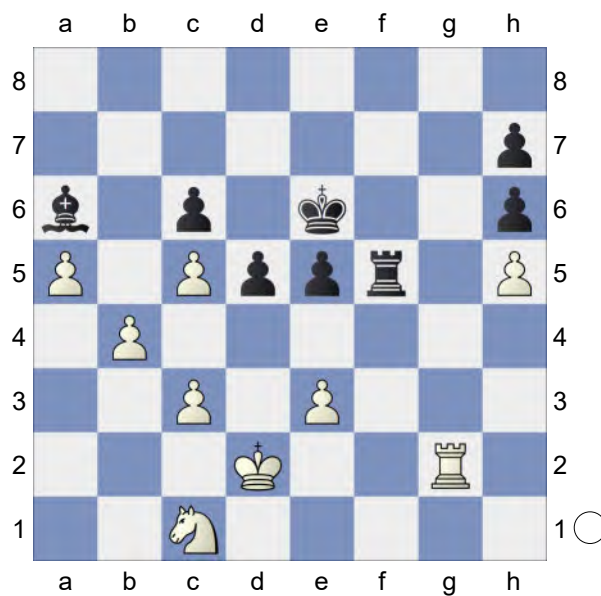
39...gxh6 Endgame. KRB-KRN **40.Nc1!**

[40.Rg7? Rf2 41.Kc1 Rxe2+ (41...Bxe2? 42.Rxh7 Bb5 43.Rh8-+)]

40...Rf5 0.96/18

[40...Bb5± 0.51/20 is more appropriate.]

(Diagram)



41.Rg7 And now Rc7 would win.

41...Rxh5 1.84/19

[41...Rf2+!± 0.67/21 42.Kd1 d4]

42.Ra7!+-

[42.Rxh7? Rh2+ 43.Kd1 Kf5-+]

42...Rh2+ **43.Kd1!** **Bb5** **44.a6!**

Strongly threatening **Ra8!** **44...Ba4+?**

3.08/14

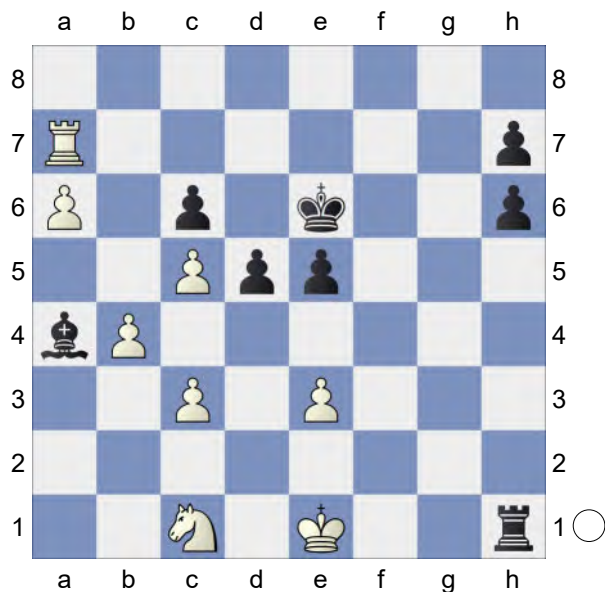
[44...h5? 45.Ra8+- (45.Rxh7? Bxa6 46.Nb3 Kf5±; 45.Rc7 Rf2+-)]

[44...Rh1+± 1.21/19 45.Kc2 Rh2+ 46.Kb1 (46.Kb3 Bc4+ 47.Ka3 Rc2=) 46...Rf2]

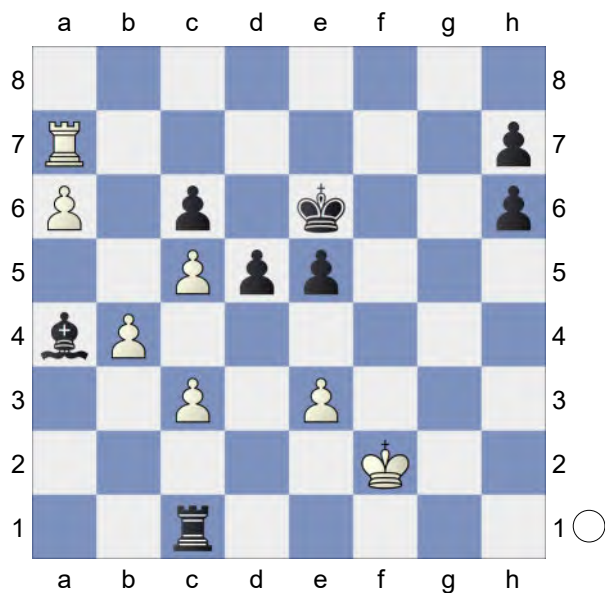
45.Ke1 **Rb7!** is the strong threat.

45...Rh1+

(Diagram)



46.Kf2! Rxc1 1.62/20
 [46...Bb5 2.99/19 is a better defense.]

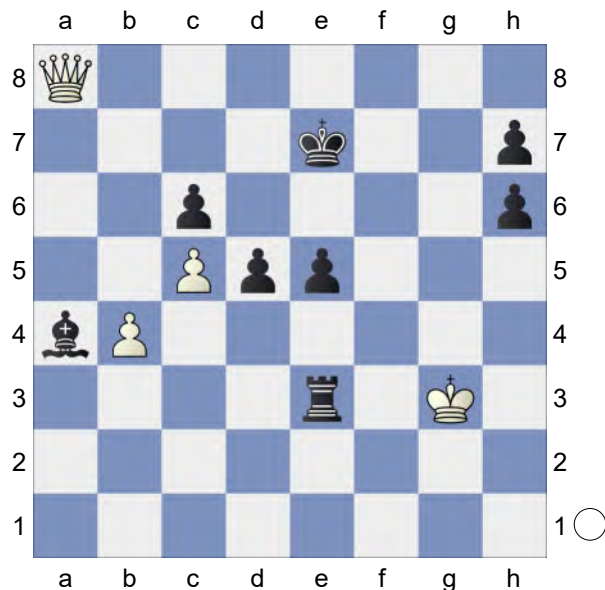


47.Re7+!! 0.04/11 Kxe7= 48.a7 Rc2+!
 [48...Rxc3?! 49.a8Q (49.a8B? Rc4+-) 49...Rc2+ 50.Kg3±]
 [48...Rf1+? 49.Kxf1 h5 50.a8Q+- (50.a8B? Kd7+-)]

49.Kg3 Rxc3
 [49...Rg2+? 50.Kxg2 h5 51.a8Q+- (51.a8B? Kd7+-)]

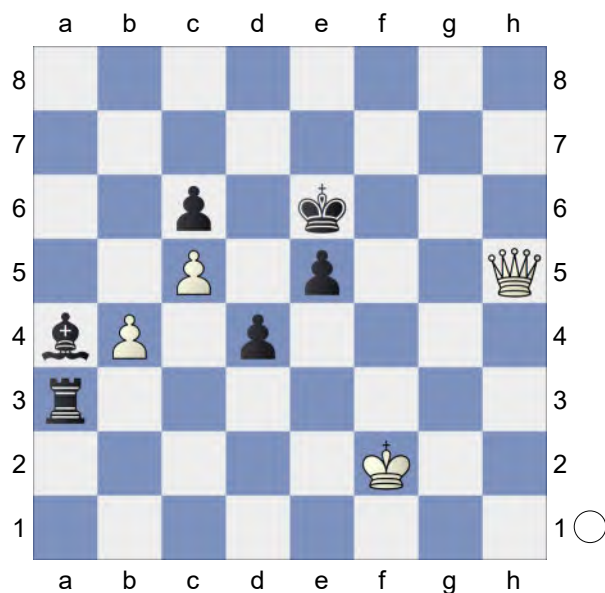
50.a8Q

[50.a8B? Rxe3+ 51.Kg2 Rb3+-]
50...Rxe3+? 3.72/21
 [50...Bb5!= 0.24/12]



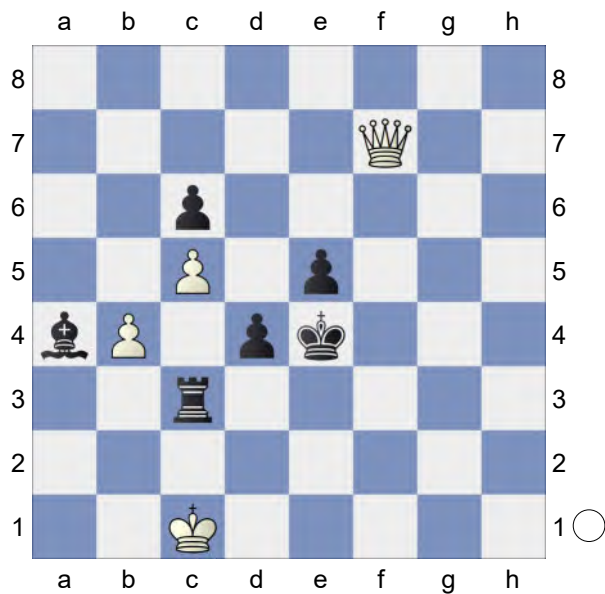
KQ-KRB 51.Kf2+- Ra3 52.Qb7+? 0.00/29

[52.b5!+- 4.08/17]
52...Kf6= 53.Qxh7 d4 54.Qxh6+ Kf5 55.Qh5+ Ke6



56.Qg6+ Kd5 57.Qf7+ Ke4 58.Ke1 Re3+ 59.Kd2! Rd3+ 60.Kc1 Rc3+

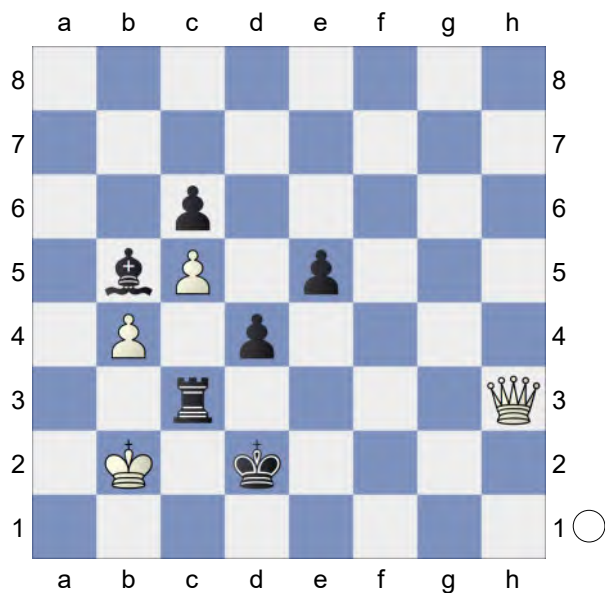
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61.Kb2 Bb5 0.00/19

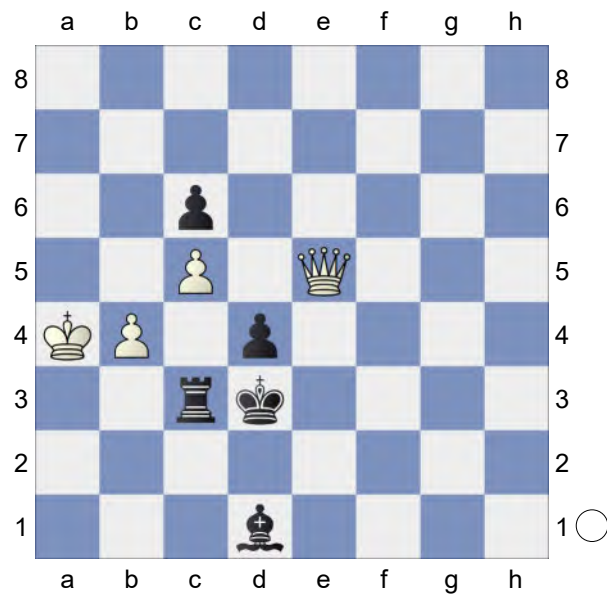
[61...Re3]

62.Qg6+ Kd5 63.Qf7+ Ke4 64.Qh7+ Ke3 65.Qh3+ Kd2



66.Qg2+ Be2 aiming for ...Rc2+.
67.Qg5+ Kd3 68.Qxe5 Rc2+ 69.Ka3 Rc3+ 70.Ka4 Bd1+

(Diagram)

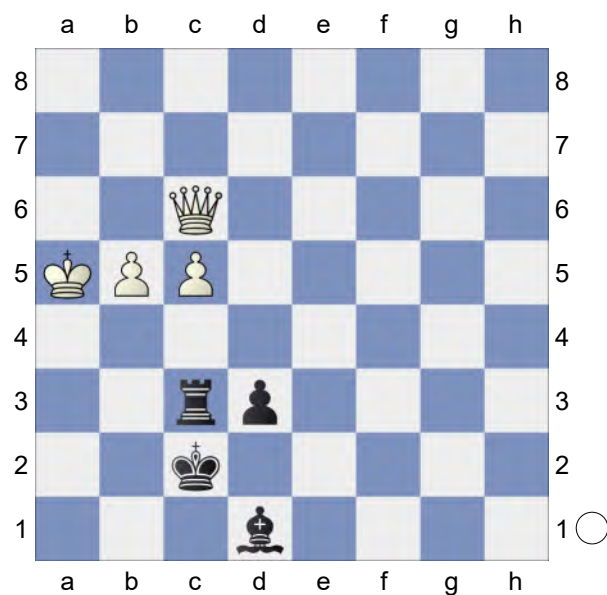


71.Ka5 Kc4? 4.82/15

[71...Bf3= 0.08/13

and Black is okay.]

72.Qe6+- Kd3 73.Qxc6 Kc2 74.b5 d3



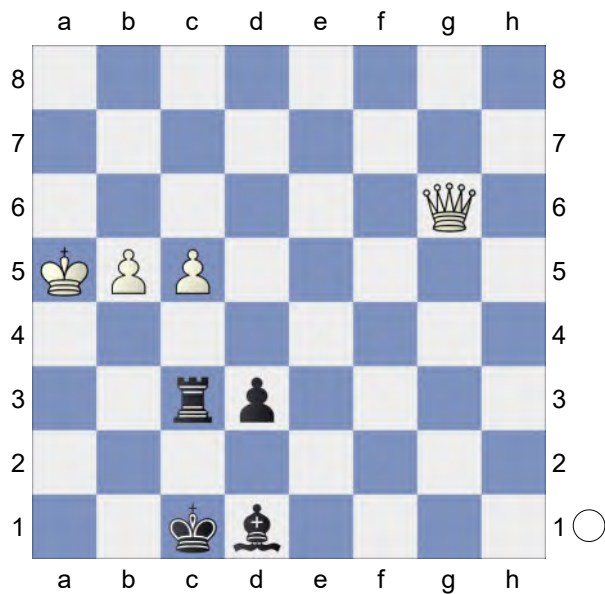
75.Qg6? 0.41/19

[75.Qe4!+- 3.02/4]

75...Kc1!±

[75...Rxc5 76.Kb4 Rc3 77.Qg8+-]

(Diagram)



76.Qf6 Rc2? 8.25/20

[76...Rxc5 77.Qd4 Rh5 78.Qxd3+-]

[76...Ra3+± 0.53/16 77.Kb6 d2]

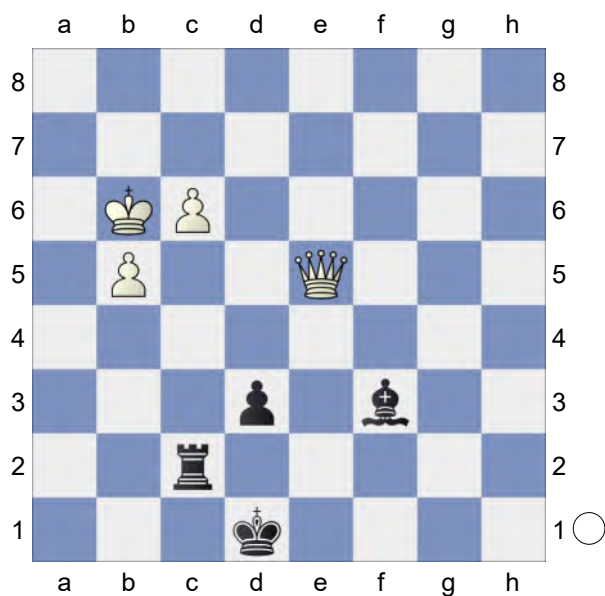
77.Qa1+ Kd2 78.c6 Bf3 79.Kb6?
1.16/17

[79.Qf6 Ke3±]

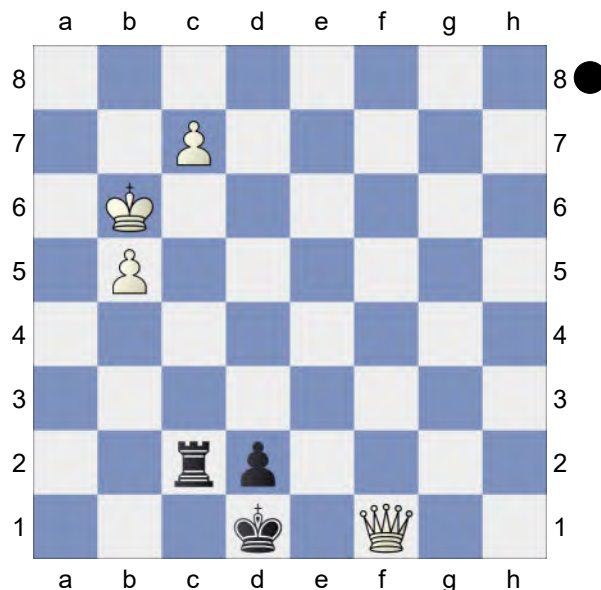
[79.Qe5+- 6.63/19 is the precise
move to win. Rc4 80.Qe6]

79...Ke2± Hoping for ...d2. 80.Qe5+
Kd1? 9.97/18

[80...Kf2 2.27/9 81.Qh2+ (81.Qd4+
Ke2+-) 81...Ke1]



81.c7 Be2 82.Qg5 d2 83.Qg1+ Bf1
84.Qxf1#



Weighted Error Value: White=0.26
(precise) /Black=0. 34. Loses game:

--- Black=4 Missed win:

White=1 --- Mistake:

White=8 Black=12 Inaccurate:

White=6 Black=2 OK:

White=20 Black=19 Best:

White=5 Black=3 Strong:

White=8 Black=3

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□ Pichot, Alan

■ Iturrizaga Bonelli, Eduardo

Chessable Masters Div 3 Win rapid (1.2)

[Kitty Kat]

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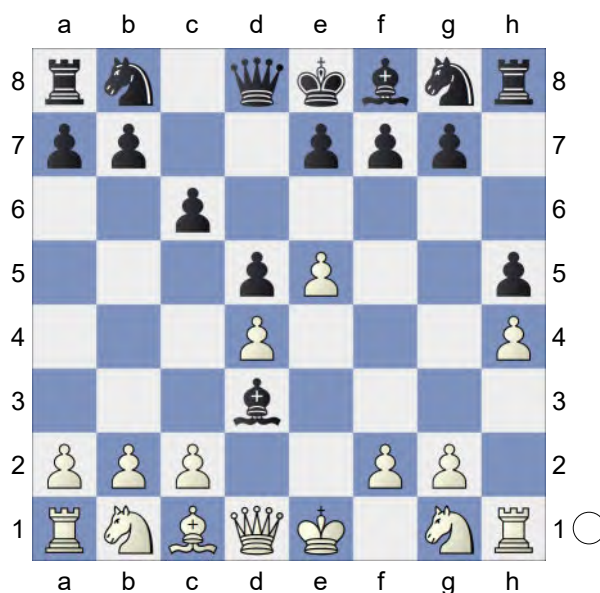
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

In this example, we are going to examine another interesting gambit line. The starting position of this variation arises after Leitaó, Rafael: 'I was ready to make this article "Brazilian only", but a few days before my deadline the Grand Swiss finished and I could not ignore it. A few South American players were present and showed good chess. I would like to honour these warriors. Let's start by analysing a game from a big hope of Argentina, GM Alan Pichot. It is true that Brazil and Argentina have a big rivalry when it comes to football, but when it comes to chess, we get along very well and always support each other. I like Pichot's style very much: a big fighter, not afraid of anyone, always searching for dynamic positions. In this game he played an interesting sacrifice in a topical variation of the Caro-Kann. The Caro-Kann is a good and solid defence and a nice addition to the repertoire of any grandmaster. But here is an advice for all amateur chess players around the world who have chess as a hobby and just want to have fun: life is too short to be spent playing the Caro-Kann only.' Leitaó, Rafael: 'I was ready to make this article "Brazilian only", but a few days before my deadline the Grand Swiss finished and I could not ignore it. A few South American players were present and showed good chess. I would like to honour these warriors.

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6.Qxd3
6...Qa5+

Threatens to win with e6!

(Diagram)

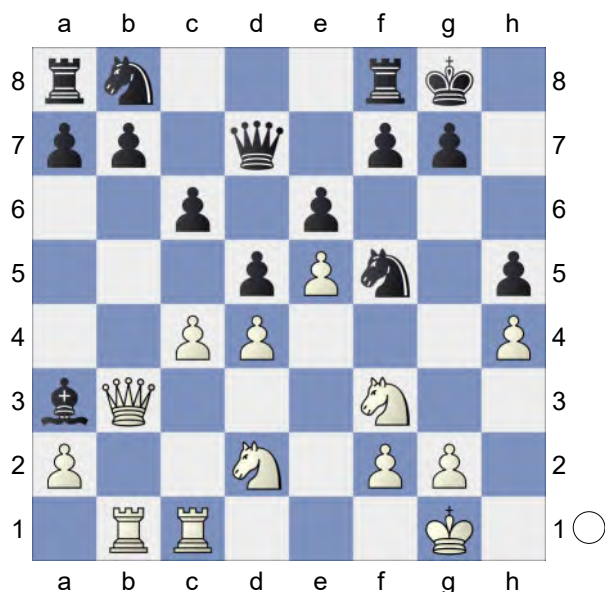
win. 19.Qxa8 ½-½ (57) Desideri,R (1954)-Carneiro,V (2432) Sao Paulo 2018]

13.Ba3 Be7 14.Rfc1 0-0 15.Qb3 -0.48/22

[Better is 15.Bxe7= 0.14/18 Qxe7 16.c5]

15...Bxa3

[15...Nxb4? 16.Nxb4 (16.Qxb7 Nxf3+ 17.gxf3 Bxa3+) 16...dxc4 17.Qh3 (17.Qxb7 Bxa3 18.Rc3 Qxd4+-; 17.Nxc4 b5+-) 17...Bxa3 18.Qxa3+-]



16.Qxa3 Na6 0.23/20

[16...b5+ -0.38/20 17.cxb5 cxb5]

17.Rb2 Rac8 18.Rcb1 Rc7 19.c5 Nb8

20.Rb3 -0.03/19

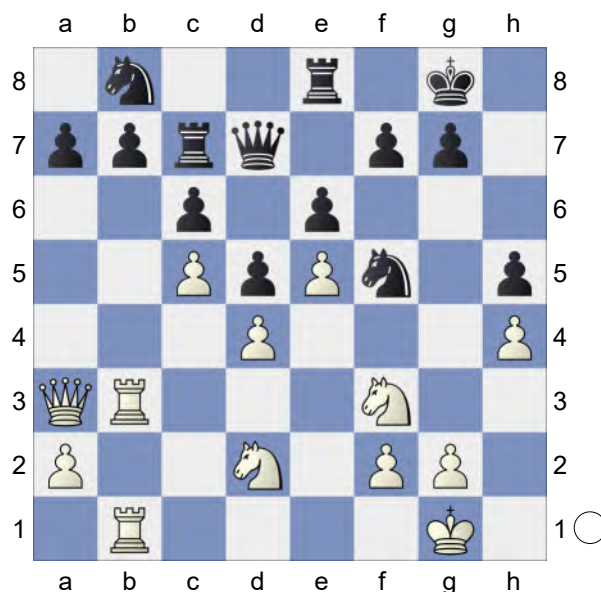
[20.Qxa7 b5 21.Qa3 Qe7+]

[20.Nf1± 0.51/23]

20...Re8 0.60/23

[20...Qe7!= -0.03/19]

(Diagram)



21.Qb2!±

[21.Qxa7?! b5 22.Qa3 Qe7=]

21...Re7 22.a4 Qd8 23.g3 Rcd7

1.16/20

[23...Nd7= 0.24/22]

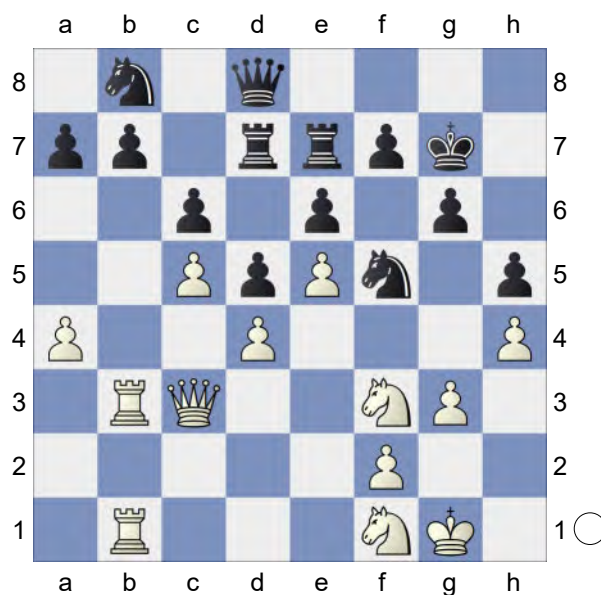
24.Qc3 0.71/21

[White should try 24.Ne1 1.16/20]

24...g6 1.44/21

[24...f6 0.71/21]

25.Nf1 Kg7



26.Ne3 1.24/20

[26.Ng5+- 1.64/20]

26...Nh6 1.74/21

[26...Rc7± 1.24/20 keeps fighting.
27.Ng5 Qc8]

27.Ng5+- Rc7 28.Qd2 0.74/19

Black is weak on the dark squares

[⚡28.a5 1.40/19]

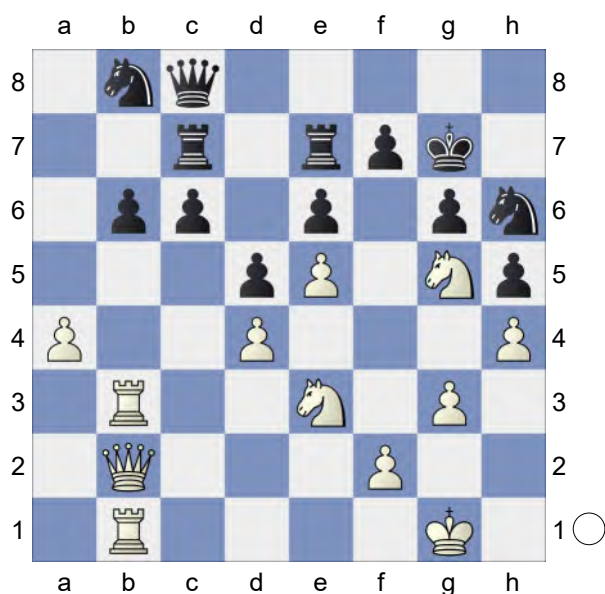
28...Qc8 1.29/18

[Black should play 28...b6 0.74/19]

29.Qb2 b6 30.cxb6 0.55/22

[30.a5± 0.93/20]

30...axb6±



31.Rxb6

[31.a5!/?]

31...Nd7 32.Rb7 c5 33.dxc5 -0.28/24

[⚡33.Rxc7 0.28/21 Qxc7 34.Rc1]

33...Nxc5

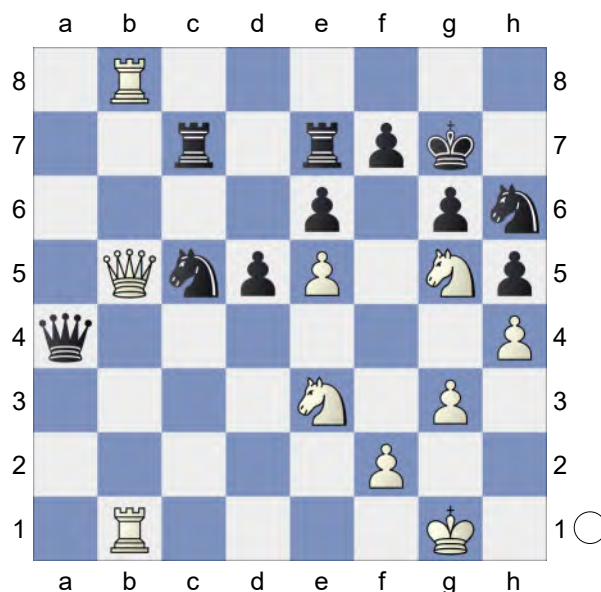
[33...Rxb7 simplifies 34.Qxb7 Qxc5
35.Qb2 Re8]

34.Rb8 Qa6 35.Qb5 -1.16/19

[35.Nxd5= 0.00/22 exd5 36.e6+ f6
37.Rf8 Decoy]

35...Qxa4±

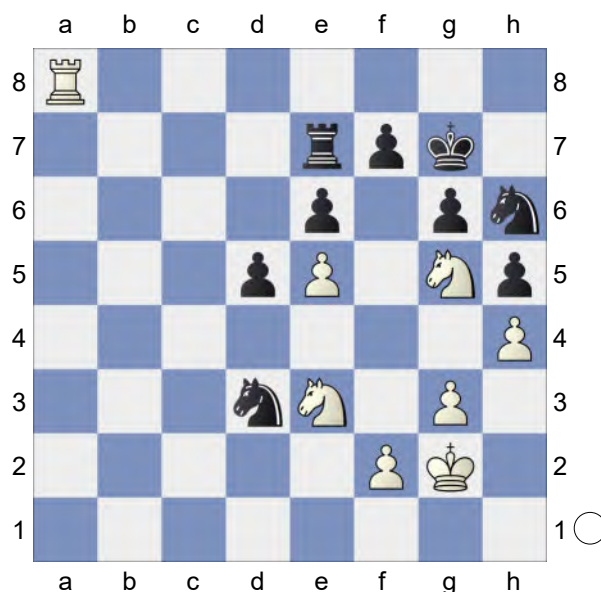
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36.Qxa4 Nxa4 37.Ra8 Nc5 38.Rbb8

White threatens Rh8 and mate. **38...Ra7**

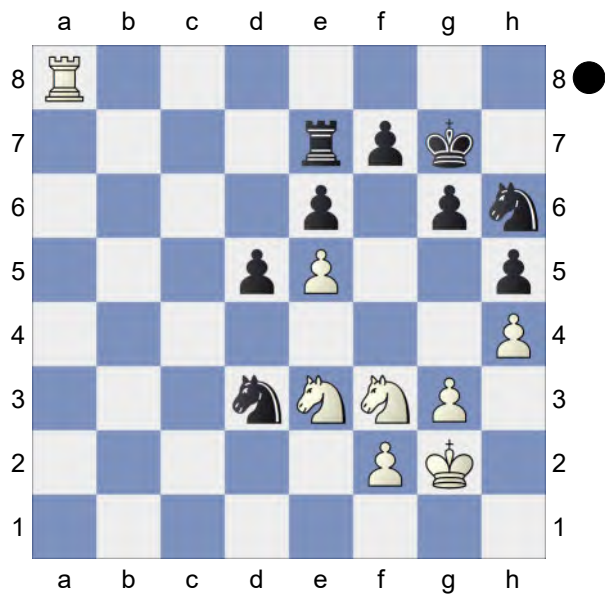
39.Kg2 Rxa8 40.Rxa8 Nd3



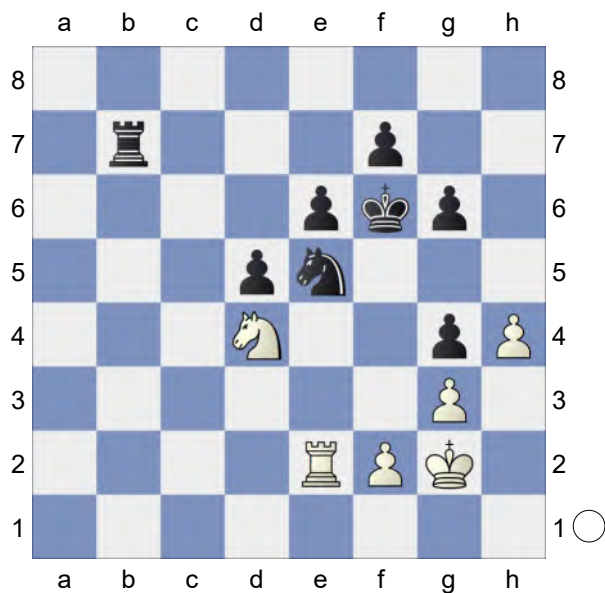
41.Nf3 -3.04/20

[41.f4± -1.42/17]

(Diagram)

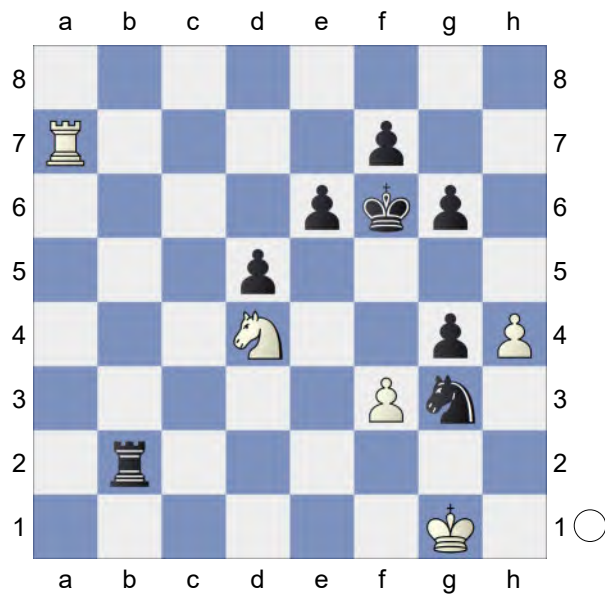


41...Ng4!-+ 42.Nxg4 hxc4 Endgame.
KRN-KRN 43.Nd4 Nxe5 44.Ra2
Black is clearly winning. 44...Rb7
45.Re2 Kf6

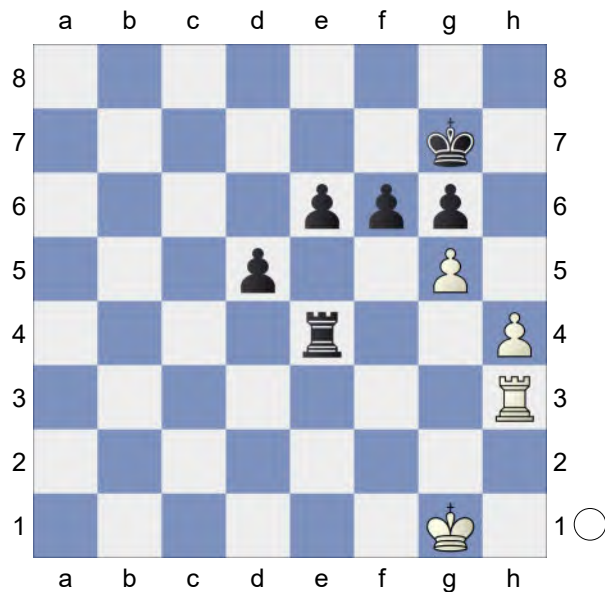


46.Ra2 Nc4 47.Ra8 Rb2 48.Ra7 Nd6
49.Kg1 Ne4 50.f3 Nxc3

(Diagram)



51.fxc4 Ne2+ 52.Nxe2 Rxe2 KR-KR
53.g5+ Kg7 54.Ra3 Re4 55.Rh3 f6



56.Kf2 fxc3 57.hxc3 Rg4 58.Re3 Kf7
[58...Rxc3 59.Rxe6 Rf5+ 60.Ke3+]

59.Re5 Rf4+ -14.36/20

[59...Re4 -31.45/23 60.Rxe4 dxe4
 61.Ke2 e5 62.Ke3 Ke7 63.Kxe4
 Ke6 64.Ke3 Kf5 65.Kf3 Kxg5
 66.Ke4 Kf6 67.Kf3 Kf5 68.Ke2 g5
 69.Kf3 e4+ 70.Kg3 g4 (70...e3
 71.Kf3 e2 72.Kxe2 Kg4 73.Kf1 Kg3
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 77.Kf4 g2 78.Ke5 g1Q 79.Kd6

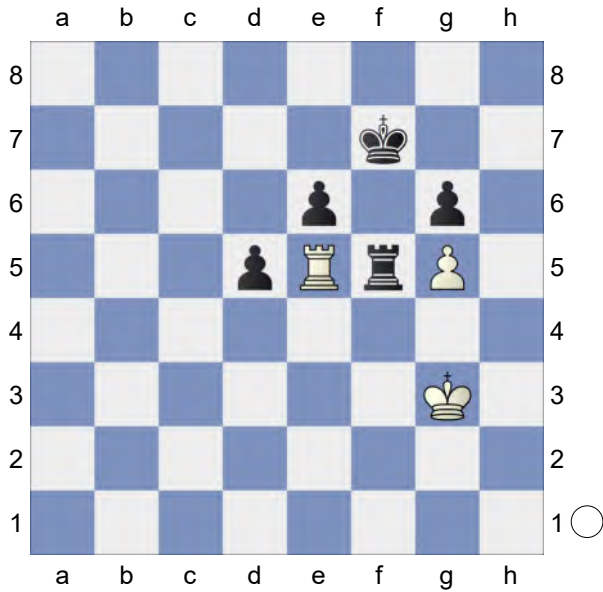
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 g3 78.Ke3 Kh3 79.Kf4 g2 80.Ke5
 g1Q 81.Kd6 Qd4+ 82.Kc7 Qc5+
 83.Kb8 Kg4 84.Ka8 Qb4 85.Ka7
 Kf5 86.Ka6 Ke5 87.Ka7 Kd6 88.Ka6
 Kc7 89.Ka7 Qb7#) 76.Ke1 g2
 77.Kd2 g1Q (77...g1R 78.Kc3 Rc1+
 79.Kb4 e1Q+ 80.Kb5 Qe2+ 81.Ka5
 Qb2 82.Ka6 Ra1#) 78.Kc3 e1Q+
 (78...e1B+ 79.Kc4 Qb6 80.Kd5 Kf4
 81.Kc4 Qb7 82.Kd4 Qc6 83.Kd3
 Qe4#) 79.Kc4 Qe4+ 80.Kb5 Qgb1+
 81.Kc5 Qbb4#]

60.Kg3 Rf5 -7.05/21

[Δ60...Re4 -21.97/27 61.Rxe4 dxe4
 62.Kf4 e5+ 63.Ke3 Ke7 64.Kxe4
 Ke6 65.Ke3 Kf5 66.Kf3 Kxg5
 67.Ke4 Kf6 68.Kd5 Kf5 69.Kc5 e4
 70.Kd4 Kf4 (70...e3 is a self mate.
 71.Kxe3 Kg4 72.Kf2 Kh3 73.Kf3 g5
 74.Kf2 g4 75.Kg1 Kg3 76.Kf1 Kh2
 77.Ke2 g3 78.Kf3 g2 79.Ke4 g1Q
 80.Kd5 Qb6 81.Kc4 Kg3 82.Kd5
 Kf4 83.Kc4 Ke4 84.Kc3 Qc5+
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 Kg3 74.Ke1 g5 75.Kf1 Kh2 76.Ke2
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 79.Ke5 g1Q 80.Ke6 Qd4 81.Ke7
 Bc3 82.Ke8 Qd6 83.Kf7 Qd7+
 84.Kg6 Kg4 85.Kh6 Qg7#; 76...e1Q
 leads to mate. 77.Kd4 g3 78.Kc5 g2
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(Diagram)



What a bad dream for White.

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Black=0.16 (very precise)

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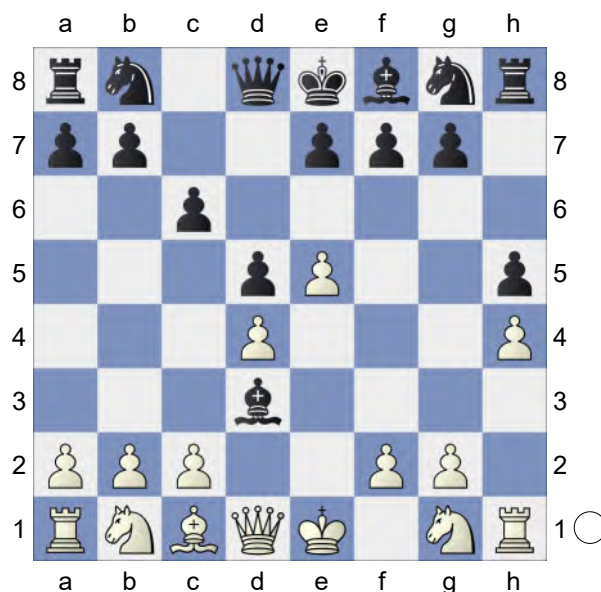
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[Giri, Anish]

1.e4 Tadic,Branko Giri,Anish Tadic, Branko Giri,Anish Giri,Anish Giri,Anish Giri,Anish: 'Giri, Anish' Giri,Anish: 'Tadic, Branko' **1...c6** Giri,Anish: 'Alireza has a few different weapons against 1.e4 currently and Caro-Kann is apparently one that he ranks rather highly, as he has chosen it against Fabiano in this very crucial game.' 'Alireza has a few different weapons against 1.e4 currently and Caro-Kann is apparently one that he ranks rather highly, as he has chosen it against Fabiano in this very crucial game.'

2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 Giri,Anish: 'A trendy system these days. While at some point the trend was to go exclusively for the Short system with 4. ♖f3 ♕e2, these days the trend, set largely by Fabiano, is to play 5 different systems against the Caro-Kann.' A trendy system these days. While at some point the trend was to go exclusively for the Short system with 4. ♖f3 ♕e2, these days the trend, set largely by Fabiano, is to play 5 different systems against the Caro-Kann. **4...h5** Giri,Anish: 'Black has all sorts of options, but this one, stopping the kingside expansion is the most reliable.' Black has all sorts of options, but this one, stopping the kingside expansion is the most reliable.

5.Bd3 Giri,Anish: 'Alternatively, 5.c4 and also 5. ♕g5 are major systems as well.' Alternatively, 5.c4 and also 5. ♕g5 are

major systems as well. **5...Bxd3**



6.Qxd3 Qa5+ Giri,Anish: 'This was a big revelation at some point, a decade ago or so, as players realized that it may be smart to avoid 6...e6 7. ♕g5!?, when White gets to develop the knight to d2 harmoniously, with the bishop already out on g5.' This was a big revelation at some point, a decade ago or so, as players realized that it may be smart to avoid 6...e6 7. ♕g5!?, when White gets to develop the knight to d2 harmoniously, with the bishop already out on g5.

7.Nd2 Giri,Anish: 'There are options, for example trendy is 7.b4!?. There are options, for example trendy is 7.b4!?.

7...e6 8.Ne2!? Giri,Anish: 'A local surprise. Although this move has been played before, more common is the natural 8. ♖gf3. With this one, Fabiano is trying to arrange the knights differently and confuse the youngster.' A local surprise. Although this move has been played before, more common is the natural 8. ♖gf3. With this one, Fabiano is trying to arrange the knights differently and confuse the youngster.

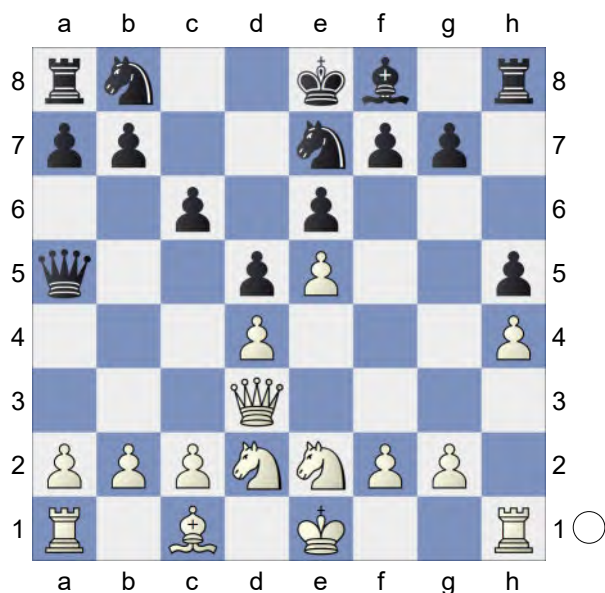
[8.Ngf3 (Giri,Anish) (Tadic,Branko) -

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8...Ne7

Giri,Anish: 'Tadic,Branko:

'Diagram



" **9.b4!?** Giri,Anish: 'Tadic,Branko: 'N!?' 'N!?' Giri,Anish: 'An existing idea, but in this particular position a novelty.' An existing idea, but in this particular position a novelty.

[9.0-0 (Giri,Anish) Tadic,Branko]

9...Qa6

Giri,Anish: 'Natural retreat.

Taking the pawn would allow White to activate his rook quickly with ♖b1-xb7.' Natural retreat. Taking the pawn would allow White to activate his rook quickly with ♖b1-xb7.

[9...Qxb4?! (Giri,Anish) Tadic,Branko

10.Rb1 Qa5 11.Rxb7± Qxa2?

12.Ba3 Nc8 13.Qf3 Nd7 (13...Be7

14.Rxe7+! Nxe7 15.Qc3 c5 16.Nc1

cxd4 17.Qc5+-) 14.Rxd7 Kxd7

15.Qxf7+ Be7 16.Nb3! Qxa3

17.Nc5+ Kc7 (17...Kd8 18.Nxe6+

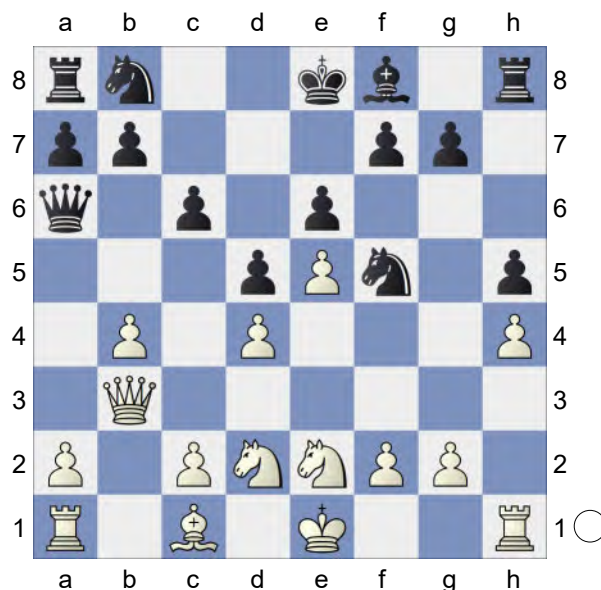
Kd7 19.0-0→) 18.0-0→]

10.Qb3

Giri,Anish: 'Tadic,Branko: '!' '!'

Giri,Anish: 'I assume this was still preparation, but also possible was 10. ♕f3. The queen on b3 will likely get traded now, after an eventual ♕c4!?',

which will happen in the game.' I assume this was still preparation, but also possible was 10. ♕f3. The queen on b3 will likely get traded now, after an eventual ♕c4!?, which will happen in the game. **10...Nf5**



11.Nf3 Nd7 Giri,Anish: 'It is possible to stay flexible with the knight and start 11.. ♕c4!?' It is possible to stay flexible with the knight and start 11.. ♕c4!?

12.a4 Giri,Anish: 'Grabbing space on the queenside.' 'Grabbing space on the queenside. **12...Qc4** Giri,Anish: 'The queen was a little claustrophobic on a6 and is now ready to trade itself. White has a choice, to trade on c4 or b3, leading to different pawn structures.'

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[12...Be7 (Giri,Anish) Tadic,Branko

13.c3 △Qc4 14.Qxc4 dxc4 15.a5±]

13.Bd2

Giri,Anish: 'Computer gives

White a tiny plus after taking on c4, which it likes more, but I imagine that Fabiano wasn't happy seeing the Black knight landing on d5. Trading on b3

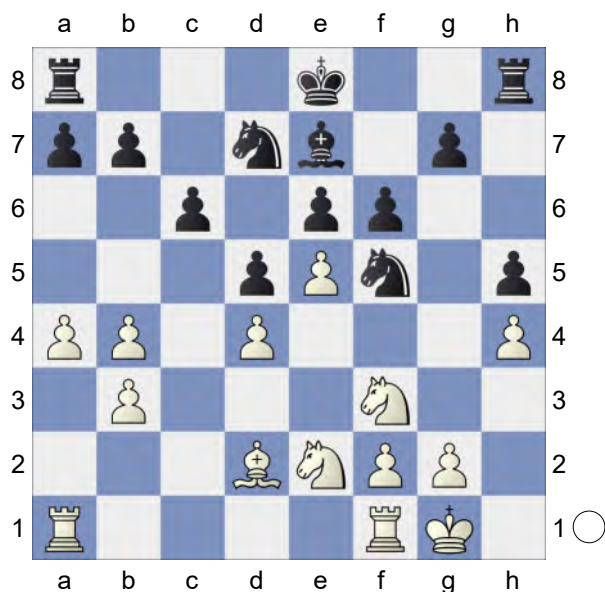
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[13.Qxc4 (Giri,Anish) Tadic,Branko dxc4 14.Bd2± (14.c3?! a5 15.b5 c5↑)]

13...Qxb3 14.cxb3 f6 Giri,Anish: 'Tadic, Branko: '?!' '?!' Giri,Anish: 'Sensible setup, but 14... ♖b8!? intending to regroup with ♔d7 and ♘a6 was strong too. Black got a fine endgame out of the opening.' Sensible setup, but 14...♘b8!? intending to regroup with ♔d7 and ♘a6 was strong too. Black got a fine endgame out of the opening.

[14...Be7 (Giri,Anish) Tadic,Branko 15.g3 b6∞]

15.0-0 Be7



16.g3 Kf7 Giri,Anish: 'So far so good, The only question is what will Black do next. On the other hand, White also doesn't appear to have too many attractive ideas.' So far so good, The only question is what will Black do next.

On the other hand, White also doesn't appear to have too many attractive ideas. **17.Rfe1 fxe5?** Giri,Anish: 'Not seeing what to do, Alireza makes a huge commitment.' Not seeing what to do, Alireza makes a huge commitment.

[Giri,Anish: 'There were alternatives. I like' There were alternatives. I like 17...Bd8!? Giri,Anish: 'idea being that' idea being that 18.Nf4 Giri,Anish: 'is now met with' is now met with g5 Giri,Anish: 'as'as 19.exf6 Giri,Anish: 'doesn't hit the e7 bishop. The bishop can then head towards b6 and ♘f8- ♘g6 is also an idea to consider, improving the position a tad, as the knight from g6 also controls the f4 square, next to controlling e5.' doesn't hit the e7 bishop. The bishop can then head towards b6 and ♘f8- ♘g6 is also an idea to consider, improving the position a tad, as the knight from g6 also controls the f4 square, next to controlling e5.]

18.dxe5 Rac8 Giri,Anish: 'Black is hoping to push c5, but having given up so many squares on the kingside, Black's play is much slower than White's.' Black is hoping to push c5, but having given up so many squares on the kingside, Black's play is much slower than White's.

[18...c5 (Giri,Anish) Tadic,Branko 19.Nf4! (Δ Nd5!) d4 20.bxc5 Nxc5 21.Bb4±]

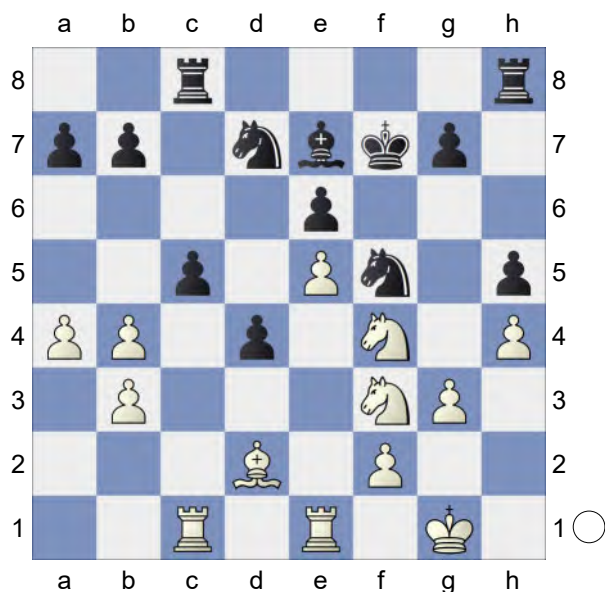
19.Nf4 d4 Giri,Anish: 'The issue for Black was that c5 is met by ♘xd5! and the e6+ tactic.' The issue for Black was that c5 is met by ♘xd5! and the e6+ tactic.

20.Rac1?! Giri,Anish: 'There is no way to prevent c5 push, but the question is how to anticipate it. Fabiano comes up with a

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20...c5



21.Nd5!? Giri,Anish: 'Tadic,Branko: '! '!'" Giri,Anish: 'At the very least a beautiful shot.' At the very least a beautiful shot.

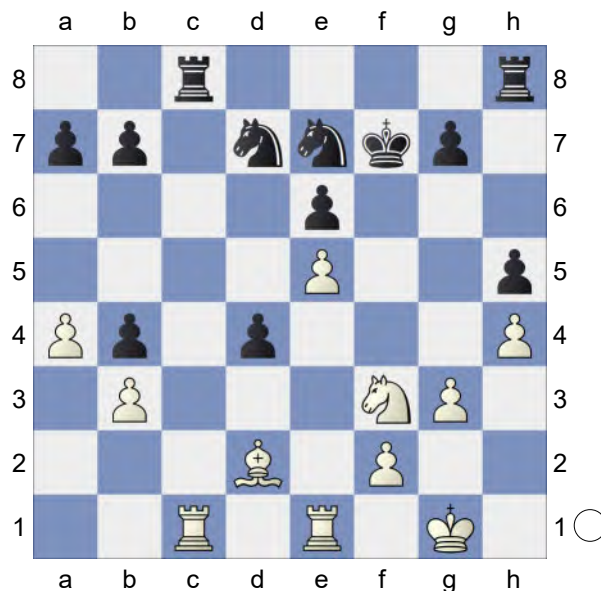
[21.Rc4!? (Giri,Anish) Tadic,Branko Nb6 (21...cxb4 22.Rec1±) 22.Rxc5! Bxc5 23.bxc5 Rxc5 24.Ng5+ Ke8

25.Ngxe6 Rc2 26.Ba5±]

21...cxb4? Giri,Anish: 'Stronger was 21... ♖g6! sacrificing the pawn.' Stronger was 21... ♖g6! sacrificing the pawn.

[21...Kg6 Giri,Anish: 'Tadic,Branko: '! '!'" 22.Nxe7+ Nxe7 23.bxc5 Nxc5 24.Nxd4 Nf5 Giri,Anish: 'Tadic, Branko: ' ±' ±' ±'" Giri,Anish: 'This gives Black excellent counterplay, thanks to the light squares and the jumping knight. 'This gives Black excellent counterplay, thanks to the light squares and the jumping knight.]

22.Nxe7 Nxe7 Giri,Anish: 'Tadic, Branko: 'Diagram



" **23.Ng5+?** Giri,Anish: 'Tadic,Branko: '?! '?!' Giri,Anish: 'Not picking up the b4 pawn is a mistake and the game spins out of control from here onwards.' Not picking up the b4 pawn is a mistake and the game spins out of control from here onwards.

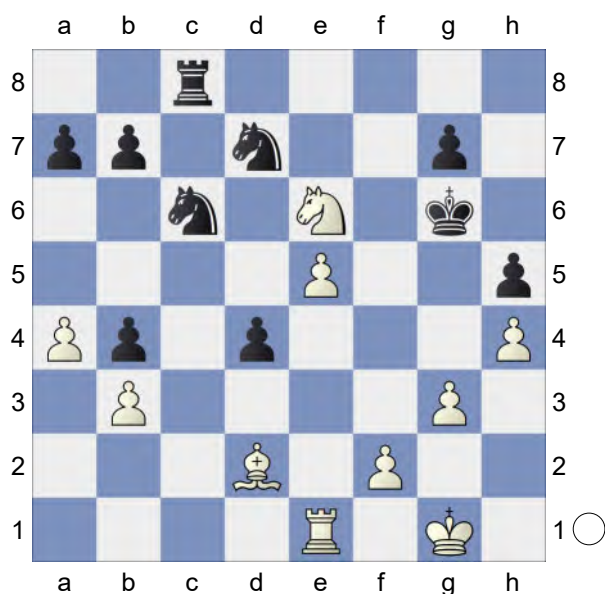
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24.Bd6! d3 25.Rcd1! Giri,Anish:
'Taking care of counterplay first and
♖g5-xe6 is inevitable anyway.'

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♖g5-xe6 is inevitable anyway. Rc3

(Giri,Anish) Tadic,Branko 26.Ng5+
Kg6 27.Nxe6 Rxb3 28.Nd4 Rc3
29.Nf3±]

23...Kg6 24.Rxc8 Rxc8 25.Nxe6 Nc6



Giri,Anish: 'Black gets to keep his b4 pawn and suddenly there is counterplay.' Black gets to keep his b4 pawn and suddenly there is counterplay. **26.f4**

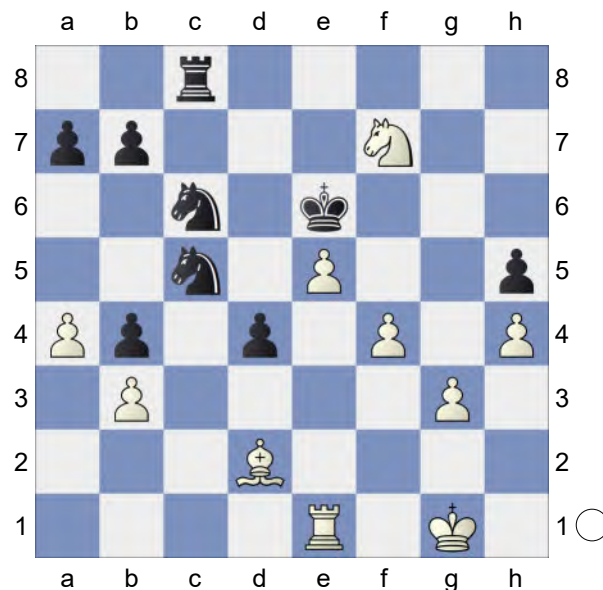
[26.Nf4+ (Giri,Anish) Tadic,Branko
Kf5 27.e6 Nc5 28.Nxh5 Nxe6∞]

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[26...Rg8!? Giri,Anish: 'intending ♕f5 next. White has completely lost control at this point and the position is objectively around level.'intending ♕f5 next. White has completely lost control at this point and the position is objectively around level.]

27.Nxg7+ Kg6 28.Ne6 Kf5 29.Ng5
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evaluation is around balanced, but anything can happen, with both sides having their own trumps.'Fabiano, true to himself, continues playing for a win! The evaluation is around balanced, but anything can happen, with both sides having their own trumps. **29...Nc5 30.Nf7 Ke6!**



Giri,Anish: 'Walking out of ♖d6+.' Walking out of ♖d6+.

31.Nd6 Rg8 32.Kg2

[♟32.f5+ (Giri,Anish) Tadic,Branko
Kd5 33.Bf4 Nd3 34.Ne4! Nxe1
35.Nf6+ Kc5 36.Nxg8 Nxe5! 37.Kf1
N1d3 38.Nf6 a5∞]

32...Kd5! Giri,Anish: 'The king walks around very nicely.'The king walks around very nicely. **33.Rb1 Ne4?!**

Giri,Anish: 'There was actually no need to force the matters. Besides another active idea of d3 and ♖d4, Black could and should have just maintained the tension with moves like b6, a5 etc. The problem with ♖e4, while it trades an active d6 knight, the c5 knight is also gone and that means the b1 rook is free from the duties of protecting the b3 pawn. At the same time the active d6 knight is

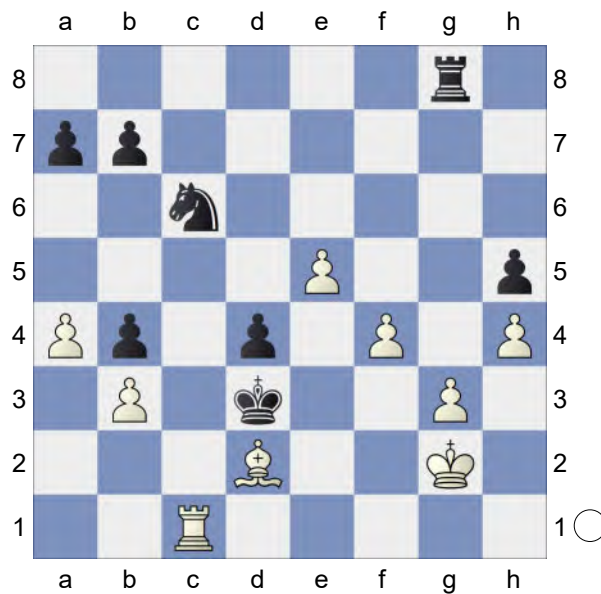
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[33...a5∞ (Giri,Anish) Tadic,Branko]

34.Nxe4 Kxe4 35.Rc1 Giri,Anish: 'Rook can make a move now. What a relief.' Rook can make a move now. What a relief. **35...Kd3?** Black keeps playing forward, but it appears that even though he succeeds with his counterplay, at the end, after White gives up the bishop for the passed d-pawn, White's kingside pawn mass will start moving forward. It was better to keep the king closer behind, maintaining the blockade for now and just keeping the status quo with

[35...a5!? Tadic,Branko: '!' '!' Giri, Anish: 'Easy to say, of course.' Easy to say, of course. 36.e6 (Giri,Anish) Tadic,Branko Rg6 (36...Kd3? 37.Rxc6! bxc6 38.f5+-) 37.Re1+ Kd3 38.Bc1 Ne7 39.f5!? (39.Bb2 Kd2 40.Re5 d3↑) 39...Nxf5 40.e7 Nxe7 41.Rxe7 Kc2 42.Bf4 Kxb3 43.Rxb7∞]

(Diagram)



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[36...Ke3 (Giri,Anish) Tadic,Branko 37.Bf2+ Ke4∞]

37.e6! Giri,Anish: 'Pawns start slowly but surely to march down the board. Black will win the bishop, but lose the game.' Pawns start slowly but surely to march down the board. Black will win the bishop, but lose the game. **37...d3 38.f5**

Giri,Anish: 'The power of the pawns is well demonstrated in the variation with 38... ♖e8.' The power of the pawns is well demonstrated in the variation with 38...♖e8. **38...Nd4**

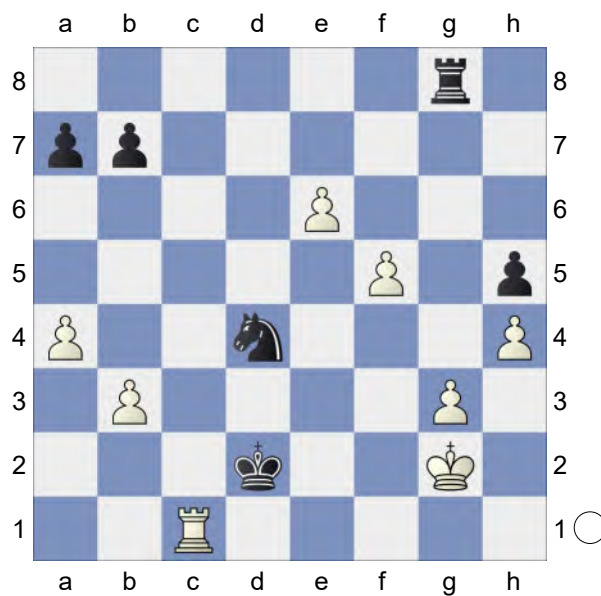
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Somehow somehow White is just first. hxg4 44.h5! Giri,Anish: 'The h-pawn needs to join.'The h-pawn needs to join. Kc3 45.h6 Kxb3 Giri,Anish: 'Black is just not in time with his c-pawn.'Black is just not in time with his c-pawn. 46.f6! Rxe6 47.f7 Rf6 (47...Rxh6 (Giri,Anish) Tadic,Branko 48.f8Q+-) 48.h7 Giri,Anish: 'Winning by queening.' Winning by queening. Rxf7 (Giri,Anish) Tadic,Branko 49.h8Q+-] [38...Rf8? (Giri,Anish) Tadic,Branko 39.Rxc6! bxc6 40.e7 Re8 41.f6 Kxe1 42.f7 Rxe7 43.f8Q Re2+ 44.Kg1!+-]

[38...d2 (Giri,Anish) Tadic,Branko 39.Bxd2 Kxd2 40.Rxc6 bxc6 41.f6+-]

39.Bxb4 Giri,Anish: 'Now also Re1 mate is threatened, so there is no time for 39... ♜xf5.' Now also Re1 mate is threatened, so there is no time for 39... ♜xf5. **39...d2 40.Bxd2 Kxd2**

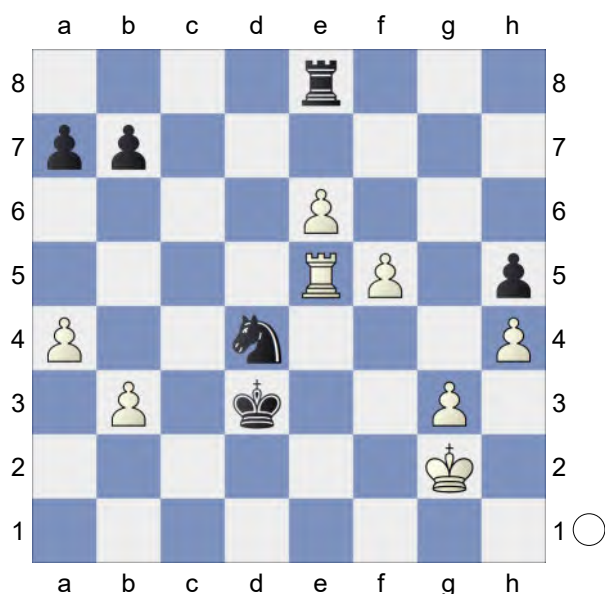
(Diagram)



41.Rc5 Giri,Anish: 'Guarding the pawns. The time control has been reached and as the dust settled, it turns out that White is simply queening the pawns. The extra knight can't help Black, as his king has been advanced too far and isn't in time to come back. After a long think Alireza made his move, but he already realised that the train had left the station...'Guarding the pawns. The time control has been reached and as the dust settled, it turns out that White is simply queening the pawns. The extra knight can't help Black, as his king has been advanced too far and isn't in time to come back. After a long think Alireza made his move, but he already realised that the train had left the station...

41...Re8 42.Re5 Kd3 Giri,Anish: 'Tadic, Branko: 'Diagram

[42...Nc6 Giri,Anish: 'Looks like an attempt at defence, but White wins by force here too.'Looks like an attempt at defence, but White wins by force here too. 43.Rd5+ Ke3 44.Rd6! Giri,Anish: 'Followed by f6 next, winning the game.'Followed by f6 next, winning the game.]



" **43.Kf2!** Giri,Anish: 'W' Tadic,Branko: '!' hite can afford to take the time to get the king to a somewhat better square, ready to meet ♖c6 now with ♔e3+. Black is helpless, as he finds his king on d3 on the wrong side of the river.' White can afford to take the time to get the king to a somewhat better square, ready to meet ♜c6 now with ♔e3+. Black is helpless, as he finds his king on d3 on the wrong side of the river.

[43.e7! (Giri,Anish) Tadic,Branko Nc6 44.Rd5+ Ke4 45.f6!! Nxe7 46.Rd1 Kf5 47.fxe7 Rxe7 48.Kf3+-]

43...Re7

[43...Kc3 (Giri,Anish) Tadic,Branko 44.e7 Nc6 45.Rc5+ Kxb3 46.Rxc6 Rxe7 47.Re6 Rf7 48.f6 Kxa4 49.Kf3 b5 (49...a5 50.Rb6+-) 50.Ra6+ Kb3 51.Kf4 Kc4 52.Kf5 b4 53.Kg6 b3 (53...Rb7 54.f7+-; 53...Rf8 54.Rxa7+-) 54.Kxf7 b2 55.Kg8 b1Q 56.f7+-]

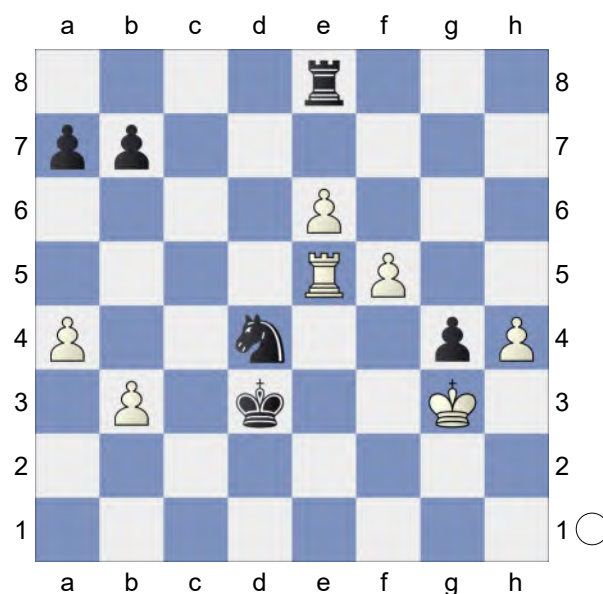
44.g4! Giri,Anish: 'Tadic,Branko: '!' '!' "

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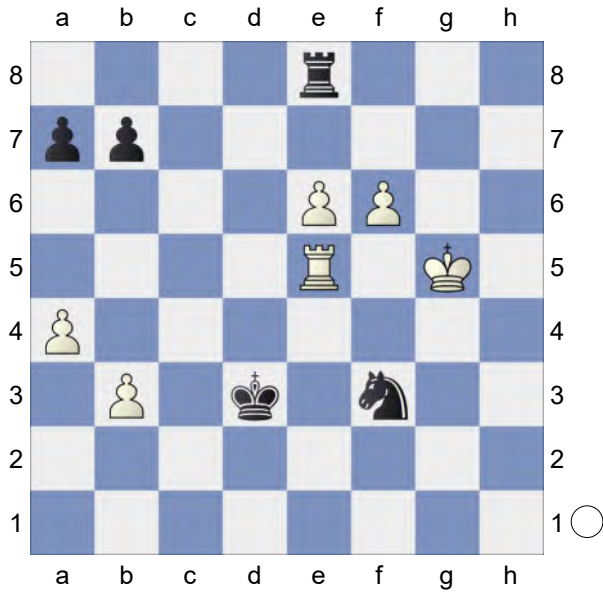
45...Re8

[45...Nf3 (Giri,Anish) Tadic,Branko 46.f6+-]

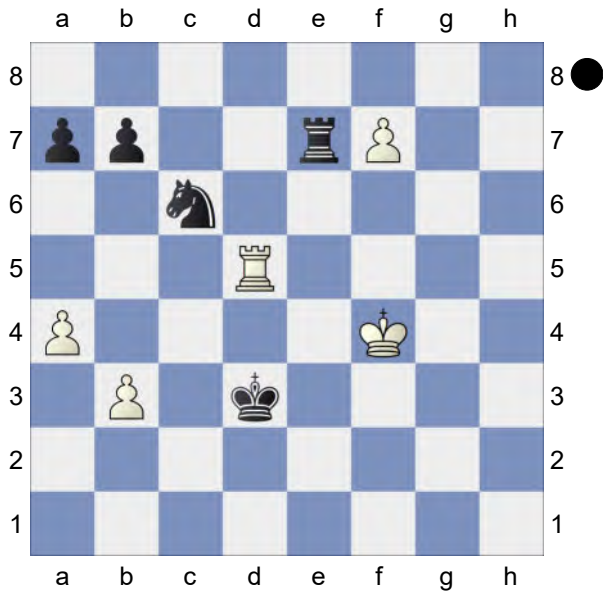


46.Kxg4 Nc6 47.Kf4 Giri,Anish: 'Tadic, Branko: '!' '!' Giri,Anish: 'The king and 2 connected passers are unstoppable, so White doesn't even have to move away his rook.' The king and 2 connected passers are unstoppable, so White doesn't even have to move away his rook. **47...Ne7 48.f6** Giri,Anish: 'Again using the fact that the rook on e5 is not really hanging.' Again using the fact that the rook on e5 is not really hanging. **48...Ng6+ 49.Kf5 Nxh4+ 50.Kg5 Nf3+**

(Diagram)



**51.Kf4 Nd4 52.e7 Nc6 53.f7 Rxe7
54.Rd5+**



Giri,Anish: 'And White queens on the next move. Fighting chess.'And White queens on the next move. Fighting chess.

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□ Paichadze, Luka

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■ Yoo, Christopher Woojin

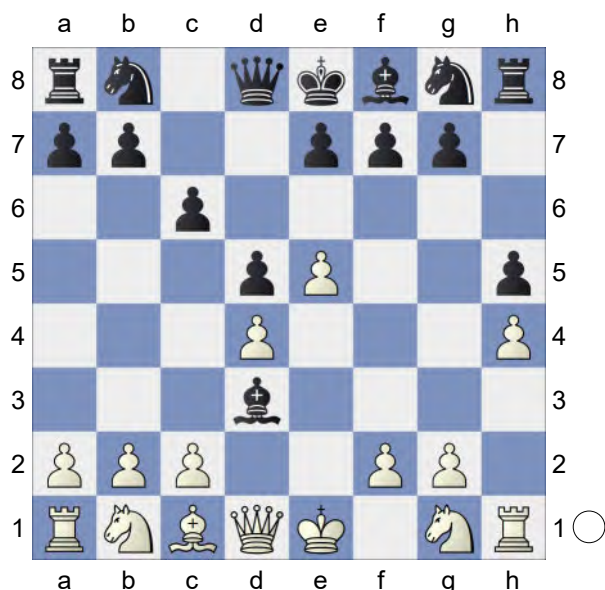
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[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 Qa5+! now scores much better than the old 6...e6.punktet besser als das ältere 6...e6. 7.Nd2 e6 8.Ne2 0.05/22

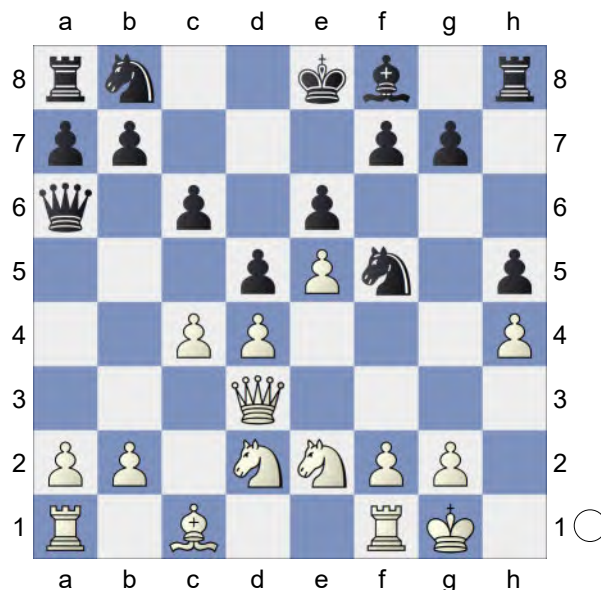
[8.Ngf3± 0.51/23 should be considered.]

8...Nh6 0.47/26

[8...c5= 0.05/22 is more appropriate.]

9.0-0 Qa6!? Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. 10.c4 Nf5

(Diagram)



11.g3 -0.17/21

[11.Rb1± 0.37/22]

[11.b3 c5 12.dxc5 Nc6 13.a3 Bxc5 14.b4 Nxe5 15.Qb1 Nxc4 16.bxc5 Nxd2 17.Bxd2 Qxe2 18.Qxb7 0-0 19.Bf4 Qg4 20.Bd6 Nxe4 21.g3 Nf3+ 22.Kg2 Qe4 23.Kh1 Ne1+ 24.f3 Nxf3 25.Rf2 Ne5+ 0-1 (40) Pape, J (2648)-Mladenov, P (2669) European Rapid Championship, Wroclaw 2014]

11...c5 Threatening ...Nc6. 12.b3 -0.61/22

[White should play 12.b4!= -0.04/22 cxb4 13.a3]

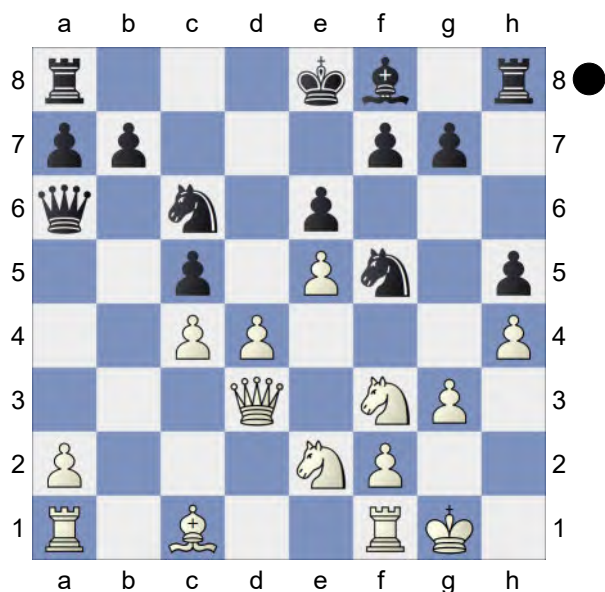
[12.dxc5 Nd7 13.Nf4 Nxe5 14.Qe2 Nxc4 15.Nxd5 Rc8 16.Qxc4 Qxc4 17.Nxc4 exd5 18.Re1+ Kd8 19.Ne5 Rc7 20.b4 b6 21.Rb1 Kc8 22.Bf4 bxc5 23.bxc5 Bxc5 24.Nxf7 Rxf7 25.Rb8+ Kd7 26.Rb7+ Kc6 1-0 (28) Chen, Q (2443)-Wang, Y (2677) CHN-ch Rapid 2024 (4)]

12...Nc6± 13.Nf3N

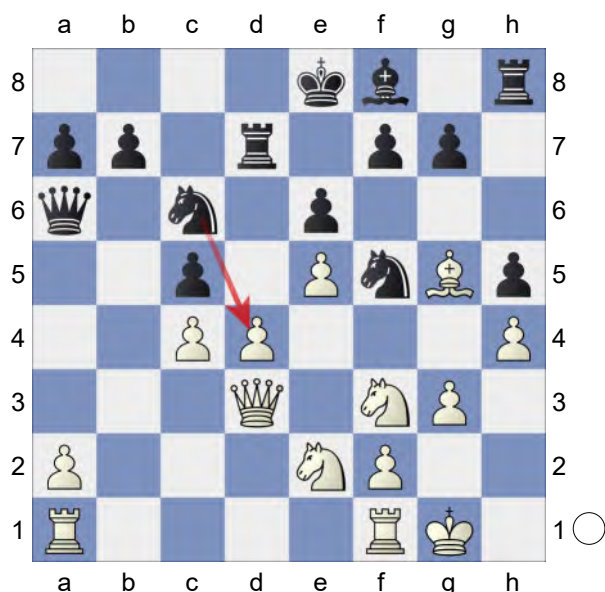
[13.dxc5 Rd8 14.Qc2 -1.34/20 (14.Nf3 -0.79/21) 14...Bxc5± 15.cxd5 Rxd5 16.Nc4 -2.10/21 (16.Nf4± -1.32/20 was necessary.]

Rxe5 17.Nc4) 16...Nxe5-+ 17.Nf4
Nf3+? -1.11/20 (17...Qc6-+ -2.78/22
and Black stays clearly on top.
18.Nxe5 Rxe5) 18.Kg2 Rf8
White must now prevent ...Qc6.
19.Qe4 0-1 (27) Gusain,H (2438)-
Donchenko,A (2553) Moscow Aeroflot
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13...dxc4 14.bxc4



aiming for d5. **14...Rd8 15.Bg5**
[15.d5 Rxd5 16.Qe4 Rd7+]
15...Rd7



16.Nc3 -1.44/26

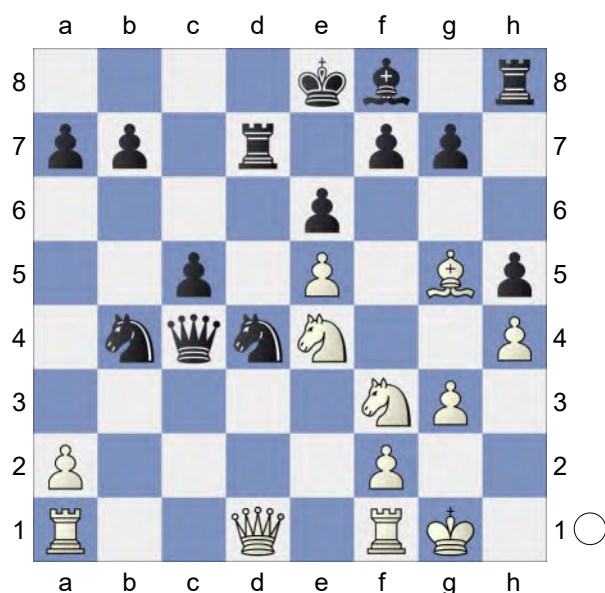
[16.d5 -0.51/21 Rxd5 Pin, Double
Attack 17.Qe4]

16...Nfxd4 Black is more active.
17.Ne4? -2.86/23 This move loses the
game for White.

[17.Rad1 -1.25/22 keeps fighting.]

17...Nb4-+ 18.Qd1 Qxc4

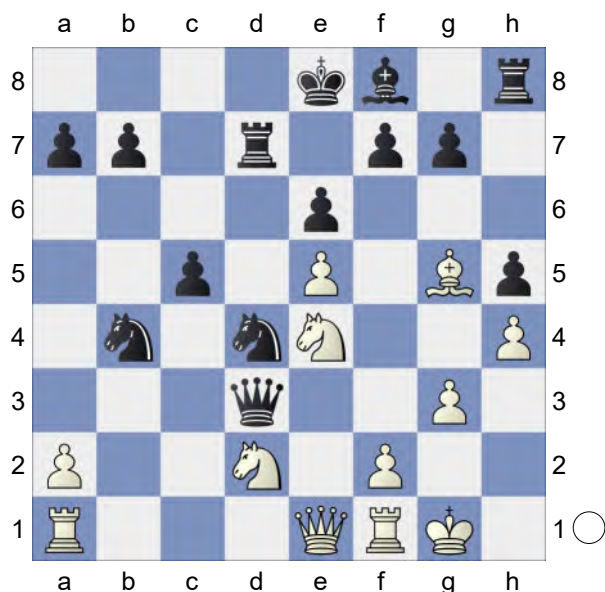
[18...Nxa2? 19.Nxd4 Qxc4
(19...Rxd4? 20.Qb1+-) 20.Qb3 Qxd4
21.Rfe1+-]



Threatens to win with ...Ne2+. **19.Nfd2**
Qc2 20.Qe1 Qd3

[20...Nxa2 21.Qb1 Qxb1 22.Rfxb1
Ne2+ 23.Kg2±]

(Diagram)



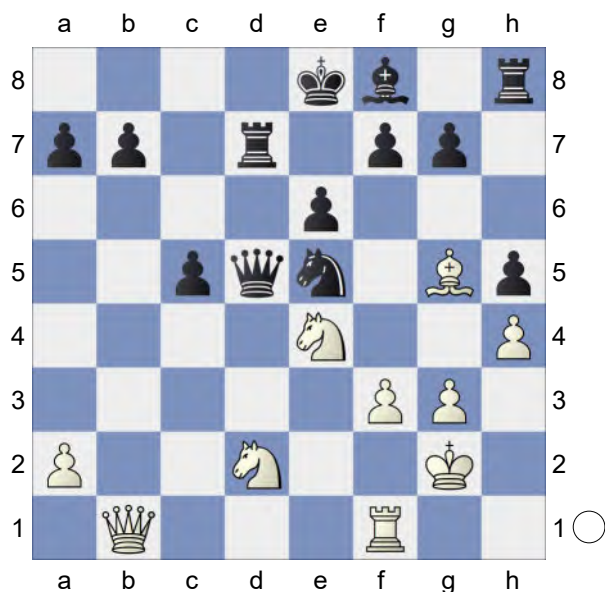
21.Rc1 Ne2+

[21...Nxa2 22.Ra1 Nc2 23.Qb1♞]

22.Kg2 Nxc1

[22...Nxa2? 23.Ra1 Nec3 24.Nxc3 Nxc3 25.Rxa7+-]

23.Qxc1 Qd5 24.f3 Nd3 25.Qb1 Nxe5



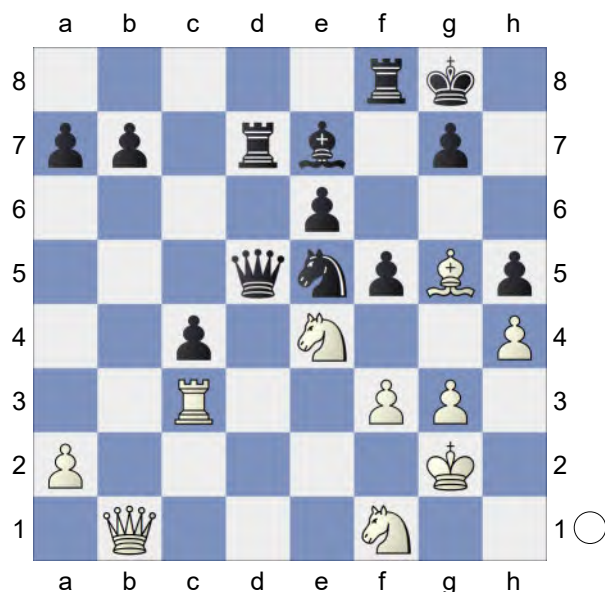
26.Nb3 c4 27.Rc1 Ba3

[27...cxb3? 28.Rc8+-]

28.Rc3 0-0

[28...cxb3? is the wrong capture.
29.Rc8+-]

29.Nbd2 Be7 30.Nf1 f5
(Diagram)



31.Bxe7 fxe4 32.Bxf8 exf3+ 33.Kh3 Kxf8 34.Qh7 Ng4 -11.71/21

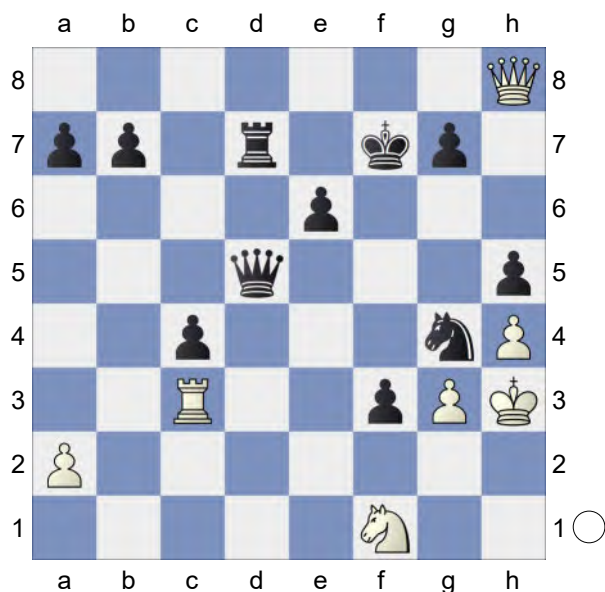
[♞34...Qd1 -#20/24 35.Nh2 f2 36.Qe4 f1Q+ (36...f1B+ is a self mate. 37.Nxf1 Remove Defender Qxf1+ 38.Qg2 Qf5+ 39.g4 hxg4+ 40.Kg3 Rd3+ 41.Rxd3 cxd3 42.h5 d2 43.Qe2 Qf3+ 44.Qxf3+ gxf3 45.Kf4 d1Q 46.Kxe5 f2 47.h6 f1Q 48.hxg7+ Kxg7 49.Ke4 Qg4+ 50.Ke5 Qff4#) 37.Nxf1 Qxf1+ 38.Qg2 Qf5+ 39.g4 hxg4+ (39...Nxg4 gets mated. 40.Rf3 Pin Rd3 41.Kg3 c3 42.Rxd3 Remove Defender Qxd3+ 43.Qf3+ Qxf3+ 44.Kxf3 c2 45.Ke4 c1Q 46.Kd3 Qb2 47.a3 a6 48.a4 a5 49.Ke4 Qc3 50.Kf4 Qe3#) 40.Kg3 Rd3+ 41.Rxd3 cxd3 (41...Qxd3+ 42.Kf2 Qd2+ 43.Kf1 Qxg2+ 44.Kxg2 c3 45.Kg3 c2 46.h5 c1Q 47.Kf2 Nf3 48.Kg3 Qe3 49.a4 Ng5+ 50.Kh4 Ne4 51.Kxg4 Qg3#) 42.Qxb7 Qf3+ 43.Qxf3+ gxf3 44.h5 d2 45.Kf4 d1Q (45...d1R 46.Kg3 Rd2 47.a3 Ke7 48.Kh3 Rg2 49.a4 Rg4 50.Kh2 f2 51.a5 f1Q 52.h6 Qg2#) 46.Kxe5 f2 47.h6 Qd5+

(47...f1B 48.hxg7+ Kxg7 49.Ke4 Qd5+ 50.Kf4 Qd4+ 51.Kg3 e5 52.Kh2 Qf2+ 53.Kh1 Qg2#) 48.Kf4 f1Q+ (48...f1B 49.hxg7+ Kxg7 50.Kg3 Qd4 51.a4 e5 52.Kh2 Qf2+ 53.Kh1 Qg2#) 49.Kg4 Qfg2+ 50.Kh4 Qdg5#]

35.Qh8+

Black is clearly winning.

35...Kf7



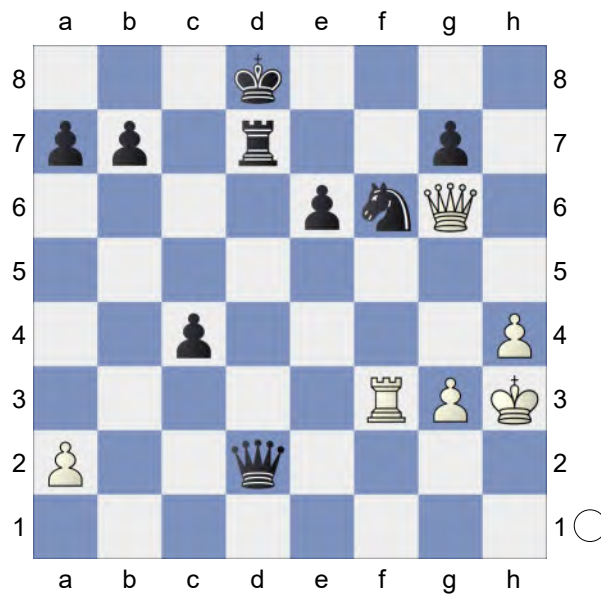
36.Nd2 Qxd2 37.Rxf3+ Nf6

...Qd1 is the strong threat. **38.Qxh5+**

Ke7 39.Qg6 Kd8

[39...Qxa2? 40.Qxg7+ Kd6 41.Qf8+ Kd5 42.Qxf6#]

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.77/
Black=0.08 (flawless)

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□ Firouzja, Alireza

■ Howell, David

FIDE Grand Swiss (10)

[Giri, Anish]

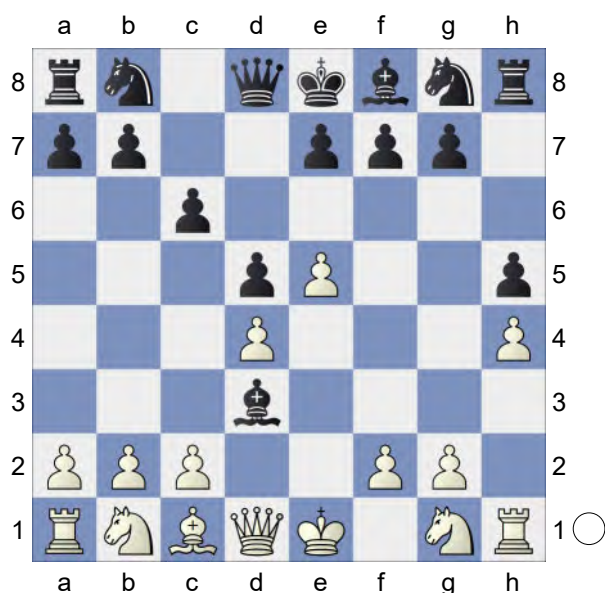
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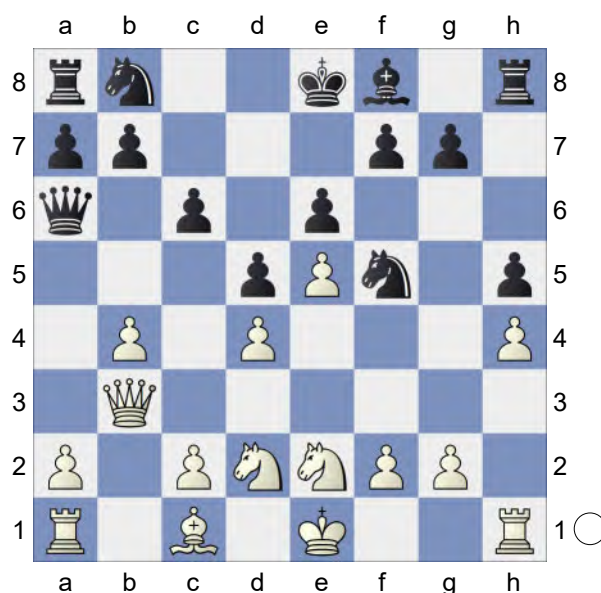
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Italian is a frequent guest in the practice of modern top players and Firouzja's is no exception there. **3...Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3**



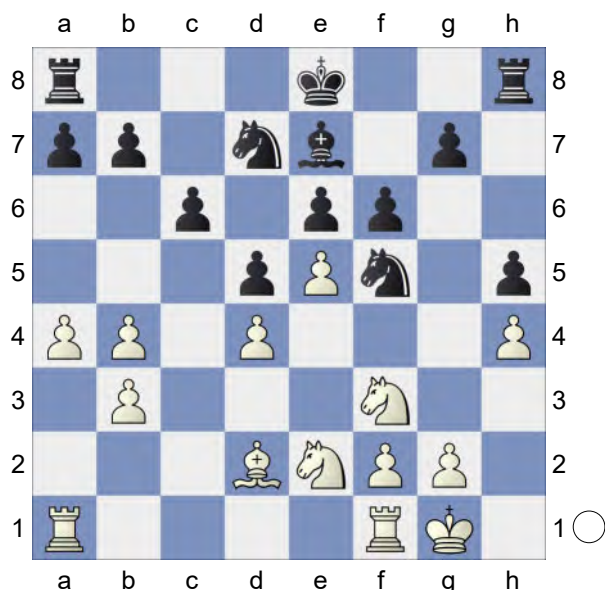
Many players these days prevent Bg5 at the first possible opportunity. This also has downsides, but perhaps this is not a moment for one of my favourite lectures—the lecture on the Italian move order subtleties. **6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.Nd2 e6 8.Ne2** This is not necessary here and there is also quite some point in the 8. Nbd2 move order, intending to save on the move h3, after, for example, 8. Nbd2 a5 9. Nf1 . **8...Ne7** I believe it was Eljanov, who was one of the first players to introduce this system to high level practice. As space started to get more appreciated by the modern engines and therefore also modern players, the

system with a5, limiting the queenside expansion with b4, has gained in popularity. **9.b4** One disadvantage of 8...a5 over 8...a6, is that White doesn't have to address the positional threat of Na5 and can focus on development without wasting a tempo on a4 or Bb3 . **9...Qa6 10.Qb3** Another disadvantage of 8...a5 system, is that it weakens the b5 square, where the bishop can relocate itself. **10...Nf5**



A decent side-system, which is a sound alternative to the complex main-line 10... $\text{Qb8!?$, where the queen gets into the game via the a7-square. That system has a good reputation, but is very complex and double edged. What David does instead, is simpler, intending to transfer the c6 knight to g6 via e7 and expand on the queenside with c6-b5-a5. **11.Nf3 Nd7 12.a4** It made sense to start with 12.d4 as well, but then White had to deal with 12...exd4 13.cxd4 d5 14. e5 Ne4 15. Ng3 c5 sequence, typical for this line, that happened in Tabatabaei-Sevian 2020. **12...Qc4 13.Bd2 Qxb3 14.cxb3 f6** Grabbing space on the queenside. The point of this setup for

Black, is that while he does give White the opportunity to stabilise a strong centre after 15.d4, the queenside expansion with b5-a4 had made sure that Black has some queenside space and if White is to challenge it with b3 and c4, a lot of trades will happen, leading to simplifications, that are favorable for Black, the side that has less space in the centre. **15.0-0 Be7**



16.g3 Kf7 17.Rfe1 fxe5 The bishop is generally better placed on b6, anticipating the typical b3 push and the opening of the a-file with axb3 axb3.

[17...Bd8 now 29.♘xg7 c5! as well as 29.♙xg7 ♙xf5 30. ♘xf5 ♖d8! 31.Rc3 c5! gives Black a lot of counterplay, hitting the g2 pawn, but the simple and strong 29. ♙f1! maintains some advantage, though after 29... ♙e5 30. ♙xe5 ♖xe5 Black is still in the game. 18.Nf4! Black had to create counterchances here and play more concrete. This move not only hits the g3 knight, but also guards the d6 square and now Ndf5 is no longer the same. Black is doing fine here, though the position is yet to clarify. g5!

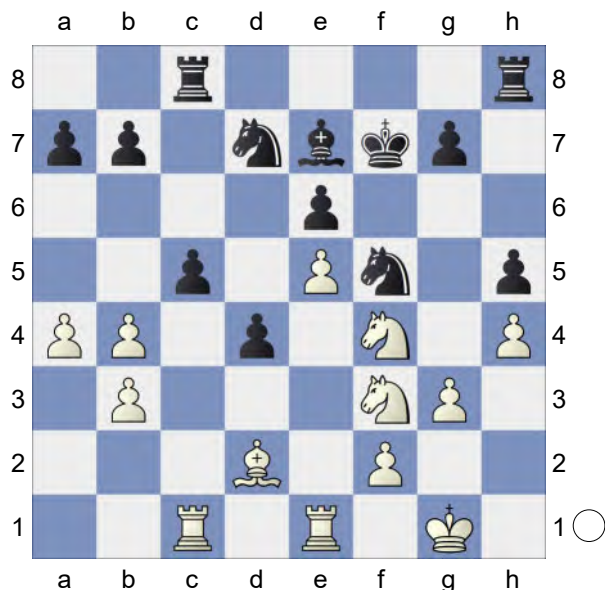
This was a strong shot here, when the position would be very double edged and White would have to show quite some accuracy here too, in order not to get into some trouble. 19.exf6]

18.dxe5!? An interesting concept that I hadn't come across before. Usually White would fight for the queenside space and squares with b4/b3, leading to a lot of trades. Alireza solves the issue of the hanging a2 pawn differently, weakens the light squares further, but does keep literally all the pieces on the board and thus more pressure on the opponent. **18...Rac8** Alternative and possibly a clearer plan would have been 17... ♙c7, preparing d5, with mass simplifications in the centre to follow. **19.Nf4** Introducing the c3-c4 break idea. **19...d4** Black starts being clever here. Very possible was not to be too deep about things and just bring the a8 rook towards the center- Rad8, hinting at the d5 break. **20.Rac1**

[20.a5 White is quite simply winning, as the d4 bishop is unopposed and the attack is absolutely free, besides the large positional advantage. c5 This might have been Black's idea, but now the shot on g7 or h6 is even more powerful. (20...a6 21.Ra2 And Black's position crumbles. c5 Here Black at least gets to activate his f6 knight, which gives chances for counterplay. 22.bxc5 Nxc5 The knight on f4 is also doing stuff and it turns out that capturing the g7 pawn leads to a mess that is quite favourable for Black. 23.b4) 21.b5]

20...c5

(Diagram)



Moving out of the c-file and intending to meet 21.c4 with 21...bxc4 22.Bxc4 and 22...d5. **21.Nd5** It was hard to improve the position further and White decides that it is a good time to start some action. **21...cxb4**

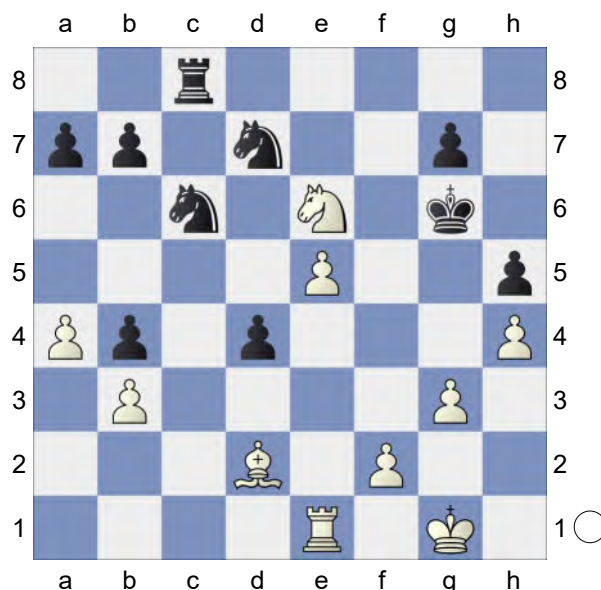
[21...Kg6 22.Nxe7+! This is actually even cleaner. Nxe7 23.bxc5 White regains the exchange and ends up strategically winning, thanks to the powerful bishops. Nxc5 24.Nxd4 Nf5]

22.Nxe7 Nxe7! Creating tension in the center. **23.Ng5+** Neither 23.exd5 cxd5 nor 23.dxe5 Nxe4 promise anything clear for White, so instead he maintains the tension.

[23.Bxb4! a simple double attack on the f7 and h6 pawns. Nd5 24.Bd6 and White is the one playing for a win here, but with some accurate play, Black is likely able to setup a successful defense here. d3 Was obviously the way to go, with a winning advantage, though work still had to be done after 25.Rcd1]

23...Kg6?! So far Black has done quite okay, but the next phase of the game

goes badly wrong for him. **24.Rxc8** White's pieces are ready to activate themselves and Black had to realize that this is a point of no return. **24...Rxc8?** Too submissive. Now White gets the time he needs to regroup and go on the offensive. **25.Nxe6!** Now the direct threat is ♘d6 and at the same time, White is ready to up the heat with ♙d4 coming up next. **25...Nc6**



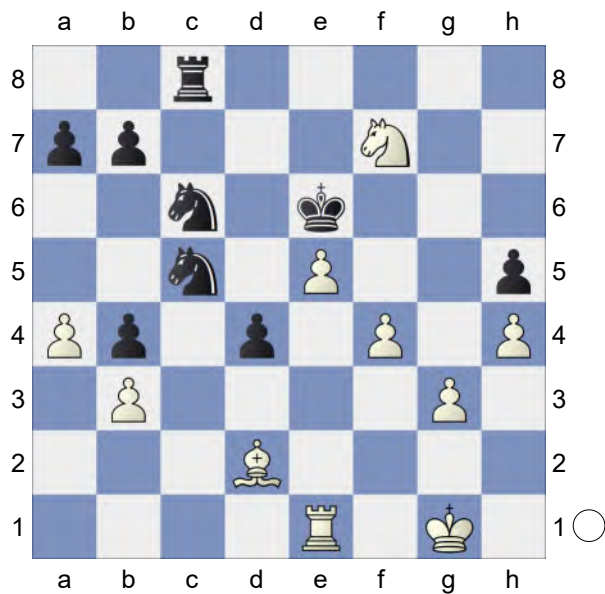
26.f4 Kf5? Black doesn't have a good response to 27. ♙d4, so he had to take with the knight instead.

[26...Rg8]

27.Nxg7+! Kg6 This natural attempt to neutralize the d4 bishop has two tactical flaws. **28.Ne6** This shot works quite well, but the computer points out that the simple 28. ♜xe5! was even more efficient.

28...Kf5 29.Ng5 The tactics work for White, as he basically ends up up a pawn. **29...Nc5 30.Nf7 Ke6**

(Diagram)



31.Nd6? Trying to be clever almost backfired, as Firouzja overlooks a cute tactic, that doesn't win for Black only thanks to a very fortunate save.

31...Rg8! A beautiful resource, based on the back rank theme (Rxc6 Re1+). Now if White moves the rook, Black would remain up a piece, but fortunately for White he still has a way to keep the largest portion of his advantage. **32.Kg2!**

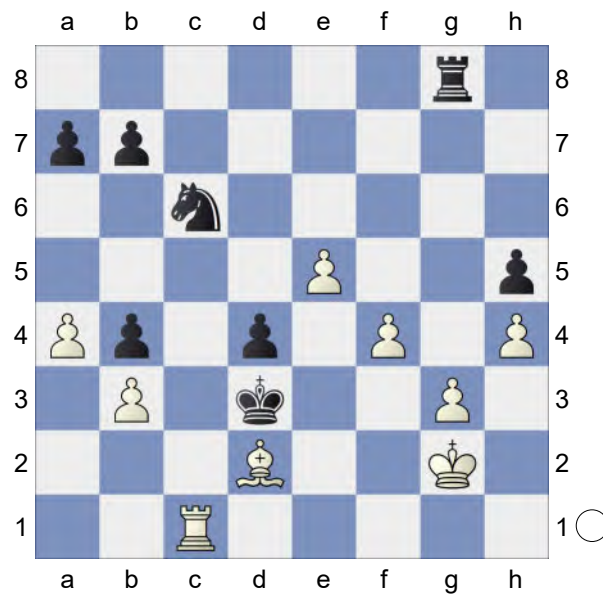
Kd5? The alternatives were offering better chances to save the game.

33.Rb1 White ends up up a pawn in an endgame. **33...Ne4 34.Nxe4 Kxe4**

35.Rc1 White is just up a pawn and has almost stabilised. There was still a way for Black to fight on here. **35...Kd3?**

[35...a5!]

(Diagram)

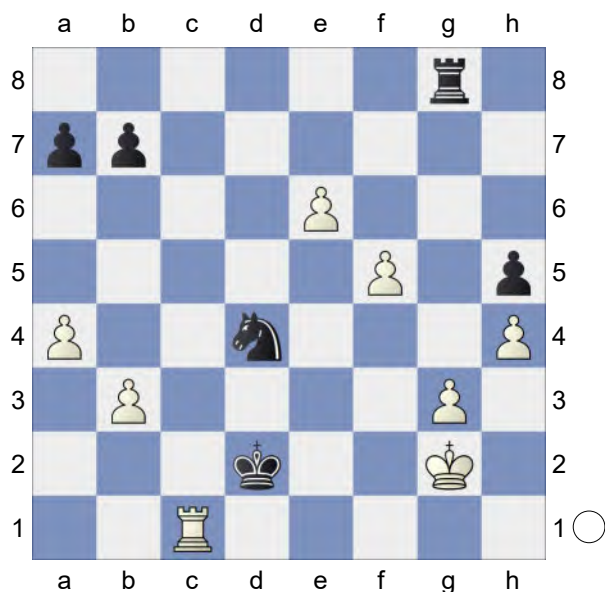


The final mistake, closing the a1-h8 diagonal, making the b2 pawn breathe a sigh of relief, as Be5 is no longer an idea. **36.Be1!** Now Black is done, as the h6 pawn needs protection and 37. **Qd3** is queued up. **36...Ke2 37.e6** Black had to be in time with Bd6-Rb8, but now the c8 rook is practically trapped for a trade and the bishop endgame is dead lost, slowly but surely. **37...d3 38.f5** Black is down a pawn and is completely helpless here. Firouzja converts smoothly. **38...Nd4**

[38...Re8 39.Rxc6 The h5 pawn drops as well. bxc6! Would actually still keep the game going. There is a threat of d4 followed by Rb8, while if White goes 36.Bd3 now, there is a strong reply 36...Be5!. 40.Bxb4 c5! And as Black will trade the dark squared bishops, White will still have quite some trouble converting this (perhaps it is even holdable, objectively), as the b2 pawn will need protection. 41.Bc3 Now the variation is forced- d2 42.Bxd2 Kxd2 43.g4 hxg4 44.h5 Kc3 This endgame is terribly unpleasant for Black, but there

are some drawish tendencies, thanks to the opposite coloured bishops and the fact that White hasn't yet mobilised his king. 45.h6 is also a decent attempt at fighting on. Kxb3 46.f6 Rxe6 47.f7 Rf6 48.h7 Black has quite some material for the queen. Now White has a strong sequence.]

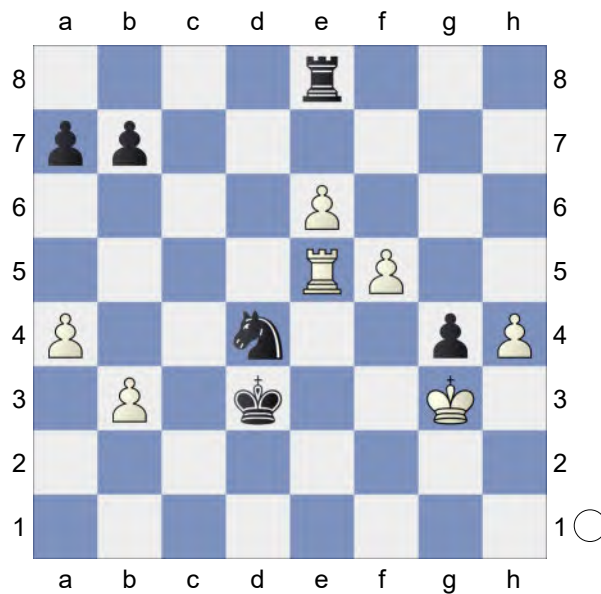
39.Bxb4 d2 40.Bxd2 Kxd2



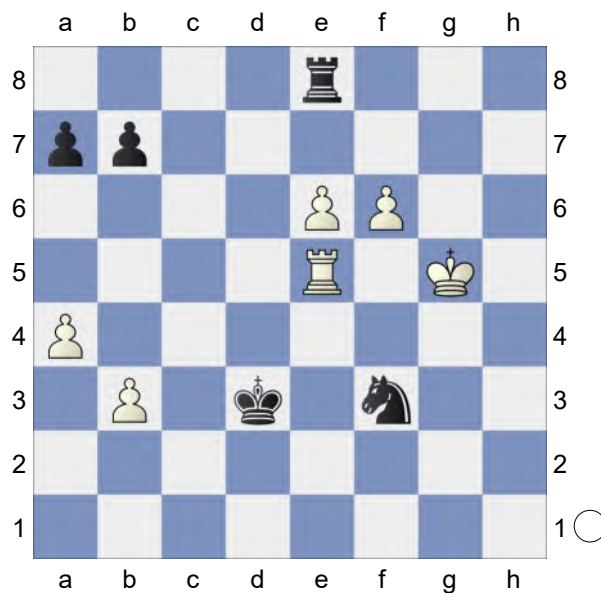
41.Rc5 The king is slowly making its entree. **41...Re8 42.Re5 Kd3**

[42...Nc6 43.Rd5+ Ke3 44.Rd6]
43.Kf2 Re7 44.g4 hxg4 45.Kg3 Re8

(Diagram)

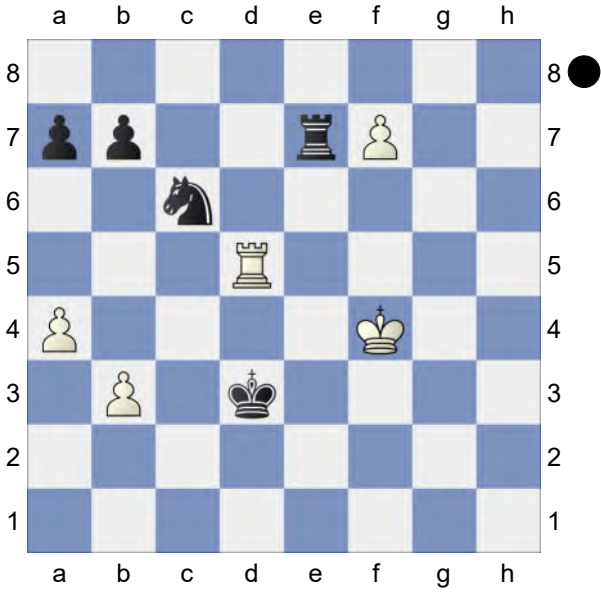


46.Kxg4 All black pawns are weak and it is the d4 pawn that is falling first. **46...Nc6 47.Kf4 Ne7 48.f6 Ng6+ 49.Kf5 Nxh4+ 50.Kg5 Nf3+**



51.Kf4 Nd4 52.e7 Nc6 53.f7 Rxe7 54.Rd5+

(Diagram)



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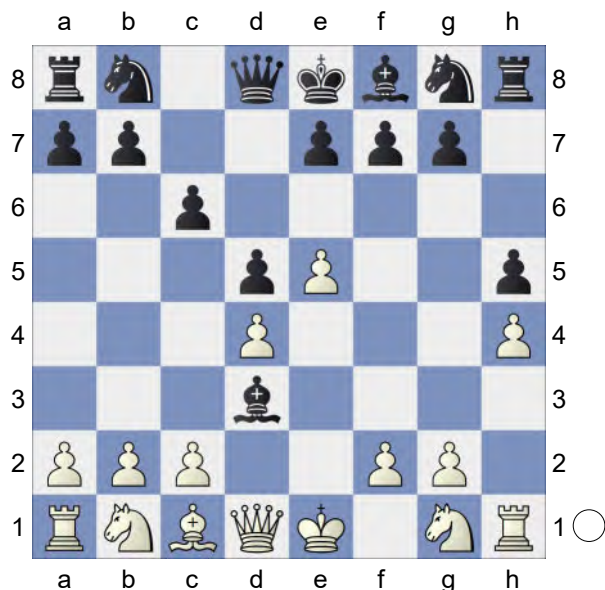
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Kukhmazov,A

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[Kitty Kat]

B12**2760****2498****B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation**

In this example, we are going to examine another interesting gambit line. The starting position of this variation arises after **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3**

**6.Qxd3 Hoping for e6!**

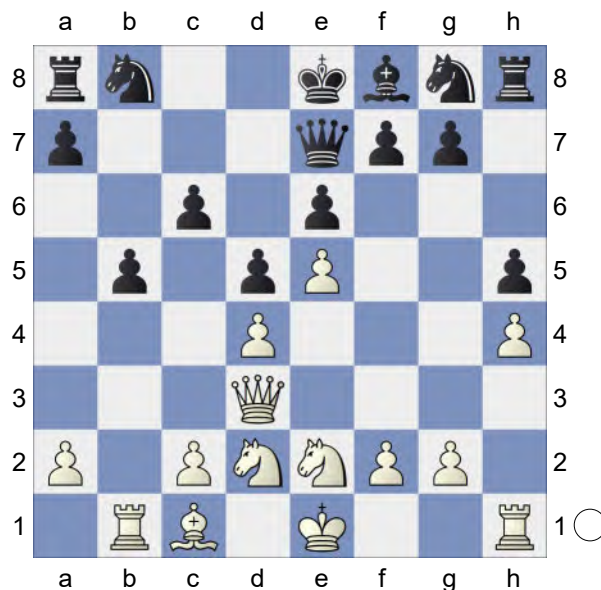
[6.cxd3 e6=]

6...Qa5+ 7.b4 Qxb4+ 8.Nd2The position is equal. **8...e6**

[8...Qb5 9.c4 dxc4 10.Nxc4 e6 11.a4 Qa6 12.Ba3 Nd7 13.Bxf8 Kxf8 14.Nf3 Ne7 15.0-0 Nb6 16.Rfc1 Rd8 17.Rab1 Rd7 18.Qb3 Nxc4 19.Rxc4 Nd5 20.g3 g6 21.Ng5 Kg7 22.Rbc1 Rhd8 23.Qf3 Chigaev,M (2643)-Karjakin,S (2757) Moscow 2021 CBM 206 [Schandorff, Lars] 1-0 (41)]

9.Rb1 White has compensation. **9...Qe7 10.Ne2**

[10.c4 Nh6 11.Ne2 Nf5 12.Ng3 Nxh4 13.Nde4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Qd8 15.Bg5 Qa5+ 16.Bd2 Qd8 17.Bg5 Qa5+ 18.Bd2 Qd8 19.Bg5 0-1 (19) Martinez Alcantara,J (2607)-Eljanov,P (2705) Chess.com INT 2023 [GM Grigor Grigorov]]

10...b5

Prevents c4. 11.a4N White fights for an advantage.

[11.Nf3 Na6 12.Nf4 (12.0-0 Nc7 13.a4 Qd7 14.Nf4 a5 15.Bd2 Ne7 16.Ra1 b4 17.c3 Nf5 18.cxb4 axb4 19.Rfc1 Na6 20.Qc2 c5 21.dxc5 Bxc5 22.Qd3 g6 23.Qb5 Nd4 24.Nxd4 Bxd4 25.Rab1 Bxe5 26.Nd3 Bc3 Neumann,J (2628)-Van Riemsdijk,D (2577) Minsk 2021 OPN 78, D44 [Bellmann,HerbertRepp, Heinrich] 1-0 (40)) 12...Nc7 13.Ng5 a5 14.Rh3 Nh6 15.Nxh5 Nf5 16.g4 b4 17.a4 Rxh5 18.gxh5 c5 19.dxc5 Qxc5 20.c3 Qc4 21.cxb4 axb4 22.Bd2 Rxa4 23.Rc1 Qxd3 24.Rxd3 Ra7 25.Nh7 Be7 Cheparinov,I (2659)-Anton Guijarro,D (2658) Espana 2021 ½-½ (47)]

11...a6 12.Nf3 Nh6 0.59/22

[12...Qc7= 0.06/20]

13.0-0 0.17/20

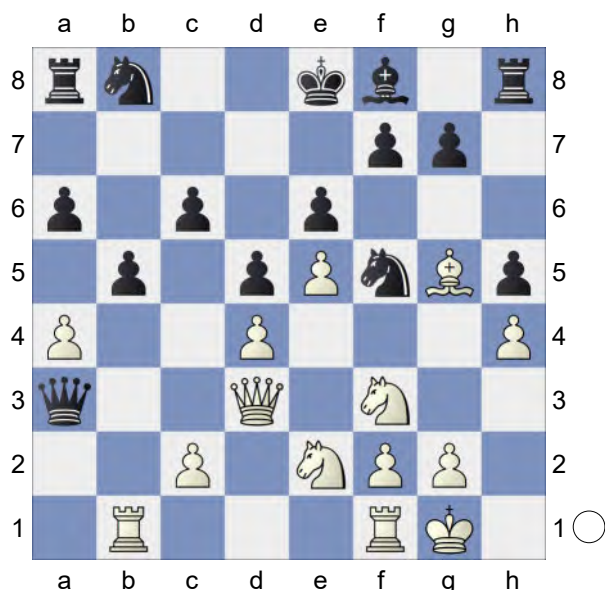
[But not 13.axb5 cxb5 14.Bxh6 Rxh6=]

[13.Bg5?! Qa3=]

[13.Bxh6± 0.59/22 Rxh6 14.0-0]

13...Nf5= 14.Bg5 Qa3 1.93/21

[14...Qc7= 0.21/20 and Black has nothing to worry.]

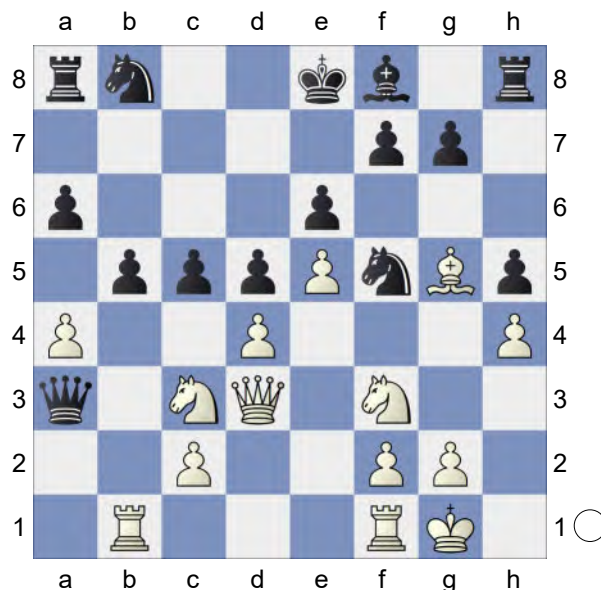


A mistake that costs the game.

15.Nc3!+- c5 2.74/20

[15...bxa4 1.77/23 was necessary.
16.Ra1 Qb4]

(Diagram)



16.Ra1!

[Inferior is 16.axb5 c4 17.Qd2 Bb4
18.Rxb4 Qxb4=]

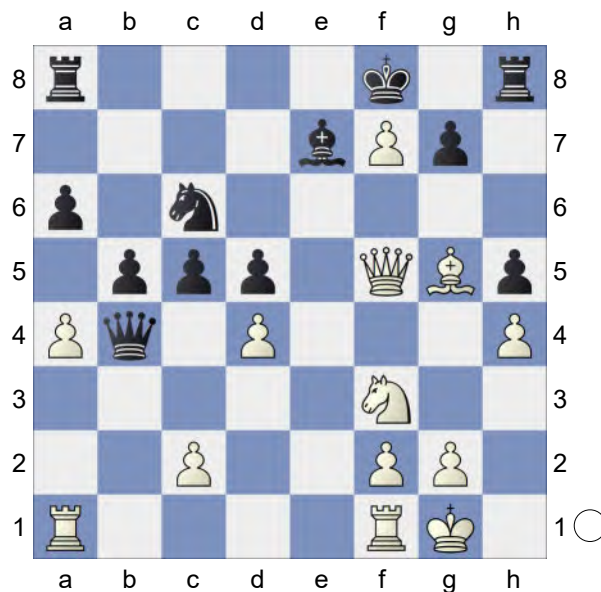
16...Qb4 4.98/20

[16...c4 2.53/20 was called for.
17.Qd2 Qb4]

17.Nxd5 Deflection 17...exd5 7.84/19

[17...Qc4 4.97/19 18.Nc7+ Kd7
19.Nxa8 Qxd3 20.cxd3 b4]

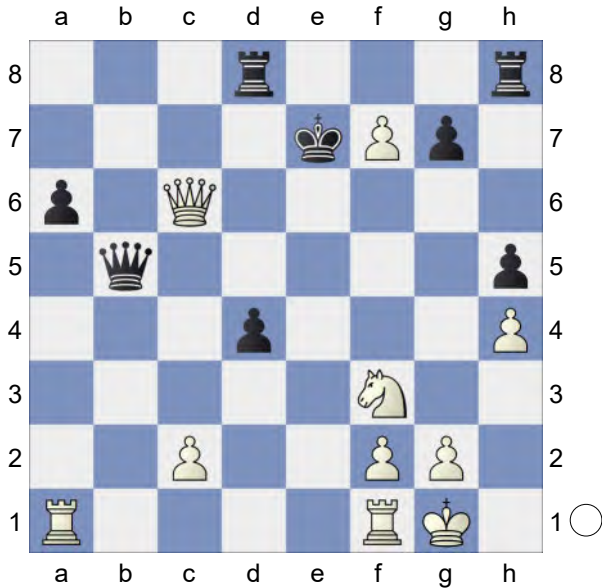
18.Qxf5 Nc6 19.e6 Be7 20.exf7+ Kf8



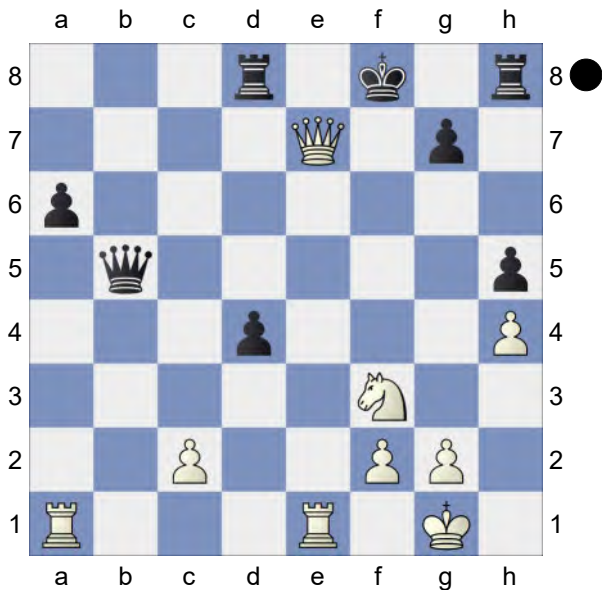
21.Qxd5 White threatens Bxe7+ and mate. **21...Rc8 22.Qd7** Rfe1 would kill now. **22...Rd8 23.Qxc6** 14.62/18

[♖23.Bxe7+ #6/17 Nxe7 24.Qxd8+
Kxf7 25.Ng5+ Kg6 26.Qd6+ Kf5
27.Qe6+ Kf4 28.Nh3#]

**23...cxd4 24.axb5 Rfe1 is the strong
threat. 24...Qxb5 25.Bxe7+**
White mates. 25...Kxe7



26.Rfe1+ Kxf7 27.Qe6+ Kf8 28.Qe7+



Weighted Error Value: White=0.08
(flawless) /Black=1.31

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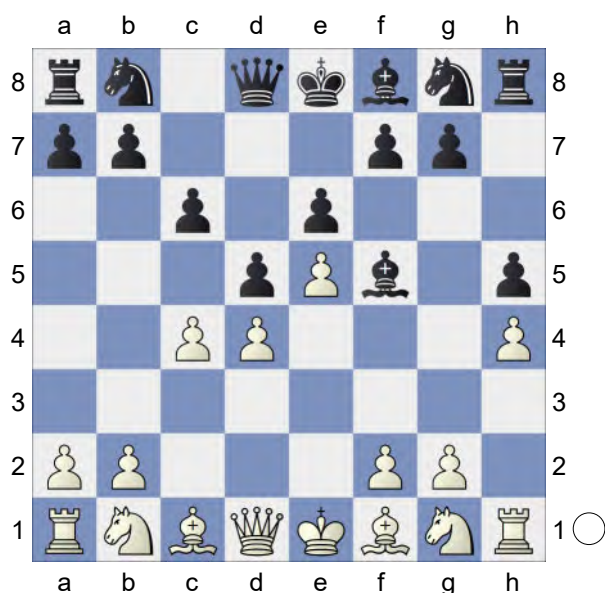
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation Oll,
L: 'Inf 51/(131)' Kitty Kat: 'B12: Caro-
Kann: Advance Variation

Oll, L: 'Inf 51/(131)' 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5
3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.c4 e6



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vielfersprechender. Kitty Kat: 'is now
more promising than 6...Ne7.'
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8.Nge2 Ne7 9.Bg5 Qb6

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14.Qf3 Bb4 15.Bd2 Qe7 16.a3 Bd6
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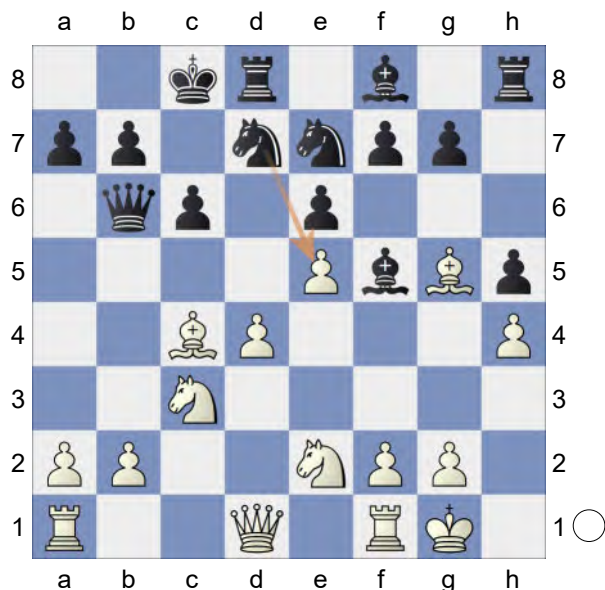
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½-½ (59) Golis, W (2053)-Dogan, U
(1859) EU-ch U12 31st 2023 (8)]

10...0-0-0

(Diagram)



White is better. Kitty Kat: '!' '!' Kitty Kat: 'White is slightly better.' **11.Qc1N**

[Vorgänger: 11.Na4 Kitty Kat: 'is more complex.' Qc7 12.Qb3 f6 13.exf6 gxf6 14.Bf4 Qa5 15.Nac3 e5 16.Be3 Ng6 17.g3 -0.31/20 (17.Rad1± 0.93/20) 17...exd4! ♣ Kitty Kat: '=!' '=!' 18.Nxd4 Durarbayli,V (2625)-Haring,F (2446) EU-chT 24th Budva 2023 (2. 12) 1/2-1/2]

11...Kb8 0.95/19

[11...f6± 0.51/21 was preferable. 12.Be3 Qb4]

12.a3 0.54/21

[12.Rd1± 0.95/19]

[12.Ng3± 1.04/19]

12...Qc7 1.15/20

[12...f6± 0.54/21 13.exf6 gxf6]

[12...Ka8± 0.51/18]

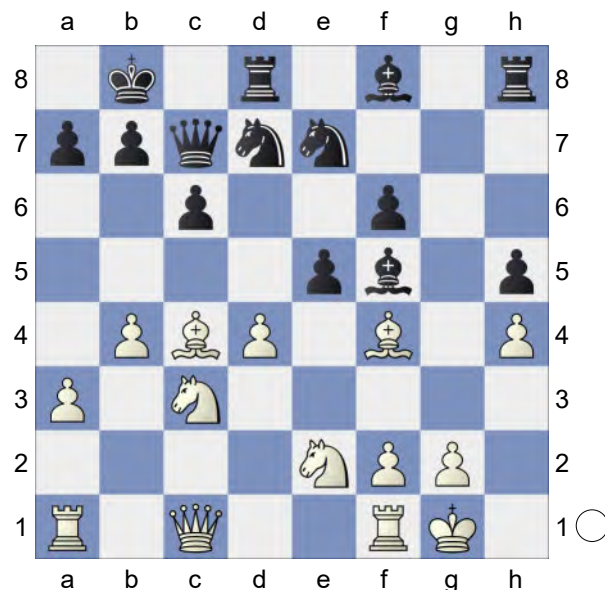
13.b4 -0.06/21

[Better is 13.Rd1± 1.15/20]

13...f6= 14.exf6 gxf6 15.Bf4

Pin Kitty Kat: 'Pin' **15...e5**

(Diagram)



16.dxe5 Nxe5 Hoping for ...N7g6.

17.Ng3 -0.57/21

[17.Rd1= -0.04/21]

17...Bg4 ♣ 18.Nce4 -1.10/22

[White should try Kitty Kat: 'White should try' 18.Bxe5 -0.72/21 Kitty Kat: ' ♣ ' ♣ ' Qxe5 (18...fxe5 19.f3) 19.Re1]

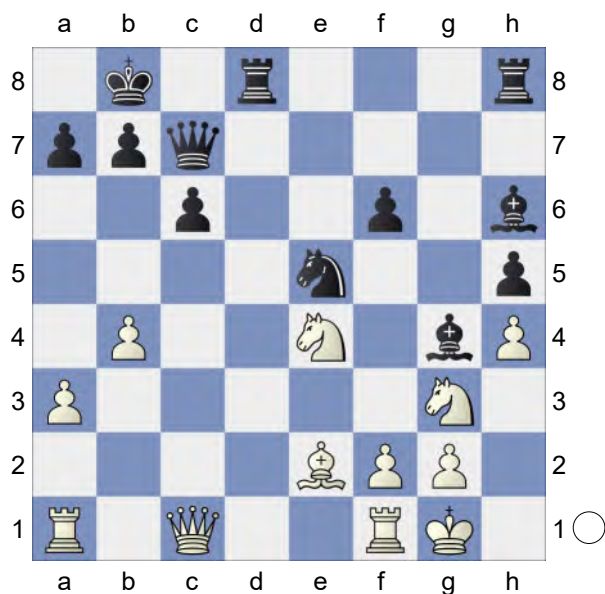
18...N7g6 ♣ aiming for ...Nxf4. Kitty Kat: 'aiming for ...Nxf4.' **19.Bxe5 Nxe5**

20.Be2? -2.67/20

[20.Re1 ♣ -0.95/18 might work better.]

20...Bh6!-+

(Diagram)



21.Qc3 Bxe2 -0.61/21

[21...f5-+ -2.44/25 22.Nc5 Bd2]

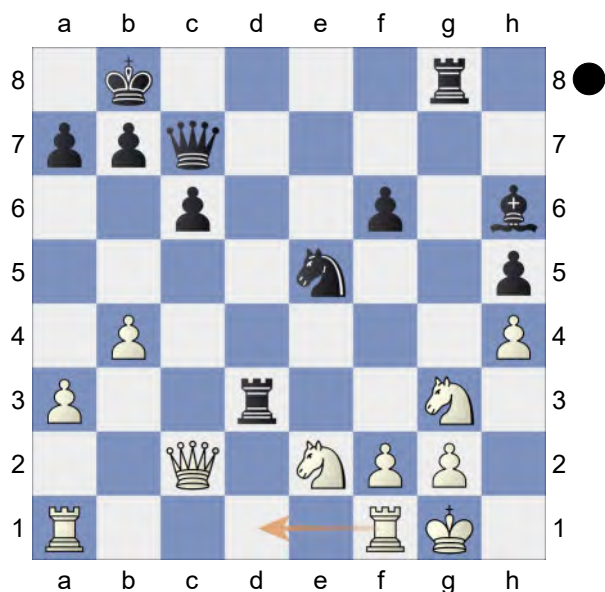
22.Nxe2 Excellent horsemanship. Kitty

Kat: ' A dynamic duo of knights.'

22...Rd3! 23.Qc2 Rg8 Dodges N2g3. (

→ ... Nf3+) Kitty Kat: '!' '!' Kitty Kat: '

(-> ...Nf3+) **24.N4g3**



f5 0.39/27 25.f4? -1.61/23

[25.Rad1!± 0.39/27 stays ahead. Kitty

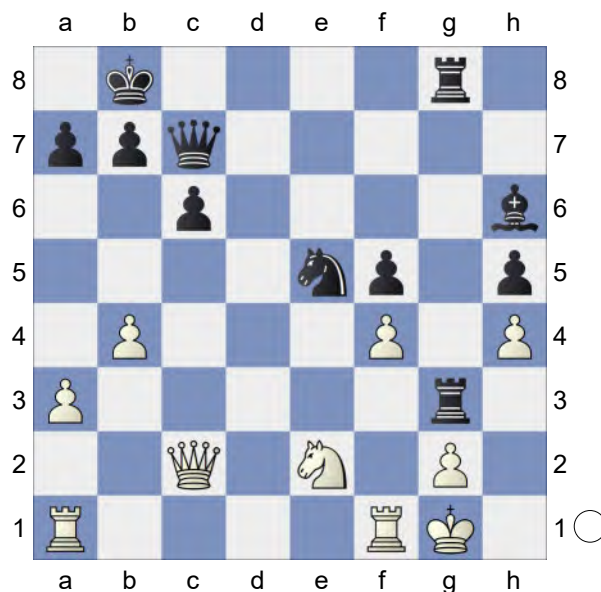
Kat: '=' '=' Rxd1 26.Rxd1]

25...Rdxg3?? 2.12/17

[25...Qb6+-+ -1.61/23 Kitty Kat: '-+!'

'-+!' Kitty Kat: ' and life is good for

Black.' 26.Qc5 (26.Kh1? Qd8-+)
26...Qxc5+ 27.bxc5 Ng6 28.Nxf5
Bf8]



26.Nxg3+-

[26.fxe5 Rxc2+ 27.Kh1 Qxe5]

26...Rxc3 2.04/19

[26...Ng4± 1.38/18 27.Rae1

(27.Nxf5 Bxf4 28.Kh1 Re8±;

27.Qxf5 Ne3±; 27.Nxh5 Qd8=)

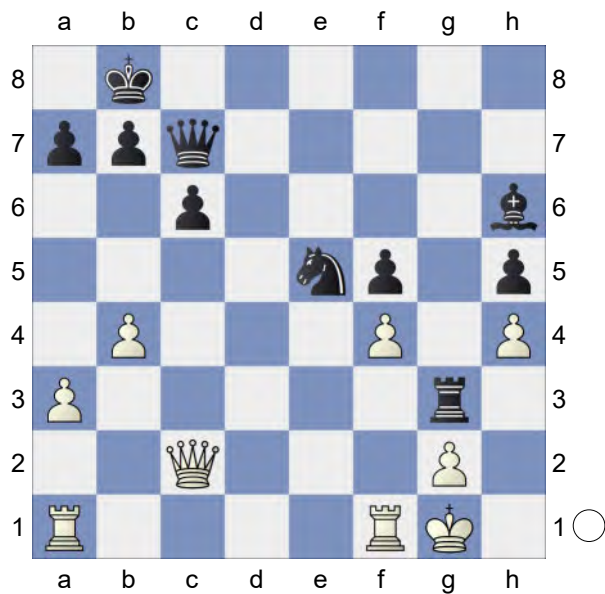
27...a5 28.bxa5 (28.Nxh5 Qb6+

29.Kh1 axb4+-; 28.Qxf5 Qd8+-;

28.Nxf5 Bxf4 29.g3 Bxc3±)

28...Rd8]

(Diagram)



27.fxe5 -0.99/27 Kitty Kat: '?' '?'

[White must play 27.Rae1!+- 2.40/23

A) 27...Qb6+? 28.Kh2+-;

B) 27...Qd7 28.Rxe5 (28.fxe5 Be3+ 29.Rxe3 Rxe3=);

C) 27...Qd8 28.Rxe5 (28.fxe5 Be3+ 29.Rxe3 Rxe3=)]

27...Be3+ 0.00/26

[Kitty Kat: ' Better is' 27...Qxe5± -0.99/27

A) 28.Rxf5? Qxa1+ 29.Kh2 Qg7+- (29...Qe1+-);

B) 28.Qxf5? Qd4+ 29.Kh2 Qxh4+ 30.Kg1 Be3+ 31.Rf2 Qd4+-;

C) 28.Rae1 Be3+

C1) 29.Kh1 Qd4±;

C2) 29.Rxe3 Qxe3+ 30.Qf2 Qxf2+ (30...Qxa3 31.Qf4+ Ka8 32.Qd2=) 31.Rxf2 Rg4 (31...Rxa3 32.Rxf5 b5 33.Rxh5=);

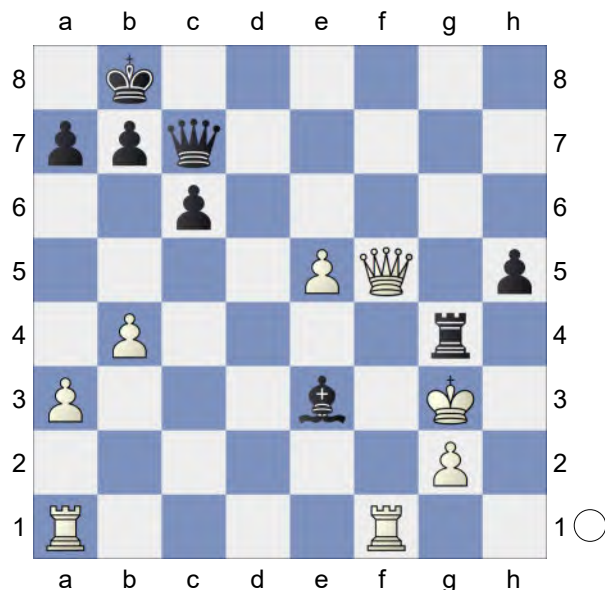
C3) 29.Rf2 f4 (29...Bxf2+ 30.Qxf2 Qd6 31.Qxf5=)]

28.Kh2!= Rg4 3.71/21

[28...f4= 0.00/26 Kitty Kat: ' and Black has nothing to worry.' 29.Qd1 Rg4 (29...a5) 30.Rf3±]

29.Qxf5+- Strongly threatening Qf8+.

29...Rxh4+ 30.Kg3 Kitty Kat: ' Qf8+ would now be deadly.' **30...Rg4+**



31.Kh3

Kitty Kat: ' Hoping for Qf8+.'

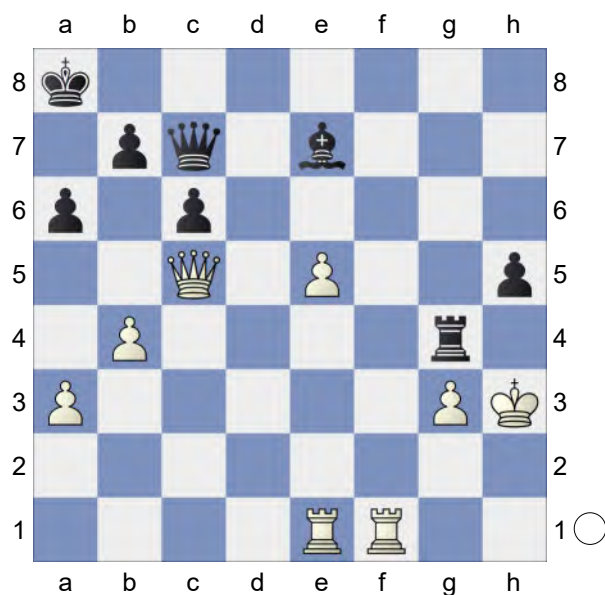
31...a6 32.Rae1

[32.Qxh5 Rg7 33.Qe8+ Ka7=]

32...Bg5 33.Qf8+ Ka7 34.Qc5+ Ka8 35.g3 3.13/17

[35.Rf8+ 6.53/18 Bd8 36.Rd1 Rh4+ 37.Kg3 Qg7+ 38.Kf2 Rf4+ 39.Rxf4]

35...Be7



Against Rf8+ 36.Qf2 Rg5 37.Qf4 Qc8+ 38.Kh2 1.63/17

[Δ 38.e6 2.95/19]

38...h4 39.g4 -0.21/19

[39.gxh4 Kitty Kat: '?' '?' Rg4 40.Qf5 Rxh4+ 41.Kg2 Qg8+ 42.Kf3 Rh2+]

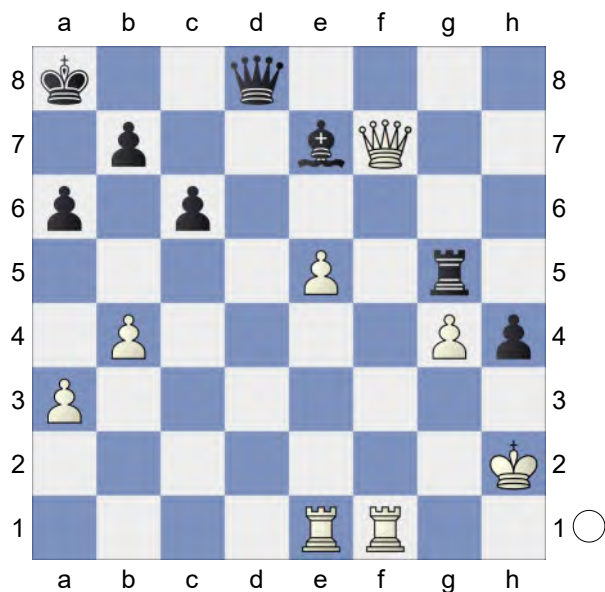
[Kitty Kat: ' White has to play' 39.Qxh4+- 1.66/16 Threatens to win with Rf7. Kitty Kat: ' Kg2 is the strong threat.' Qe6 (39...Rxe5 40.Qh6) 40.Re2]

39...Qg8 3.37/24 Kitty Kat: '?' '?'

[39...Rxc4= -0.21/19 and Black is okay. Kitty Kat: ' ♣' ♣' Kitty Kat: ' keeps the upper hand.' 40.Qf5 Qg8]

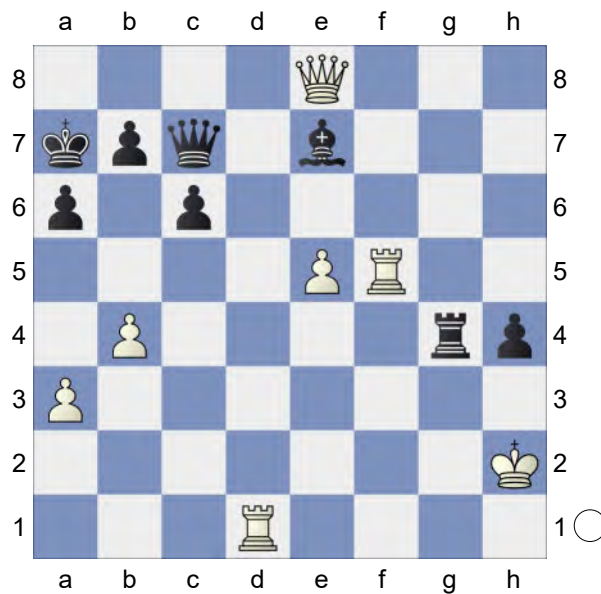
40.Qf7 Qd8 5.75/22

[40...Rxc4 2.86/18 41.Qxc8+ (41.Qxe7 leads to mate. Qa2+) 41...Rxc8]

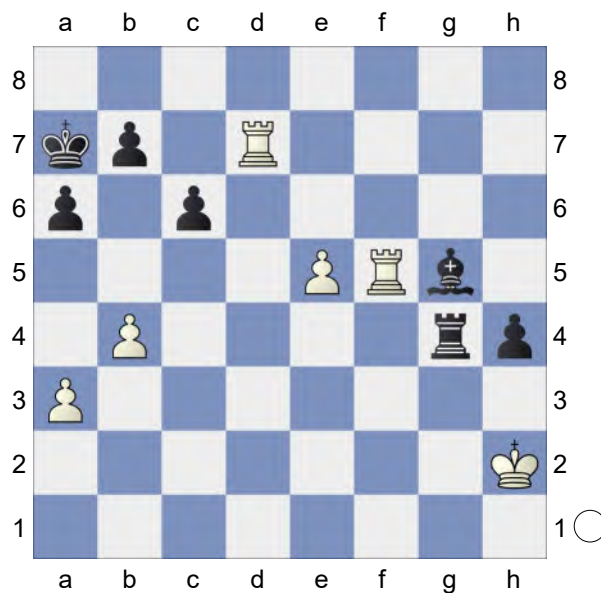


41.Rd1 Qc7 42.Rf5 Rxc4 43.Qe8+ Ka7

(Diagram)



44.Qd7! Active counter play! Kitty Kat: ' Active counter play!' 44...Qxd7 45.Rxd7 Endgame. KRR-KRB Kitty Kat: 'Endgame. KRR-KRB' 45...Bg5

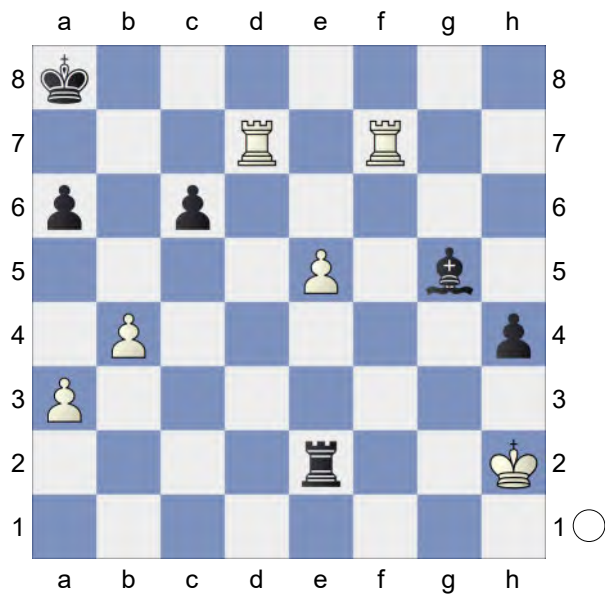


46.Rd1 Be7 5.82/21

[Δ 46...Be3 4.01/21 47.Kh3 Rg8]

[46...a5 4.12/20 was worth a try. 47.Rd7 (47.bxa5 Be7+-) 47...axb4 48.axb4 Rg3]

47.Rf7 Bg5 48.Rdd7 Re4 49.Rxb7+ Ka8 50.Rbd7 Intending Rf8+ and mate. Kitty Kat: ' Intending Rf8+ and mate.' 50...Re2+



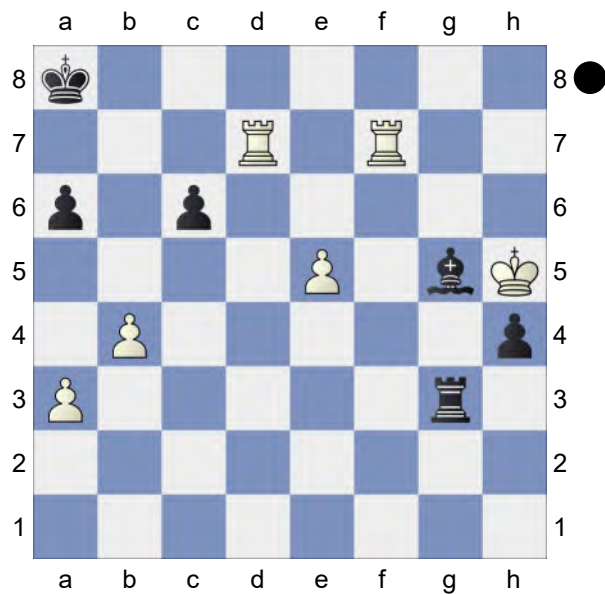
51.Kh3 13.77/22

[Δ51.Kh1 #16/24 Re1+ 52.Kg2 h3+ 53.Kh2 (53.Kxh3 Rh1+ 54.Kg4 Rh8 55.Kxg5 Kb8 56.e6 Re8 57.Kf6 Rh8) 53...Re2+ 54.Kxh3 Re3+ 55.Kg2 (55.Kg4 Re4+ 56.Kg3 Bf4+ 57.Rxf4 Rxf4 58.Kxf4 Kb8 59.e6 Kc8 60.Ke5 c5 61.Kd6 cxb4 62.e7 bxa3 63.e8Q#) 55...Re2+ 56.Kf1]

[Δ51.Kg1 #11/21 Be3+ 52.Kf1 Rf2+ 53.Rxf2 Bxf2 54.e6 (54.Kxf2 Kb8 55.e6 Kc8 56.Kg2 c5 57.bxc5 a5 58.c6 a4 59.e7 Kb8 60.e8Q#) 54...Be3 55.e7 Ba7 56.e8Q+ (56.e8B Be3+-; 56.Rxa7+ Kxa7 57.e8Q Kb7 58.Kg2 h3+ 59.Kh2 c5 60.bxc5 Kc7 61.Kxh3 a5) 56...Bb8 57.Rf7 h3 58.Qxc6#]

51...Re3+ 52.Kg4 Rf8+ would kill now.
 Kitty Kat: ' White threatens Rf8+ and mate.' **52...Rg3+ 53.Kh5**

(Diagram)



What a bad dream for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/ Black=0.84.
 Loses game: White=2 Black=2
 Missed win: White=2 Black=2
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 Inaccurate: White=2 Black=3 OK:
 White=12 Black=11 Best:
 White=5 Black=3 Strong:
 White=2 Black=2 Kitty Kat: ' Quite a comeback for White.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/ Black=0.83'

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NIC Classic Prelim 2021 rapid (8.1)

[Daniel Fernandez]

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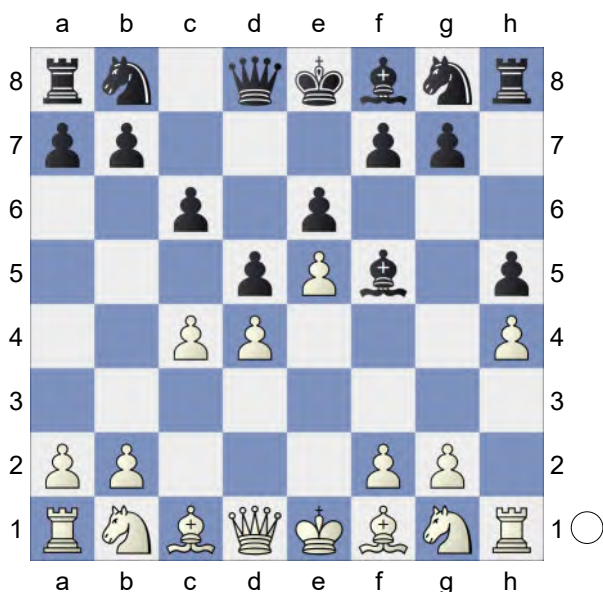
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.c4

[Jones has in the past chosen 5.Bd3 against me and others, so his change of patronage may mean something.]

5...e6



6.Nc3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 Nd7 8.Nf3!?

A less common move: according to my database Jones is the first 2600+ player to try it. Black is invited to play ...Bg4 without needing to worry about f3, but White argues that any such exchange will involve a loss of time for Black.

[8.Nge2 was checked in Adams, M-Keymer, V Karlsruhe 2020 in the archives.]

[In a line like 8.Bg5 Be7 9.Qd2 Black needs a bit of delicacy to find enough squares for all the kingside pieces, but it is possible. For instance: Qb6 10.Be3 Nh6! 11.Nf3 Bg4=]

8...Nb6

[My engine indicates that 8...Bg4 is a better move, which makes sense because it doesn't give White the choice of which minor piece to offer in return for the light-squared bishop. 9.Be2!? Ne7 10.Ng5 Bxe2 11.Nxe2 Nb6 12.Ng3 and draw agreed in a position which is maybe already easier to handle with Black, Ivanov, A-Adianto, U Philadelphia 1994.]

[There are other options like 8...Ne7 which look reasonable, but don't quite have the directness of the other two. Here after 9.Bg5! Qb6 10.0-0 Black's co-ordination is not amazing and they are being pressured to accept a slightly hot pawn.]

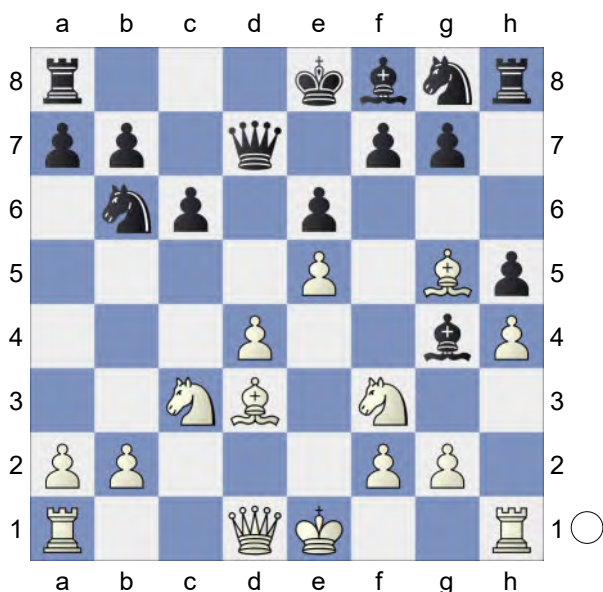
9.Bd3 Encouraging Black to play ...Bg4.

[9.Be2!? demands some attention, trying to keep a knight rather than a bishop. Bg4 (9...Nh6 10.g3 Be7 11.0-0 Bg4 12.Bxh6 Rxh6 13.Ne4→ Positions like this one, with a much-delayed ...Bg4 and the likelihood of opposite-coloured bishops, do not seem so easy for Black to play.) 10.Ng1! (10.Bg5 Be7 11.Ne4 Kobo, O-Grigoriants, S INT 2020, and here perhaps the cold-blooded Qd5!= would have been the very strongest reply.; 10.0-0 Bxf3! 11.Bxf3 Qxh4 12.a4 and in the old correspondence game Stefan, C-Epiney, F IECG email 2000, Black would have been fine had they simply played a5 to deny White any queenside breakthrough.) 10...Bxe2 11.Ngxe2 Nh6 12.Bxh6 Rxh6 13.g3 Be7 14.Qc2" White has an optically very nice position, but both sides are struggling a bit to find active plans.]

9...Bg4= Here I believe Black has

completely equalised. **10.Bg5 Qd7**

[One of the common themes of this variation is that Black can nearly always play 10...Be7! without worrying about the d6-square, if desired. Specifically, here there is 11.Ne4 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 Qxd4 (a check on b4 is also possible before taking this pawn) and the computer insists White has a draw with best play, but I would prefer to take Black. The dangers after 13.Bxe7 Kxe7[∞] do not feel especially severe.]



This can never be a bad move (especially since, from a purist perspective, White's g5-bishop is 'bad') but it turns out that White has some immediate problems with the d4-pawn after the alternative. **11.Ne4** Anyway! But as the game will show, Black's dark squares are essentially immune to the blitzkrieg in this kind of line.

[A normal continuation could be something like 11.0-0 Nh6 12.Re1, when the d4-pawn is definitely too hot to handle and I remain to be

convinced that there is anything better to do with the f8-bishop than putting it on e7. For instance, Nf5 13.Bxf5 Bxf5 14.Qb3± and arranging short castling is starting to become more of a pressing priority for Black.]

11...Bb4+ 12.Kf1 Nh6 A safe and reasonable continuation, maintaining dynamic equality and deferring the question of the d4-pawn for another time. This game serves as a good illustration for how White's position in this line is strategically suspect on some really deep level, and so if ever the tricks come to an end the position will unravel with alarming speed. And Karjakin is nothing if not a master of soaking up pressure.

[12...Bxf3!? 13.gxf3 Qxd4 was a completely acceptable pawn to take, in my view. After 14.f4 Nd5[∞] White is some moves away from being able to land a convincing f5 break, and in its absence the central attack looks more pathetic than anything else.]

13.Bf6

[Perhaps the only slight problem with Black's last is that White can now lift the pin on the f3-knight with 13.Qb3, which also has the side effect of sending the b4-bishop packing. Nd5 14.a3 Bf8 (14...Bxf3 15.axb4 Bxe4 16.Bxe4 Nf5± and the knights look fantastic, but this is probably a touch better for White in the long run.) 15.Ne1!?"]

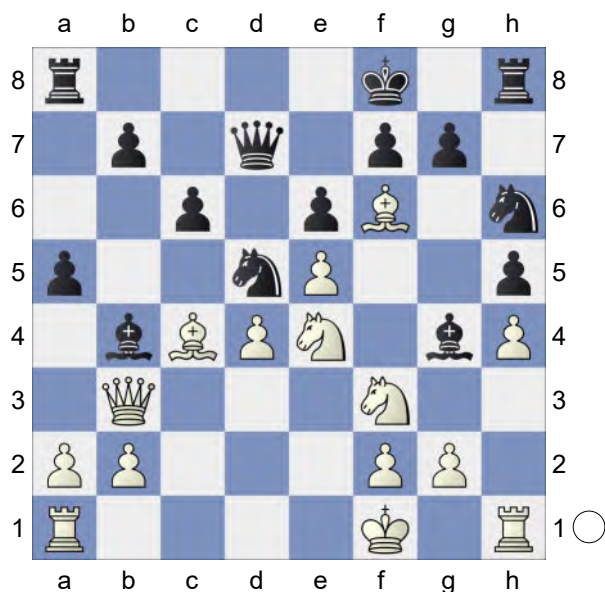
13...Kf8 14.Qb3 Nd5 15.Bc4?! A slightly elaborate way of maintaining the bishop on f6.

[In keeping with the theme of trying to exploit Black's dark squares would have been 15.a3!? although Black

still has a fair few playable options. My preferred one would be Bxf3 gxf6 17.axb4 fxe5 18.dxe5 Nf4 19.Nc5 Qc7" with clear counterattacking chances.]

15...a5

[15...gxf6!? 16.Bxd5 is by no means bad for Black, but has a slight aura of positional undesirability about it. cxd5 17.Qxb4+ Qe7 18.Qxe7+ Kxe7 19.exf6+ Ke8 The point is that White is not really in time to make meaningful use of the e5-square that Black has ceded. 20.Nd6+ (20.Neg5 Bxf3 21.Nxf3 Rc8=) 20...Kd7 21.Nxb7 Bxf3 22.gxf3 Nf5" Black has full compensation for the 2 sacrificed pawns due to White's awful structure and the ideas like ... Rh6 to attack White's pawn weaknesses.]



16.a3 b5! 17.Be2

[Perhaps, from a distance, Jones that missed that after 17.axb4 bxc4 18.Qxc4 Black can actually capture the bishop that has been en prise for 5 moves: gxf6]

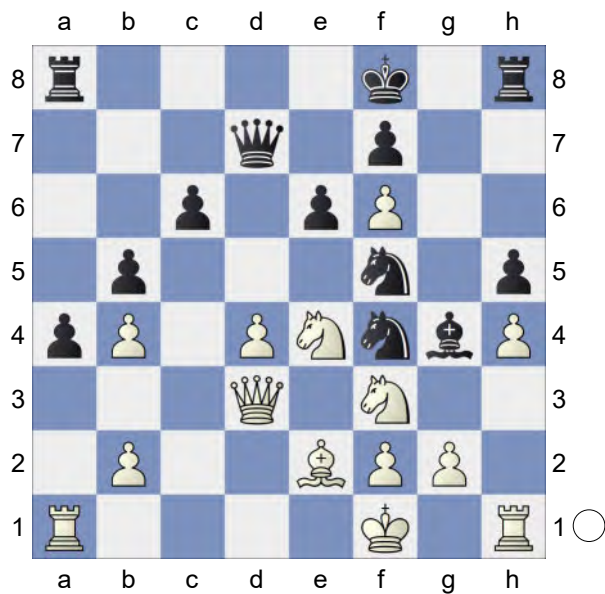
17...gxf6 Capturing a bishop... and sacrificing a pawn.

[The main reason I marked 15.Bc4 as dubious was that Black had 17...Bf5 available, gaining an advantage in all of the following lines: 18.Bxg7+!? (18.axb4?! Bxe4 19.Bg5 a4; 18.Qc2 gxf6 19.axb4 Bxe4 20.Qxe4 f5 21.Qc2 a4 22.Qc5+ Kg7; White's queen is their only really good piece and the f3-knight is miles away from using any of White's nicely-reinforced squares like d6, c5, or f6.) 18...Kxg7 19.Nf6 Qd8! 20.axb4 a4 21.Qa3 Nxf6 22.exf6+ Qxf6 23.Rc1 Rhd8 24.Rxc6 Bg4; Black will regain the pawn (s) easily and White remains with unsightly doubled pawns on the b-file.]

18.axb4 a4 19.exf6 Nf5 20.Qd3 Nf4

[Another quite attractive continuation is 20...Qd8 to try and round up the f6-pawn. 21.Ne5!? A computer move that looks like it should lose a piece, but doesn't. (21.Rc1 Nxf6 22.Nxf6 Qxf6 23.Rxc6 Kg7; followed by ... Rhd8) 21...Nf4 22.Qd2! Nxe2 23.Nxg4 Nexd4 24.Ne5 Nb3 25.Qxd8+ Rxd8 26.Nxc6! Everything has been hanging by a thread, but somehow White avoids losing any material. In spite of that, the position after Rd5 27.Re1 Nd2+ 28.Nxd2 Rxd2 with the idea of ...Rh6 looks more pleasant for Black on structural grounds.]

(Diagram)



21.Qd2 Nxe2 22.Qxe2 Rd8 23.Rd1?!
Black is threatening the d4-pawn many times and so this move looks logical, but in fact this is where White starts to lose the thread.

[Better was 23.Qc2! and White can try to sacrifice the d4-pawn for two nice knights in the centre. For instance: Qd5 (23...Bxf3 24.Qc5+ Ke8 25.gxf3∞ The d4-pawn is more or less immune and White is ready to take open files with Rg1 and/or b3.) 24.Ne5 Nxd4 25.Qc5+ Qxc5 26.Nxc5∞]

23...e5!? Forcing the win of the pawn and depriving White of a blocking square on e5. Nevertheless, Black's king weakness gives White certain hopes for counterplay.

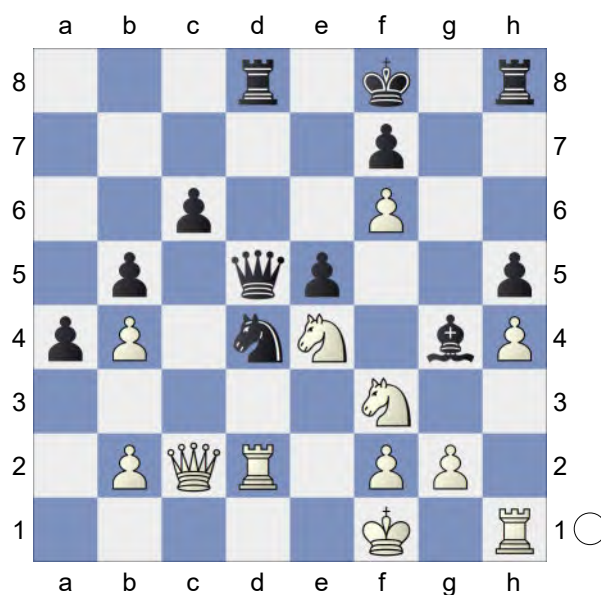
[The very best move seems to have been 23...Rh6!?! since the d4-pawn is fatally weak in all lines anyway and we would much rather not see White's knight appear on c5 after we grab the pawn.]

[23...Rg8 is a reasonable alternative.]

24.Qc2

[My computer suggests the rather counter-intuitive 24.d5!? to loosen up Black's pawns. cxd5 25.Nc5 Qc7 (25...Qe8 26.Nb7! Rc8 27.Nc5 offers a repetition, and Black should take it rather than venture d4? 28.Re1± and White cleans up the e5-pawn, with strong pressure along a file leading almost directly to Black's king.) 26.Rc1!∞]

24...Qd5 25.Rd2 Nxd4



26.Nxd4 exd4 Without possession of the e-file or any particular targets in Black's pawn structure, we can safely say that White's compensation for the doubled pawns is small to non-existent.

27.f3 Bf5 28.Kf2 Rh6

[Arguably better was 28...d3 to strongly suggest a trade of queens: 29.Qc5+ Qxc5+ 30.Nxc5 Rh6± with something very much like the 29...Qxc5 note.]

29.Qc5+?! After looking at some of these variations it appears that Black has to trade the queens to maintain any sort of advantage, and so this move is counterproductive. On a more general level, White should be looking to trade

only rooks in this position, due to the famed co-ordination abilities of a queen and knight.

[After 29.Re1! White is close to getting back on level pegging, since d3 no longer obliges a queen trade: 30.Qc3! Bxe4 31.Rxe4[∞] would be a preferable alternative to Qc5+.]

29...Kg8?! Thinking about bringing the king round to g6, and rightly reasoning that there is no real way White can avoid the queen trade anyway.

[But it was better to take immediate advantage of White's weak f6-pawn with 29...Qxc5! I guess Sergey rejected this in view of 30.Nxc5 Rxf6 31.Rhd1 when the d4-pawn can't be defended, but there is on the other hand d3! in order to trade it for another one of White's pawns. After 32.Nxd3 Rfd6 33.Ke3 Re8+ 34.Kf2 Rd4⁺ Black will have a healthy extra pawn very soon.]

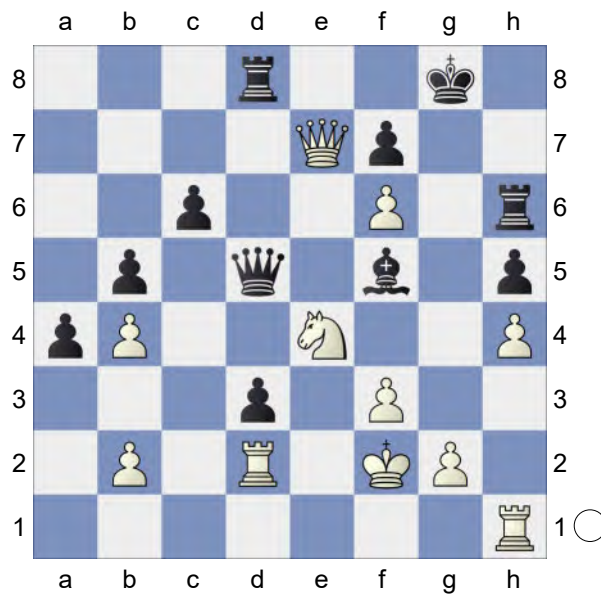
30.Qe7?!

[30.Re1?! Bxe4 31.Rxe4 Qxc5 32.bxc5 Rxf6⁺ and White can't regain the pawn on d4 since c5 falls.]

[30.Qxd5! Rxd5 31.Re1 and Black has at best a small advantage as a result of the better minor piece.]

30...d3!

(Diagram)

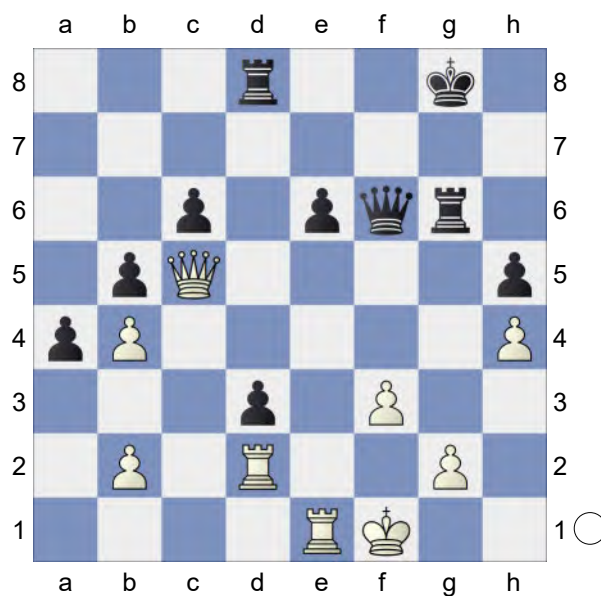


Black has soaked up the pressure completely and begins to counterattack.

31.Re1 Qd4+ 32.Kf1 Rg6 Black's next few moves are not the most persuasive, but in this (approx.) -1 position White's moves are hard to find, and in presumed mutual time pressure White finally makes a major mistake.

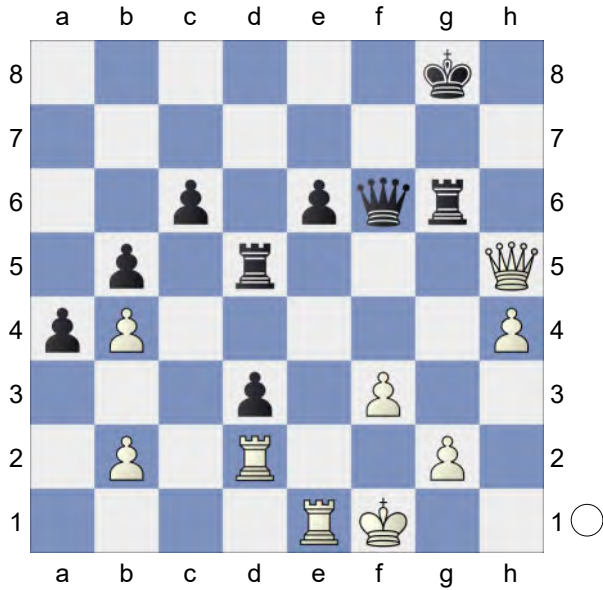
[32...Bxe4 33.Rxe4 Qxf6⁺ is also possible, offering White a dismal rook ending.]

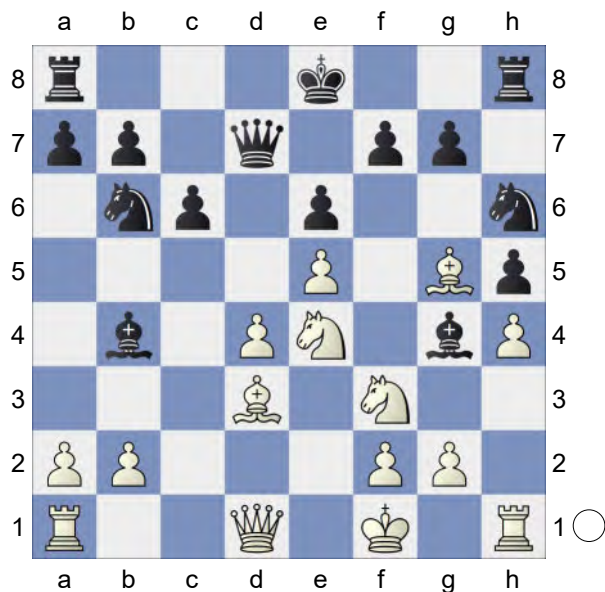
33.Ng5 Qxf6 34.Qc5 Be6 35.Nxe6 fxe6



36.Qxh5??

[After something like 36.Re4
it's still game on, in spite of Black's
optically better pieces and extra
pawn.]

36...Rd5**0-1**

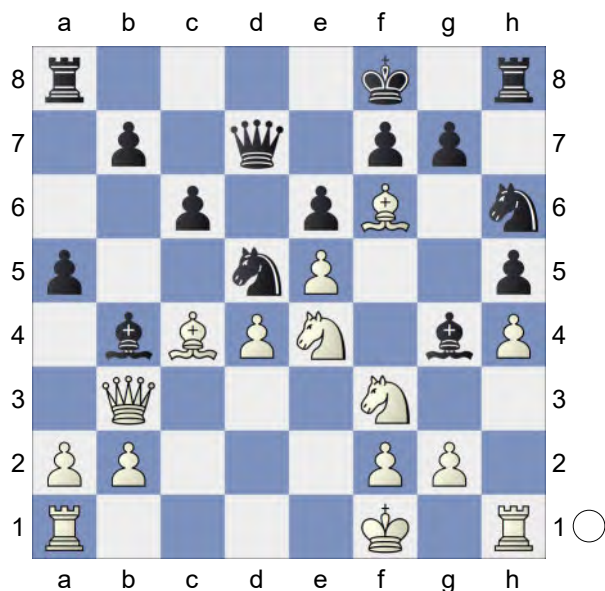


13.Bf6 -0.27/24 **Kf8** **14.Qb3** **Nd5**
0.00/18

[14...a5? -0.46/17 might be stronger.

15.a3 Qd5 16.Qxd5 Nxd5]

15.Bc4 **a5**



16.a3 **b5!** **17.Be2** **gxf6** -0.04/17

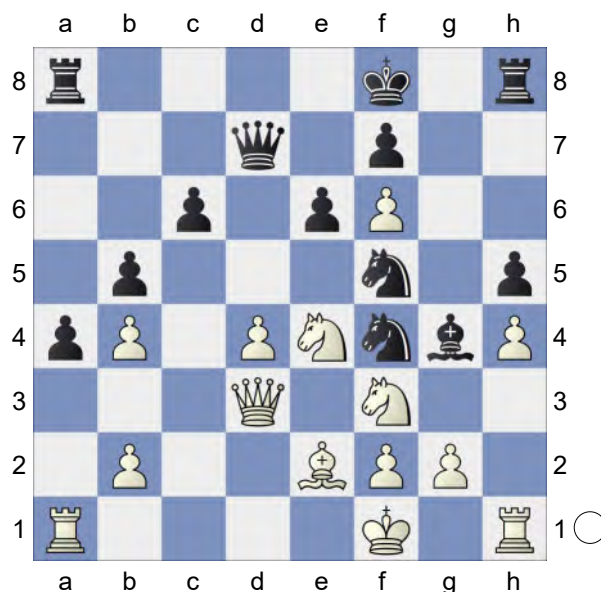
[17...Bf5? -0.40/20 18.Qc2 gxf6
19.axb4 Bxe4 20.Qxe4 a4]

18.axb4 **a4** **19.exf6** **Qc2** would now be
deadly.

[19.Nxf6? loses. axb3 20.Nxd7+
Ke7-+]

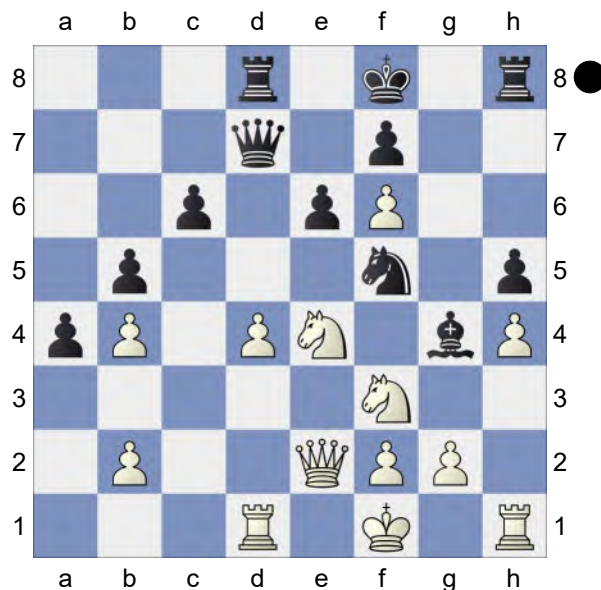
19...Nf5 **20.Qd3** Threatens to win with

Ne5. 20...Nf4



21.Qd2 **Nxe2** **22.Qxe2** **Rd8** **23.Rd1**
-0.63/20

[23.Qc2= 0.00/22 Bxf3 24.Qc5+ Ke8
25.gxf3]



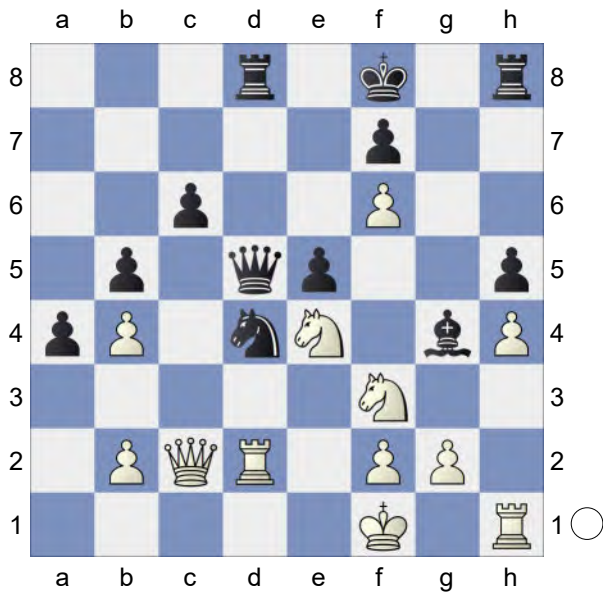
23...e5 -0.06/21 **24.Qc2** And now **Qc5+**
would win. **24...Qd5**

[24...exd4? perishes. 25.Qc5+ Kg8
26.Rxd4+-]

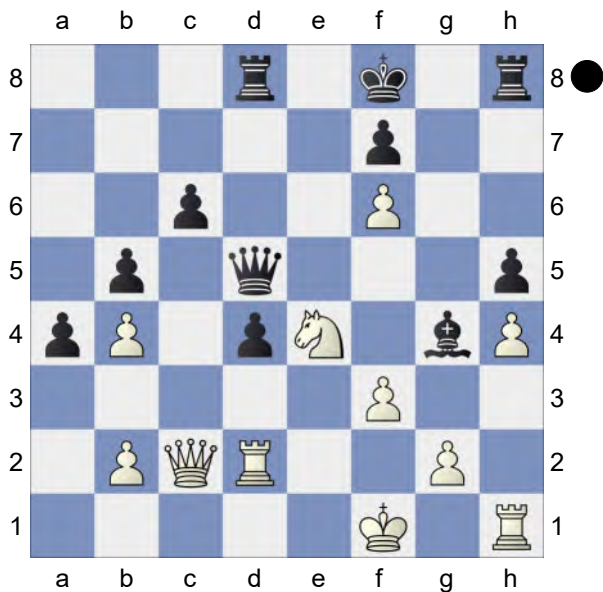
25.Rd2 -0.82/25

[25.Re1!? -0.38/22 is superior. exd4
26.Qd2]

25...Nxd4



26.Nxd4 exd4 27.f3



Bf5 28.Kf2 Rh6 Hoping for ...Bxe4.

29.Qc5+ -0.90/25

[29.Re1 ♣ -0.40/23]

29...Kg8 -0.07/24

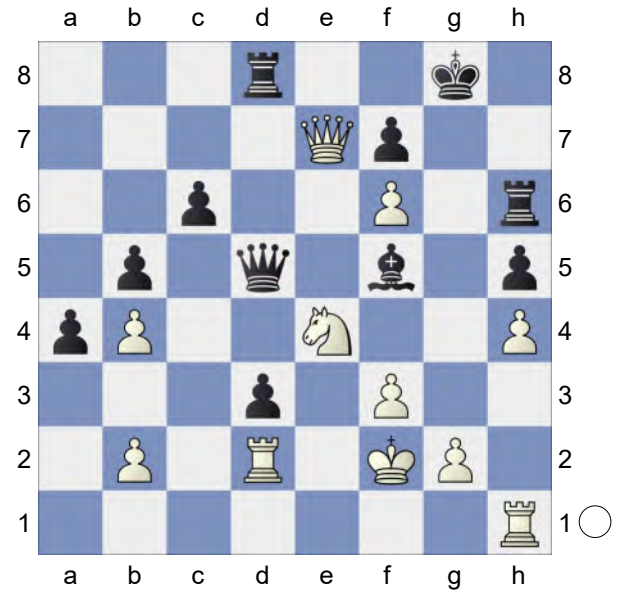
[29...Qxc5 ♣ -0.90/25 30.Nxc5 Rxf6]

30.Qe7 -1.75/28

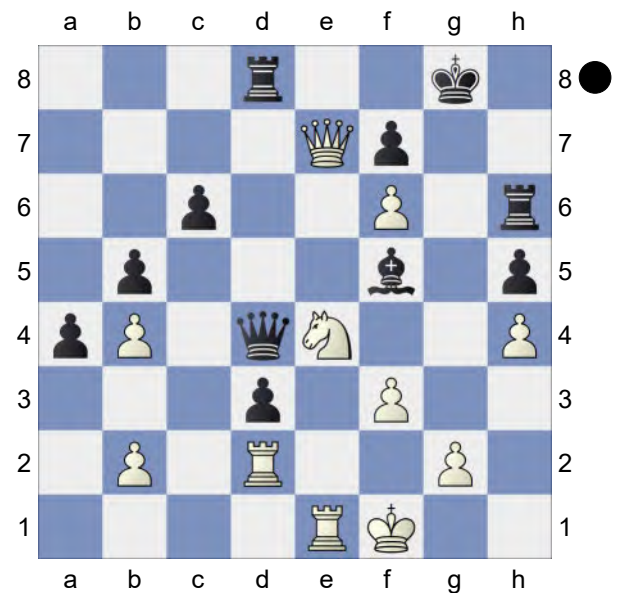
[30.Qxd5 != -0.07/24 and White has nothing to worry. Rxd5 31.Nc5]

30...d3-+

(Diagram)



31.Re1 Qd4+ 32.Kf1



Rg6 -0.95/23

[32...Bxe4!-+ -1.73/28 33.Rxe4 Qxf6
34.Qxf6 Rxf6]

33.Ng5 -2.43/25

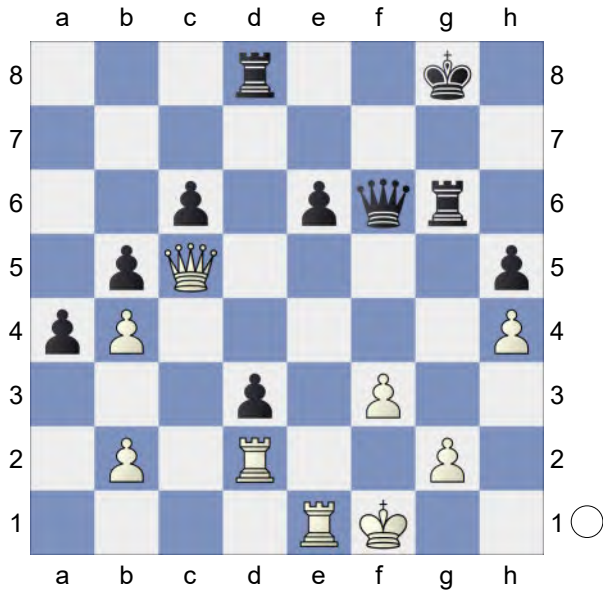
[33.Qc7 ♣ -0.95/23]

33...Qxf6? -0.68/25

[33...Rxf6-+ -2.43/25 ...Rd7! is the strong threat. 34.Re5 Rdd6]

34.Qc5 Be6 35.Nxe6 Discovered Attack 35...fxe6

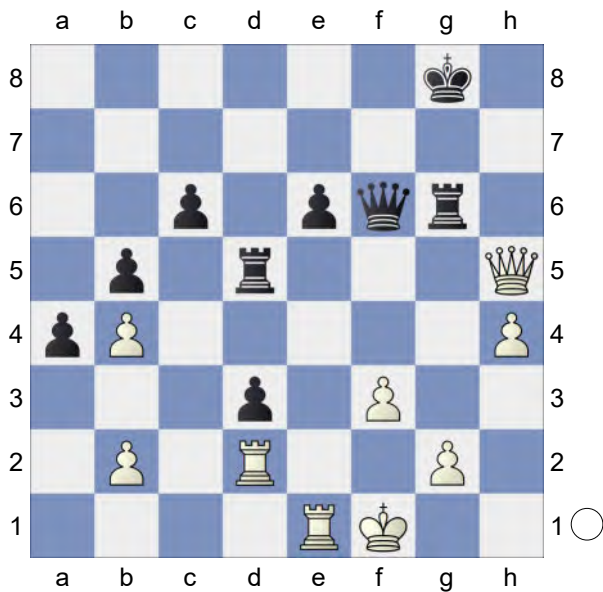
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36.Qxh5 -5.27/20

[36.Re4 $\bar{f}$ -0.31/20]

36...Rd5



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Black=1 Mistake: White=7

Black=7 Inaccurate: White=3

Black=3 OK: White=8

Black=8 Best: White=2

Black=3 Strong: --- Black=1

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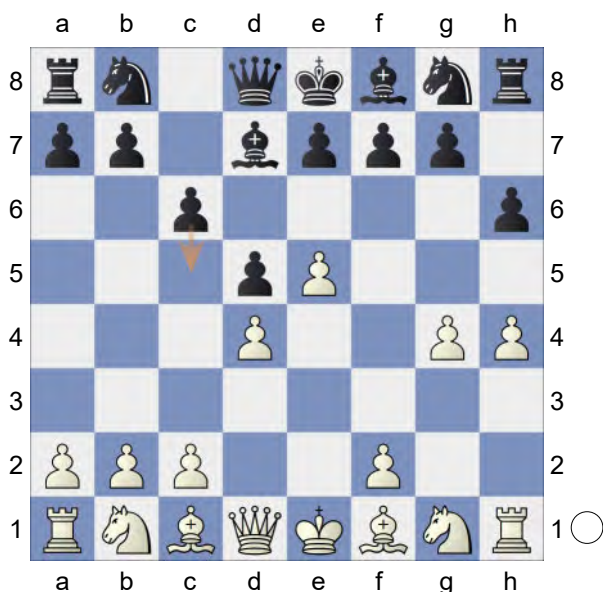
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3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6 5.g4 Bd7 0.78/22

[5...Be4!± 0.38/21 Kitty Kat 6.Nf3
Bh7]



6.Nc3

[6.Be3 h5 7.g5 Bg4 8.Be2 Qd7
9.Bxg4 Qxg4 10.Qxg4 hxg4 11.h5
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[6...e6 Kitty Kat 7.Be3 Qb6 8.Nge2
c5 9.Qd2 Nc6 10.0-0-0 Qa5
11.dxc5 Nxe5 12.Nd4 Nxg4 13.Nb3

Qd8 14.Bf4 Ne7 15.Qe2 Nf6
16.Nb5 Bxb5 17.Qxb5+ Qd7 18.Na5
Ng6 19.Bh2 a6 20.Qb6 Qc8 21.b4
0-1 (44) Grandelius,N (2587)-Timman,
J (2615) Sigeman & Co 22nd 25067
2014 (2)]

7.dxc5

[Don't blunder 7.Nxd5? Bc6 8.c4 e6
Kitty Kat: ' ♠' '♠' (8...Bxd5 Kitty Kat
9.cxd5 Qxd5 10.Qf3±) 9.dxc5
exd5±]

7...e6 8.Be3 White has an edge. Kitty
Kat: 'White is better.' 8...Nc6N 0.78/22
Kitty Kat: 'An interesting side line.'
Kitty Kat: 'Eine interessante
Nebenvariante.'

[8...Qc8!± 0.34/21
is more appropriate.]

[8...Qc7 9.Qd2 (9.Nb5 Bxb5
10.Bxb5+ Nc6 11.c3 Qxe5 12.Qa4
Qc7 13.Nf3 Chapter 14: Caro Kann
(Tal Va-3...Bf5,4 Lifetime Repertoires:
Sethuraman's 1. e) 9...Bxc5 10.f4
Bxe3 11.Qxe3 h5 12.gxh5 Ne7
13.Bd3 Rxh5 14.0-0-0 a6 15.Nf3
Nbc6 16.Qg1 g6 17.Ng5 Rh8 18.h5
gxh5 19.Qf2 The Caveman: 4... h6-
72. The Caveman 4... h6 5. g4]

[8...h5 9.Nb5 Bxb5 10.Bxb5+ Nc6
11.c3 Qc7 12.g5 Nge7 13.Qa4
Qxe5 14.Nf3 Qc7 15.Bf4 Qc8
16.0-0-0 Ng6 17.Be3 a6 18.Bd3
Qd7 19.c4 Nge5 20.Nxe5 Nxe5
21.Qxd7+ Nxd7 22.b4 dxc4 23.Bxc4
Model Games-Alekseev,E (42)]

9.Nf3± d4 1.82/21 Kitty Kat: 'N' 'N'
[9...a6± 0.66/17]

10.Nxd4+- Bxc5

(Diagram)



11.Nxc6 0.97/23

[11.Nxe6!+- 1.84/20 Bxe6 12.Bxc5]

11...Bxc6± 12.Qxd8+ 1.19/18

[12.Bxc5+- 2.69/20 (Kitty Kat) and the rest is easy. Bxh1 13.Nb5]

12...Rxd8 Kitty Kat: ' ±' '±' 13.Rh3 0.21/19

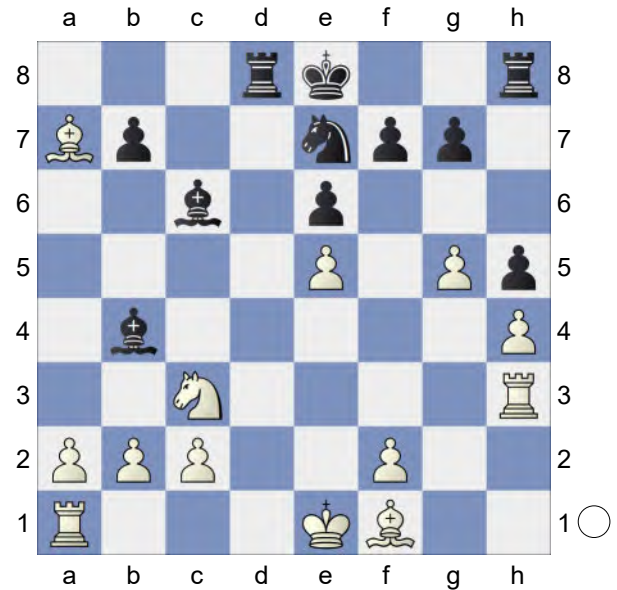
[13.Bxc5± 0.95/20 Kitty Kat Bxh1 14.Be2 (14.Bxa7 h5±)]

13...Bb4 1.20/22 Kitty Kat: '?' '?'

[13...Bxe3± 0.43/23 Kitty Kat: '=!' '=!' 14.Rxe3 (14.fxe3 Kitty Kat Ne7) 14...h5 Kitty Kat: '=!' '=!']

14.Bxa7 Kitty Kat: '+-' '+-' 14...h5 15.g5 Ne7

(Diagram)



16.a3 Kitty Kat: '! '!' 16...Bxc3+ 17.bxc3 1.22/20

[17.Rxc3+- 1.96/21 (Kitty Kat) b4 would now be deadly. Ng6 18.b4]

17...Ng6 Kitty Kat: ' ±' '±' 18.Bd4 0-0 1.44/19

[18...Nf4 0.78/21 Kitty Kat]

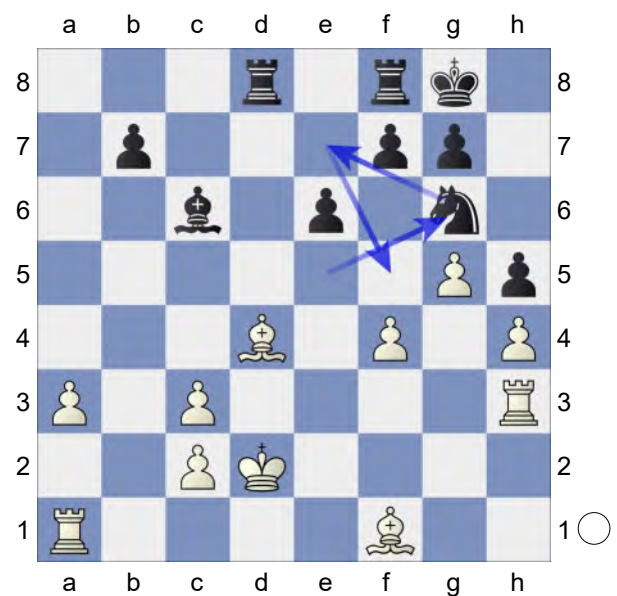
19.Kd2 0.43/23

[19.Bc5± 1.13/21 Kitty Kat: '±!' '±!']

19...Nxe5± 20.f4 0.00/18

[20.Kc1± 0.36/21 Kitty Kat Rd5 21.Be2]

20...Ng6



Kitty Kat: '=!' '=!' 21.Ke3 Ne7 22.Bc4 -1.02/21

[22.Kf2= -0.13/20 Kitty Kat: '=!' '=!' Kitty Kat: 'remains equal.']

22...Nf5+♣ Black has strong compensation. Kitty Kat: 'Black has strong compensation.'

[22...Bg2 Kitty Kat 23.Rh2 Nf5+ 24.Kd3]

23.Kd3 Rd7 -0.30/22

[Better is 23...Rd6♣ -0.97/23 24.g6 (24.a4 Kitty Kat Rfd8) 24...fxg6]

24.Rd1 -1.29/24 Kitty Kat: '?' '?'

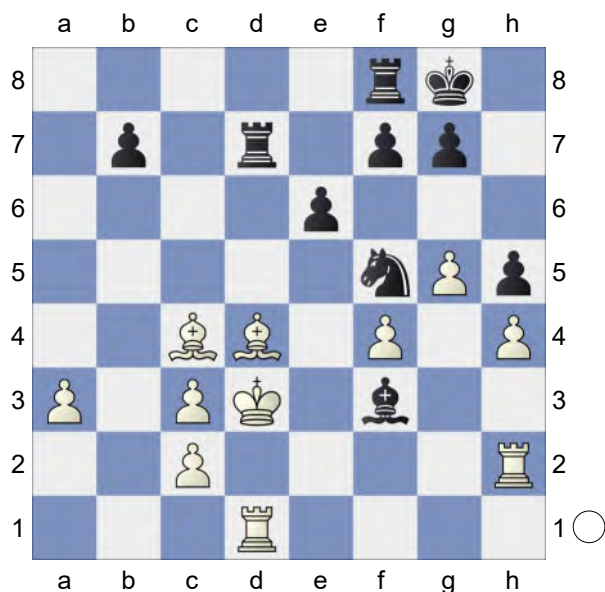
[24.g6!= -0.30/22 keeps the balance. Kitty Kat: '=!' '=!' Kitty Kat: 'and White stays safe.']

24...Bg2 -0.72/23

[♞24...Rfd8 -1.29/24 25.Ke2 Nxd4+ 26.cxd4 Rxd4]

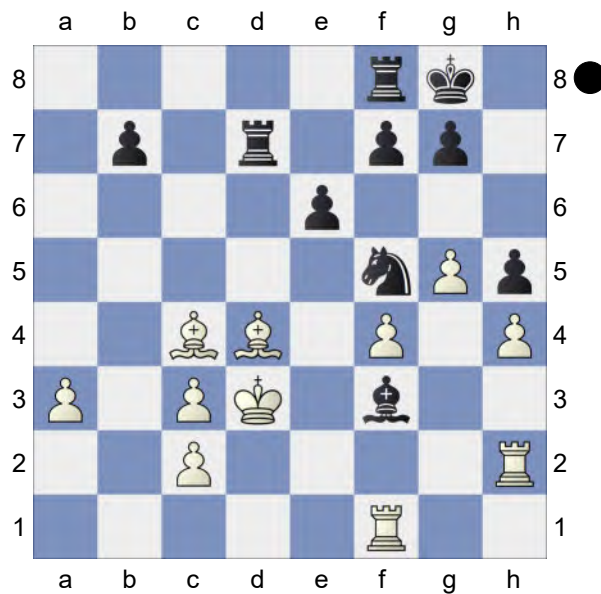
[Better is 24...Ra8-+ -1.77/22 Kitty Kat 25.Rh2 b5 (25...Rxa3? 26.Bb3-+)]

25.Rh2 Kitty Kat: '♣' '♣' 25...Bf3



26.Rf1 -0.71/22 Kitty Kat: '

(Diagram)



' **26...Bc6 -0.15/20** & Nero is more active.

[Kitty Kat: 'Black should play' 26...Bd5♣ -0.61/25 Kitty Kat: '♣!' '♣!' '♣!' '♣!' 27.Bb5 Kitty Kat (27.Bxd5 Kitty Kat Rxd5) 27...Bc6 Decoy]

27.Rd1 -1.01/23

[27.g6!= -0.15/20 Kitty Kat: '♣!' '♣!']

27...Bf3 -0.01/21

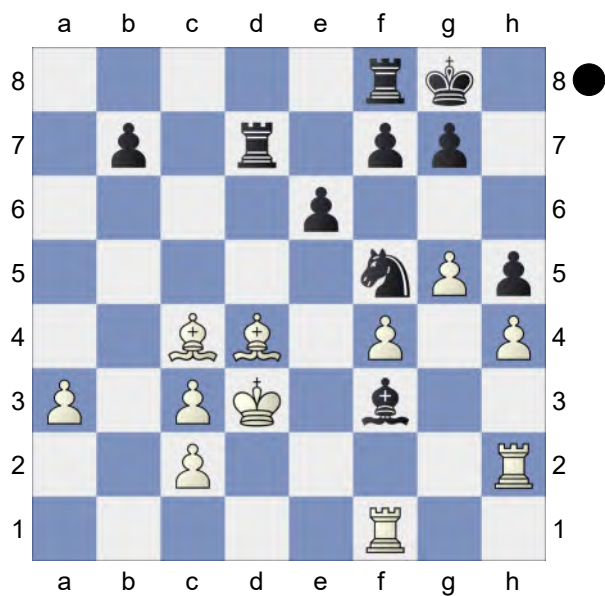
[Black should try 27...Rfd8♣ -1.01/23 28.Ke2 Nxd4+ 29.cxd4 Rxd4]

[Black should try 27...b5♣ -1.26/21 Kitty Kat 28.Bb3 Ra8]

28.Rf1= -0.77/21 Kitty Kat: '

[28.Re1♣ -0.34/20 Kitty Kat Kitty Kat: 'might be stronger.']

(Diagram)



' **28...Bg4**↑ -0.42/21 Black has the initiative.

[Black should play 28...Bd5 -0.73/21]

29.Bb5 Kitty Kat: '=' '=' **29...Rd5** -0.23/24

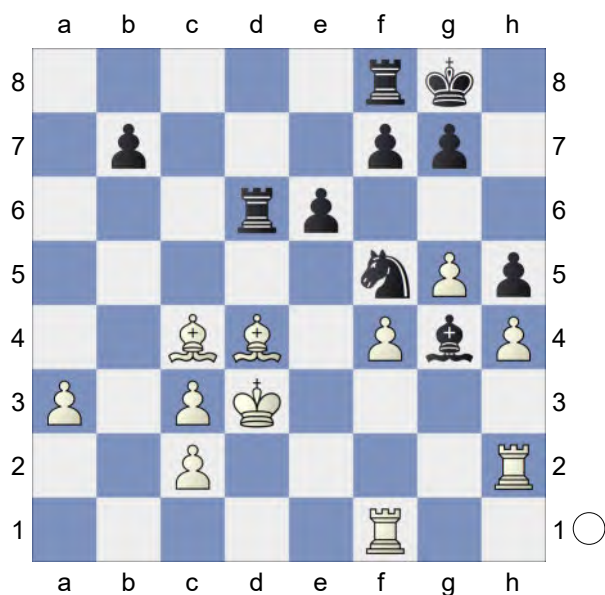
[29...Rd6 -0.62/25]

[29...Rc7 (Kitty Kat) simplifies 30.Kd2 Rd8 31.Rb1 Nxd4 32.cxd4 Rxd4+ 33.Ke3 e5]

30.Bc4 -0.57/22

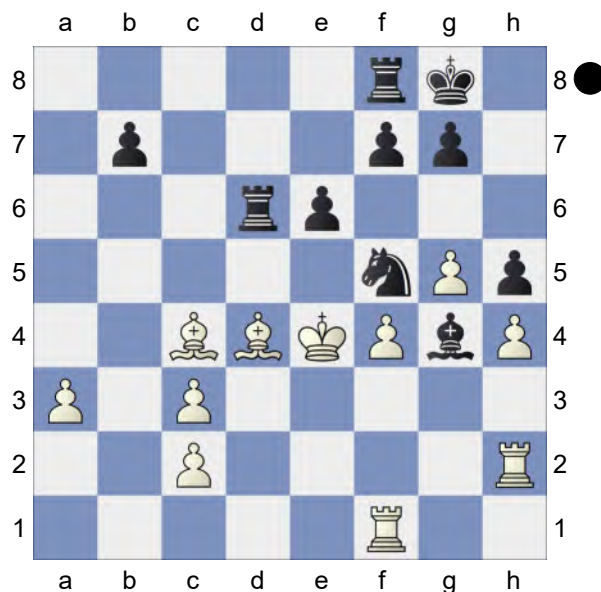
[30.Rb1= -0.23/24 Kitty Kat: ' should be considered.']

30...Rd6



31.Ke4? -2.12/23

[31.Rb1 -0.54/19 Kitty Kat: '=' '='
Kitty Kat: ' and White has nothing to worry.']



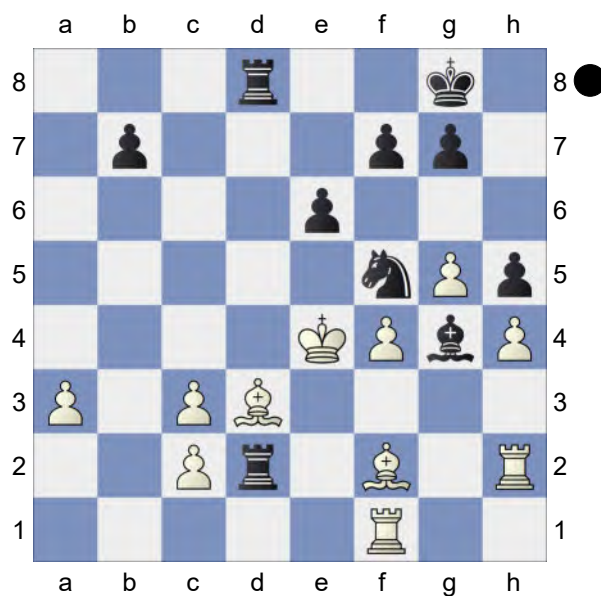
31...Rfd8 -1.02/23 Kitty Kat: '?' '?'

[31...Rxd4+!-+ -2.12/23
is more deadly. Kitty Kat: '-+' '-+' Kitty
Kat: ' is more deadly.' 32.cxd4 Nd6+
33.Kd3 Bf5+ 34.Kc3 Rc8]

32.Bf2? -9.92/22

[32.Kd3 -1.02/23]

32...Rd2+ (→ ...Nd6+) Kitty Kat: ' (-> ...
Nd6+)' **33.Bd3**

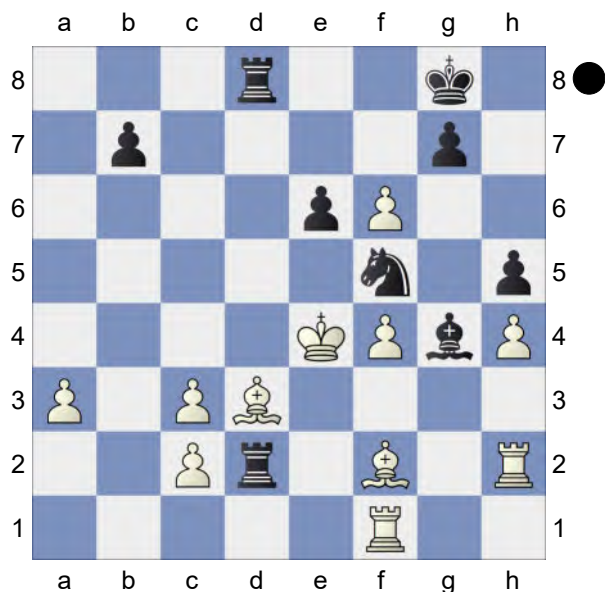


f6 -5.40/23

[♖33...R8xd3! -#4/10 Kitty Kat: '♠' '♠'
 34.Bd4 (34.c4 Nd6+) 34...Nd6+
 (34...Rxb2? Kitty Kat 35.Kxd3 Be2+
 36.Kd2+-) 35.Ke5 Nc4+ 36.Ke4
 Bf5#]

34.gxf6 -#7/16

[34.Re1+- -4.46/18 Kitty Kat Rc8
 35.Rg2 Rxc3 (35...Nxb4 36.Rxb4
 hxb4 37.Bxb4+-) 36.Bc5 Rxb2
 37.Bb6 Rd2 (37...Nxb4? 38.Ra1+-)
 38.Bc5 Rxc5 39.gxf6 gxf6
 (39...Nxb4? 40.Ke3+-) 40.Rd1 Rd5
 (40...Rxd1 41.c3 Rxc3 42.a4 Re1+
 43.Be2 Rxe2#) 41.c3 Ng3+ 42.Ke3
 R5xd3#]

**34...gxf6 -5.39/22**

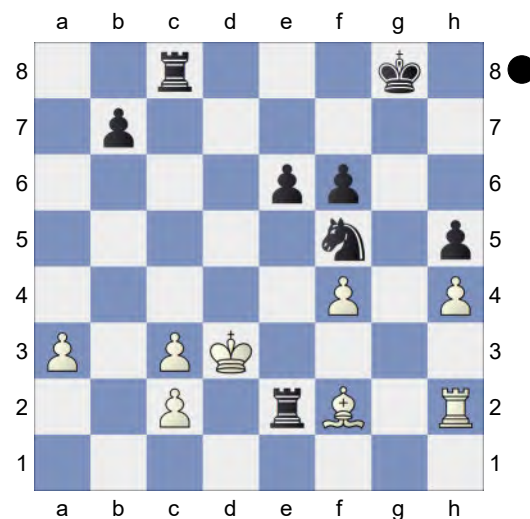
[♖34...R8xd3! -#7/20 Kitty Kat: '♠' '♠'
 35.fxg7 Nd6+ (35...Rxc2?
 (Kitty Kat) loses. 36.Kxd3 Ra2
 37.Re1+-) 36.Ke5 Rd5+ (36...Rxc2?
 Kitty Kat 37.Rf1+-) 37.Kf6 Ne4+
 (37...Rxc2? Kitty Kat 38.Rb1+-)
 38.Kg6 Rd6 (38...Rxc2? Kitty Kat
 39.Rg2+-) 39.Bc5 e5+ 40.Bxd6
 Rxd6#]

35.Re1 Kf7? -1.29/22

[35...Rc8+- -5.43/25 and Black stays
 clearly on top.

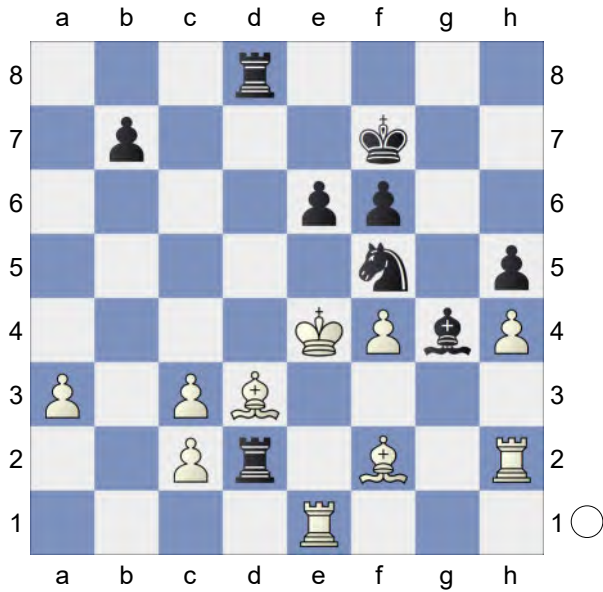
A) 36.Rg2 Kitty Kat Rxc3 37.Bc5
 Rxb2 38.Rg1 Rd2 (38...Nxb4?
 39.Rxb2 Nxb2 40.Kd4+-;
 38...Re2+? 39.Bxe2 Rxc5
 40.Bxb2+-) 39.Rg3 Rxc5
 (39...Nxb2+ gets mated. 40.Kd4
 Rxc2 41.Ke3 Nf5+ 42.Bxf5 Bxf5
 43.Kf3 Rxc5 44.Ke3 Rcc2 45.Kf3
 Rd3#) 40.c3 Rc4+ Skewer, Decoy
 (40...Nxb2+ 41.Ke3 Rd1 42.Kd4
 Rd5+ 43.Kc4 R5xd3 44.Kb3 Ne4
 45.Kc4 Rxc3+ 46.Kb4 Rb1+
 47.Ka4 Bd1+ Deflection 48.Ka5
 Rxa3#; 40...Rxc3 is a self mate.
 41.Rxb2 Remove Defender hxb2
 42.h5 Ng3+ 43.Ke3 Rxd3#)
 41.Bxc4 Nd6+ (41...Nxb2+?
 42.Ke3+-) 42.Ke3 Nxc4+ 43.Ke4
 f5#;

B) 36.Re2 Bxe2 37.Bxe2 Rxe2+
 38.Kd3



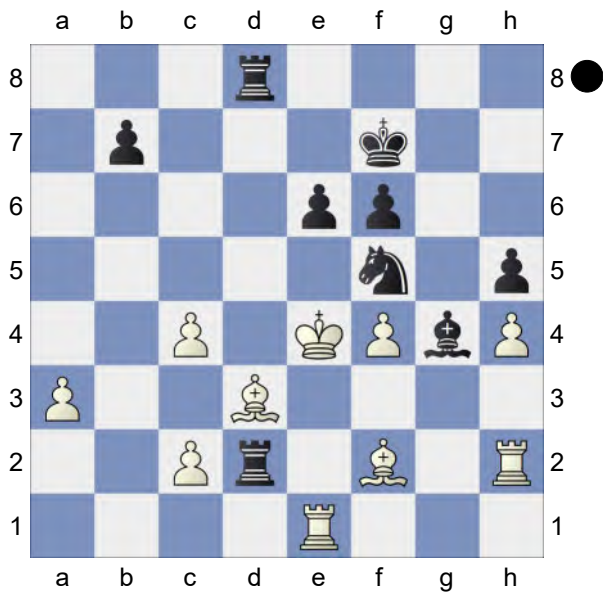
Rxf2! 39.Rxf2 Kf7]

(Diagram)



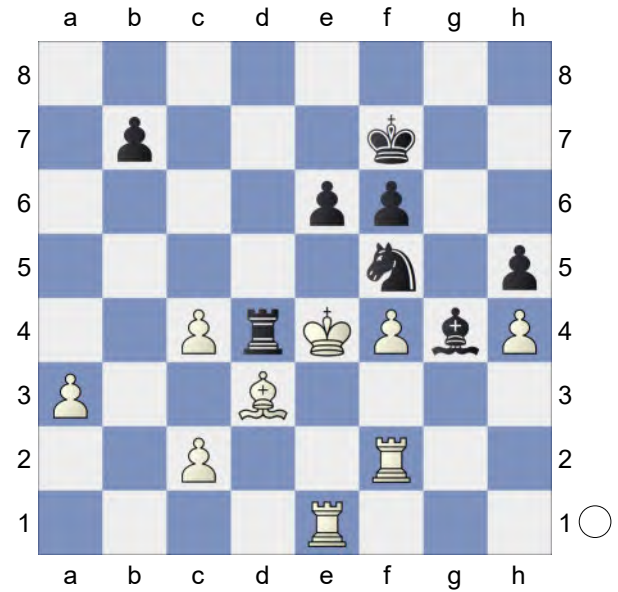
36.c4 -#2/6

[36.Bg1 ♠ -1.29/22 Rxh2 37.Bxh2]



36...Rxf2! Remove Defender Kitty Kat: '
Remove Defender' **37.Rxf2 Rd4#**

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=1.00/
Black=0.70 Kitty Kat: '

Weighted Error Value: White=1.20/
Black=0.75'

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□ Gokerkan,Cem Kaan

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■ Fedoseev,Vladimir1

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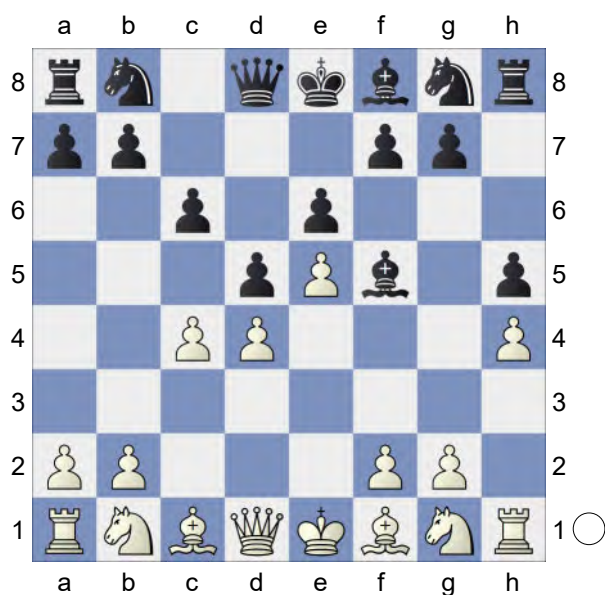
[MH]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation Kitty

Kat: 'B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

' 1.e4 Kitty Kat Kitty Kat 1...c6 2.d4 d5

3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.c4 e6



6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Nge2 Kitty Kat: '7.Nge2 is better than 7.Bg5.' Kitty Kat: '7.Sge2 ist besser als 7.Lg5.' 7...Nd7 8.Ng3 Bg4N Kitty Kat: '!?' '!?' Kitty Kat: 'Leaves trodden paths.' Kitty Kat: 'Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.'

[8...Bg6

A) 9.a3 Nf5 (9...dxc4 Kitty Kat 10.Bxc4 Nf5 11.Nxf5 Bxf5 12.Be2 Bg6 13.Be3 Nb6 14.Qb3 Qd7 15.Rc1 Bf5 16.a4 Nd5 17.Nxd5 exd5 18.a5 a6 19.Bd2 f6 20.Bb4 Be7 21.Bxe7 Qxe7 22.exf6 gxf6 23.0-0 ½-½ (43) Sarwinski,M (2673)-Knorr,B (2649) Cologne Consultation 1866 (8) 10.c5 Be7 11.Nxf5 Bxf5 12.g3 Qc7 13.Be2

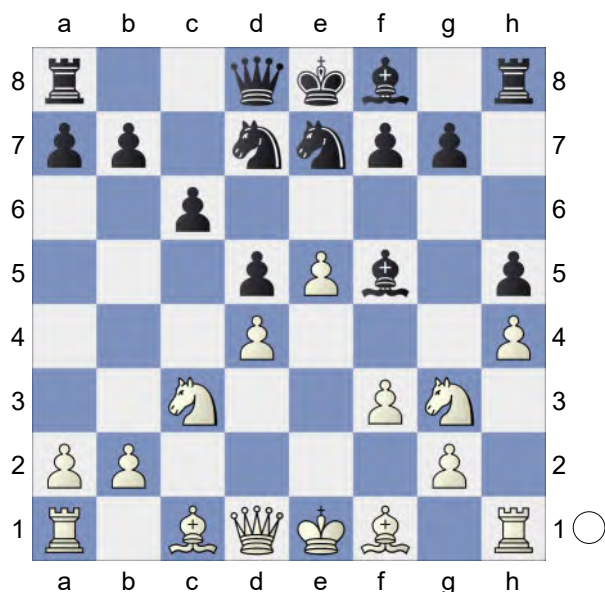
Bg6 14.0-0 b6 15.b4 a5 16.Be3 f6 17.exf6 gxf6 18.Bf4 e5 19.dxe5 Nxe5 20.cxb6 Qxb6 21.b5 Rd8 22.bxc6 d4 23.Na4 Qxc6 Maltsevskaya,A (2393)-Mkrtchyan,M (2354) FIDE Online Arena INT 2024 0-1 (36);

B) 9.Bg5 Qb6 10.Rc1 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Nf5 12.0-0 Be7 13.Nxf5 Bxf5 14.Bxe7 Kxe7 15.Qd2 Qd8 16.Nd1 Nb6 17.Ne3 Kf8 18.Nxf5 exf5 19.Bb3 Qxh4 20.Rfe1 Rh6 21.e6 fxe6 22.Bxe6 Re8 23.Bxf5 Rxe1+ Round-Firouzja,A (57);

C) 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Nxd5 (10.Be2 Qa5 11.Bd2 0-0-0 12.0-0 Be7 13.Nce4 Qc7 14.Ng5 Bxg5 15.Bxg5 f6 16.exf6 gxf6 17.Bd2 Nf4 18.Re1 Nb6 19.Qb3 e5 20.Bxf4 exf4 21.Ne4 Rxd4 22.Bf3 Bxe4 23.Bxe4 Kb8 24.Bf3 Nc4 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bc4 (2722)-5.f3 c6 6. Qd2 b5 (2712) Saint Louis 156/153 2013 CBM 116 Extra [Egil Fagerbakk] 0-1 (48)) 10...cxd5 11.Bd2 Be7 12.Be2 Rc8 13.Bxh5 Bxh5 14.Nxh5 g6 15.Nf4 Rxh4 16.Rxh4 Bxh4 7 Part Chapter-Games Game]

9.f3 White is slightly better. 9...Bf5 10.cxd5→ White goes for the king. Kitty Kat: ' White attacks.' 10...exd5 1.06/24

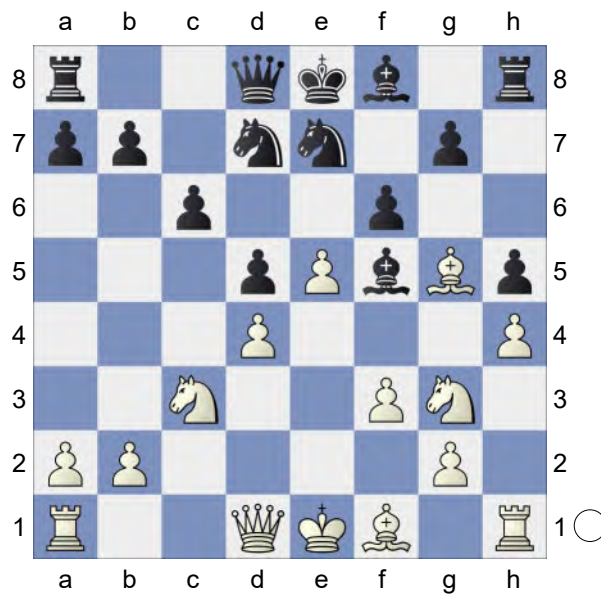
[10...cxd5 0.72/22 Kitty Kat: '±' '±' 11.Nb5 (11.Qb3 Kitty Kat Qb6; 11.Bg5 Kitty Kat Qa5 12.Bxe7 Bxe7 13.Nxf5 exf5 14.Bb5 0-0-0 15.Qd3 g6 16.0-0 a6 17.Nxd5 Qxb5 18.Nxe7+ Kb8 19.Qxb5 axb5 20.Rad1 Nb6 21.d5 Nc4 22.Rfe1 Nxb2 23.Rb1 Na4 24.Rxb5 Nc3 25.Rb3 1-0 Tari,A (2653)-Pantzar,M (2466) NOR-chT Elite 2223 2022 (5. 21)) 11...Nc6]



Kitty Kat: 'N' 'N' 11.Bg5± Kitty Kat: ' Strongly threatening Nxf5.' 11...f6 1.55/21 Kitty Kat: 'N' 'N' Kitty Kat: '

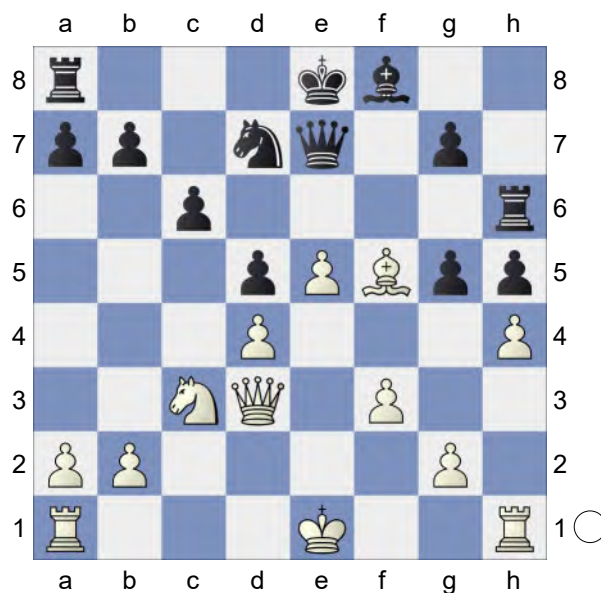
[Kitty Kat: 'Vorgänger:' Δ11...Be6 1.06/21 Kitty Kat: ' ±' '±' 12.f4? -0.72/19 Kitty Kat (12.Bd3± 0.87/20 (Kitty Kat) stays on course.) 12...Bg4? 0.92/17 (12...f6± -0.72/19 13.f5 Nxf5 14.Nxf5 Bxf5 15.exf6 Nxf6) 13.Bxe7? -0.93/20 (13.Be2± 0.92/17 is necessary to keep the advantage. Qb6 14.Bxe7 Bxe7 15.Qd3) 13...Bxe7± 14.Be2 Bxh4 15.Kf2 Bxe2 16.Qxe2 Nf8 17.f5? -2.91/20 (17.Qd2± -1.13/19) 17...Bxg3+-+ 18.Kxg3 0-1 Golubev,M (2461)-Postny,E (2568) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Aug blitz 2021 (2)]

(Diagram)



' 12.Nxf5 Kitty Kat: '+-!' '+-!' 12...Nxf5 13.Bd3 Kitty Kat: '!' '!' 13...fxg5 14.Bxf5 Rh6 2.33/22 Inhibits Bg6+. Kitty Kat: ' Inhibits Bg6+. Black is weak on the light squares'

[14...Qe7± 1.58/20 Kitty Kat: 'Δ' 'Δ' 15.Qd3 (15.Bg6+ Kitty Kat Kd8) 15...gxh4] 15.Qd3+- Qe7



16.0-0-0 0.97/23

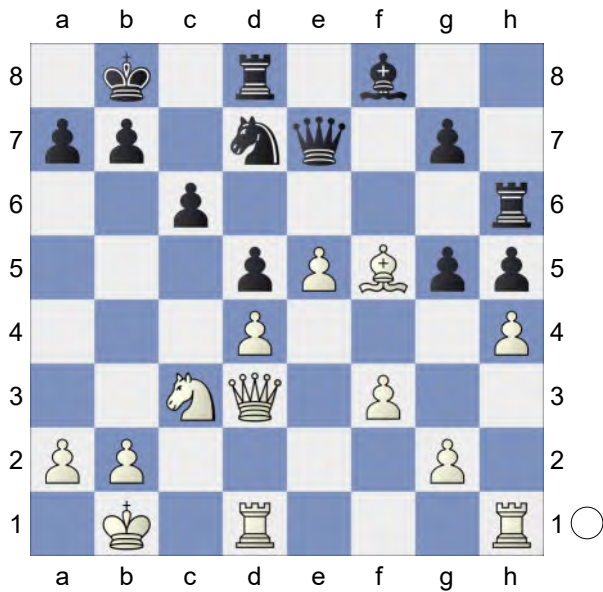
[16.hxg5+- 2.35/21 Kitty Kat: ' has better winning chances.' Qxg5 17.0-0]

16...0-0-0 17.Kb1 0.74/20 Threatens to win with hxc5.

[17.hxc5 1.22/20 Kitty Kat Qxc5+ 18.Kb1]

17...Kb8 1.85/23 Kitty Kat: '

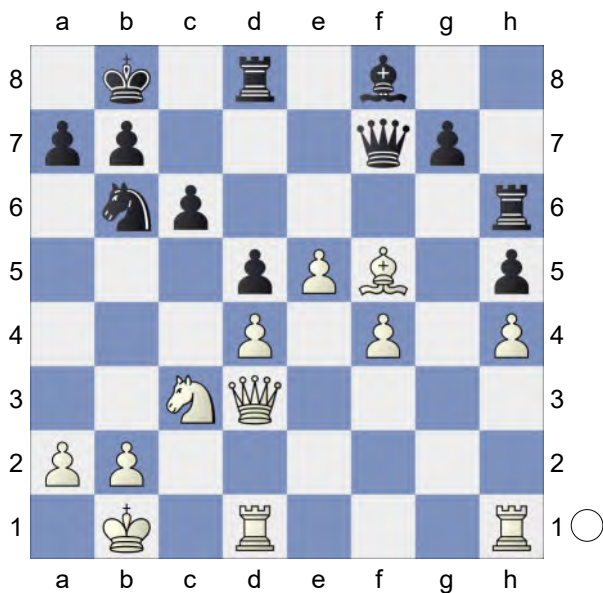
[17...gxc4± 1.02/21 Kitty Kat: ' might work better.' 18.f4 (18.Ne2 Kitty Kat Kb8) 18...Kc7]



' 18.g3 0.79/20

[18.hxc5!+- 1.85/23 Kitty Kat: ' is more deadly.' Qxc5 19.f4]

18...gxc4± 19.gxc4 Nb6! 20.f4 Qf7

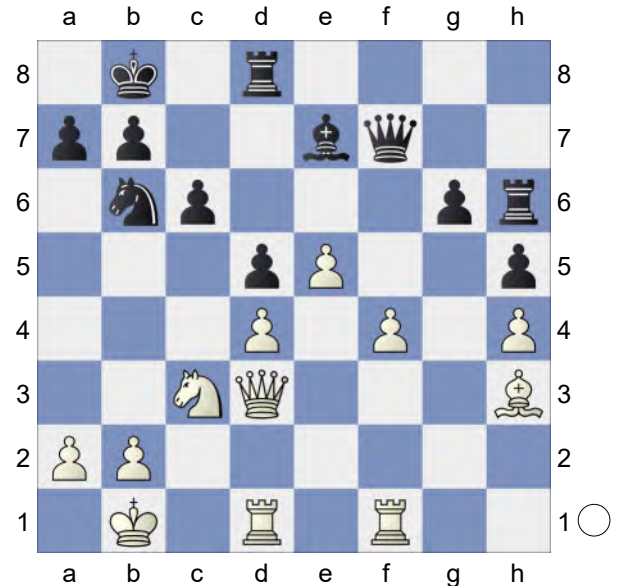


21.Rhf1 Be7 22.Bh3 0.02/24

[22.Qh3± 0.72/21 Kitty Kat: '±' '±']

22...g6 0.82/20

[22...Bxh4= 0.02/24 remains equal. 23.b3 (23.f5 Kitty Kat g5) 23...Na8]



23.Qg3! Kitty Kat: ' ±!' '±!' 23...Ka8 0.97/21

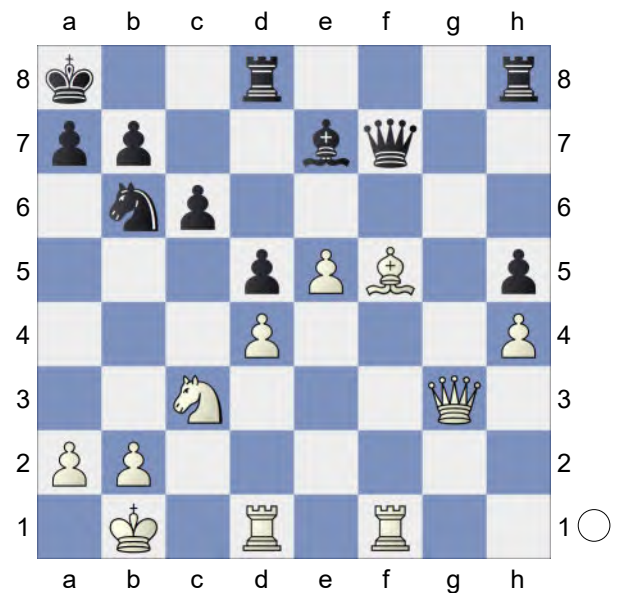
[23...Rf8± 0.63/22]

24.f5 0.40/20

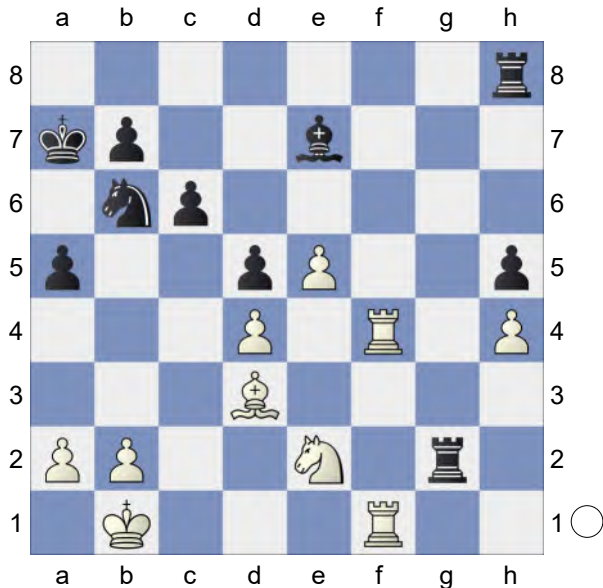
[24.Rf2± 0.97/21]

[24.a3± 1.04/21 Kitty Kat]

24...gxf5± Kitty Kat: '=' '=' 25.Bxf5 Rhh8



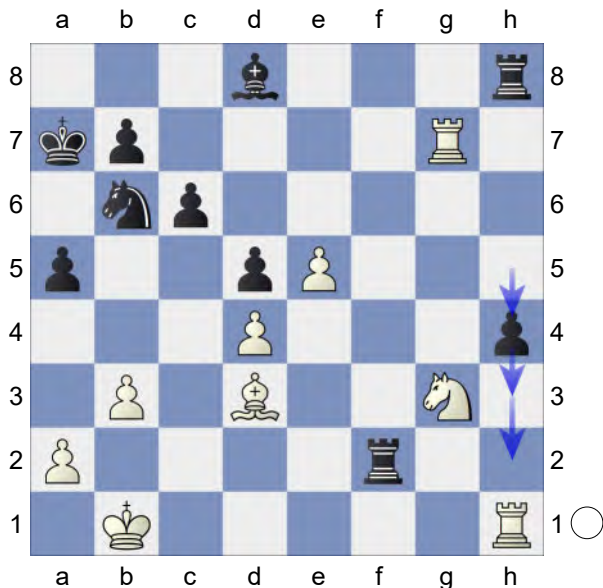
26.Bd3 Qg8 27.Qxg8 Rdxg8 28.Rf4
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31.b3 Rh2 32.Rf7 Bxh4 33.Rg7 Rf2
34.Rh1 -1.67/26

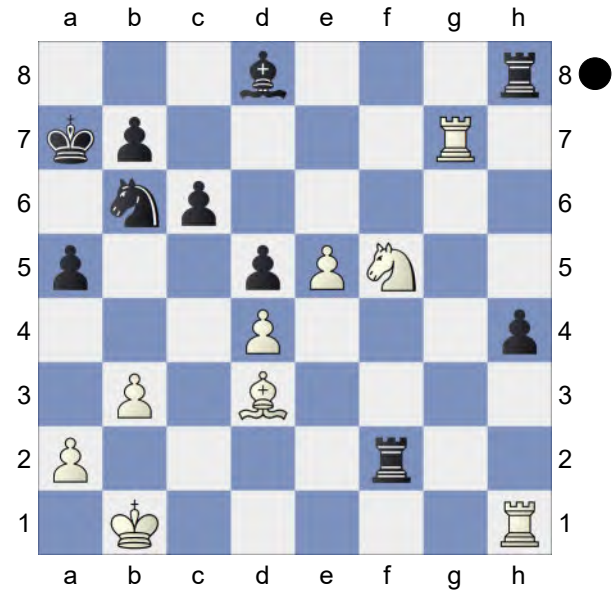
[34.Rxf2= -0.21/23 and White has
nothing to worry. Kitty Kat: '!=' '!=' Bxf2
35.Rf7]

34...Bd8-+ Kitty Kat: '≠' '≠' 35.Ng3 h4



36.Nf5

(Diagram)



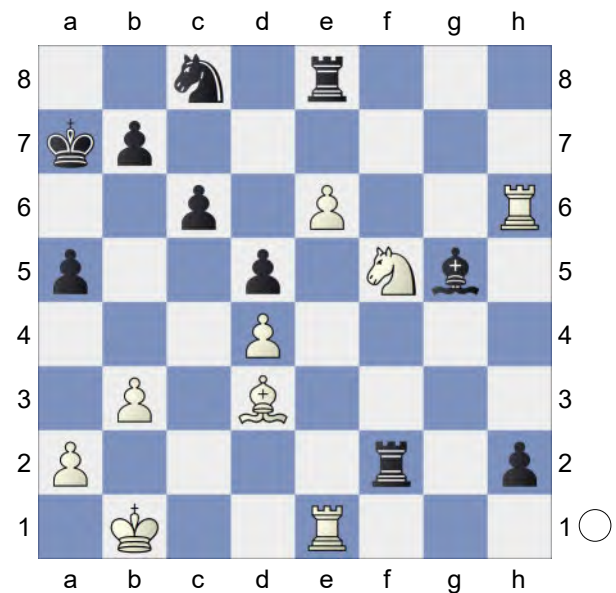
Nc8 37.e6 -2.52/24

[37.Rh3≠ -1.50/21 might work
better.]

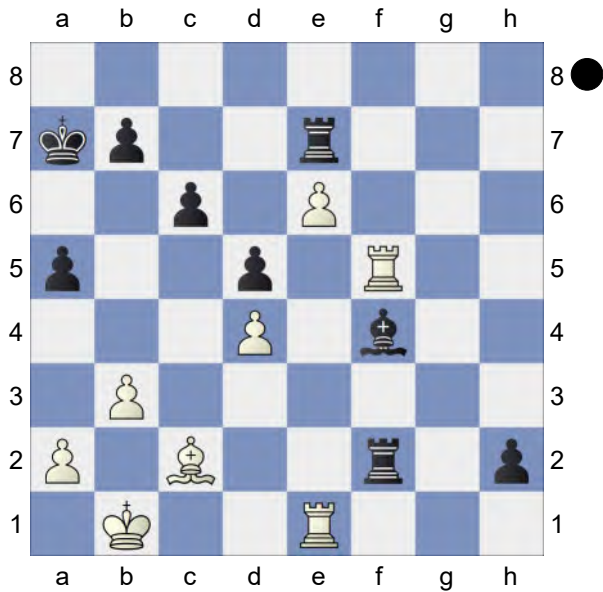
37...Re8 ...Bf6 is the strong threat. Kitty
Kat: '-+' '-+' 38.Re1 h3 White must now
prevent ... h2. Kitty Kat: 'Threatens to
win with ...Rd2.' 39.Rh7 h2 Strongly
threatening ...Rg8. Kitty Kat: 'And now
...Rg8 would win.' 40.Rh6? -5.27/22

[40.Rh1≠ -1.59/20 was the crucial
defense. Kitty Kat: 'was the crucial
defense.']

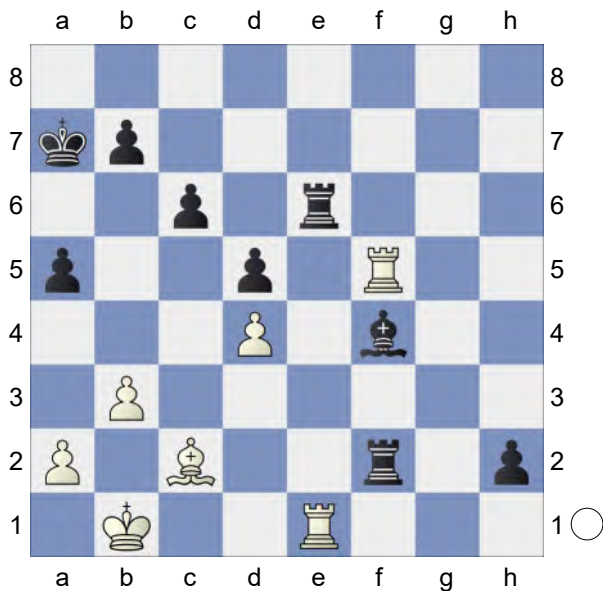
40...Bg5



Black is clearly winning. Kitty Kat:
 'Black is clearly winning.' 41.Rh5 Bf4
 42.Bc2 Ne7 Hoping for ...Nxf5. 43.Nxe7
 Rxe7 44.Rf5



Rxe6!



What a bad dream for White. Weighted
 Error Value: White=0.51/Black=0.20
 (precise) Kitty Kat: '!!' '!!' Kitty Kat: '
 Deflection. What a bad dream for White.
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.59/
 Black=0.21 (precise) '

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□ Grandelius,Nils

■ Bluebaum,Matthias

FIDE Grand Swiss (11)

[Grandelius,Nils]

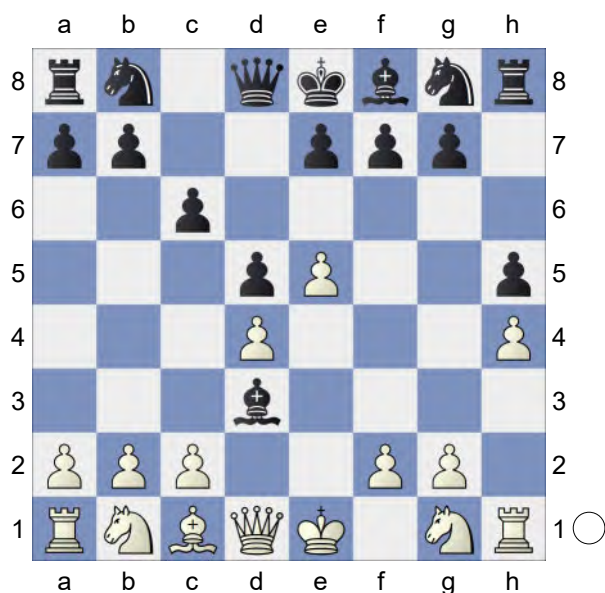
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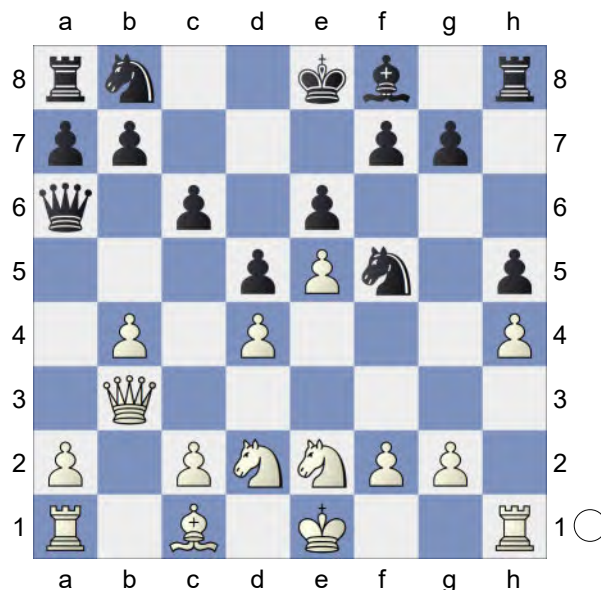
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 When I started playing chess some 15 years ago the Advanced French was played by a selected few, but overall considered a bit off-beat with 3. ♘d2 and 3.Nc3 by far being the main moves. In the last couple of years the though, both the Advanced and the Exchange (3.exd5) have had a renaissance and I would go so far as to claim that 3.e5 has outgrown 3.Nd2 as the second most ambitious choice against the French. **3...Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3**



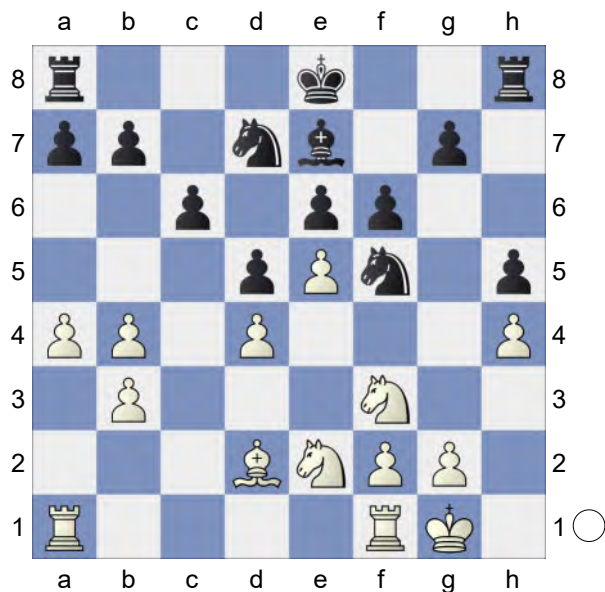
6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.Nd2 e6 A very modern try, played for instance by Jorden Van Foreest in the Tepe Sigeman tournament a few months prior to this game. **8.Ne2 Ne7!** This is the reason for ♘f5's burst in popularity. **9.b4 Qa6 10.Qb3N** This was my small idea for the game. The concept is very simple - I just

want to go ♘bd2-b3 without ever being bothered by a5-a4. **10...Nf5**



The best move, continuing to wait for ♘bd2 before castling. **11.Nf3 Nd7 12.a4 Qc4 13.Bd2** The sharpest plan. Trying to overprotect e5 with moves like ♕f4 and ♖e1 is also possible, but the combination of ♘f5 and h6 suggests that White should try to create something on the diagonal. During my preparation, I had a brief look at the position, and although the engines are defending with Black, I considered White's position a fair bit easier to play. **13...Qxb3 14.cxb3 f6 15.0-0 Be7?**

(Diagram)



The most ambitious, but unfortunately for Black, it doesn't quite work. **16.g3 Kf7 17.Rfe1!** The key move, removing all pressure on f2. The check on h7 is in itself not a big concern for Black, but combined with pressure on the e-file, the potential c5-square and the lack of real counterattacking ideas Black's position is simply really bad. **17...fxe5?** Continuing in the ambitious fashion initiated by 15...f5, but it doesn't really work.

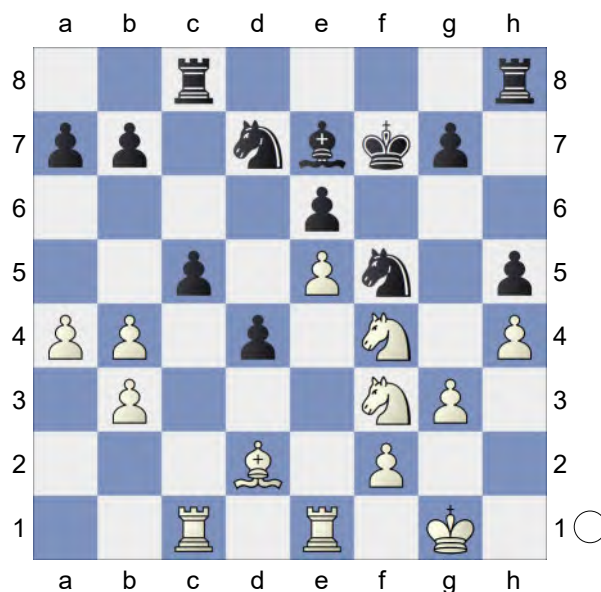
[17...Bd8 used to be the move, but after 18.Nf4! White simply enjoys a nice space advantage. g5 is the main move, where Black isn't doing badly, but White is also not without chances. A month prior to this game, in the Polish league, Blübaum played 19.exf6 against me. I got a decent edge but the game was drawn. Still, I expected Blübaum to change his line, although I had no idea to what.]

18.dxe5 Rac8 19.Nf4 d4 20.Rac1 Activating my last piece. By this point I thought I was winning, but had missed Blübaum's trick.

[20.a5 c5 (20...a6 21.Ra2

was Jones try against Van Foreest, but compared to the game it's obviously a much worse version for White. c5 22.bxc5 Nxc5 Wins a pawn, and was historically the reason for 7...Nf5 being considered dubious, but to the modern eye it looks like excellent compensation with the bishop pair after 23.b4!) 21.b5]

20...c5



21.Nd5 cxb4

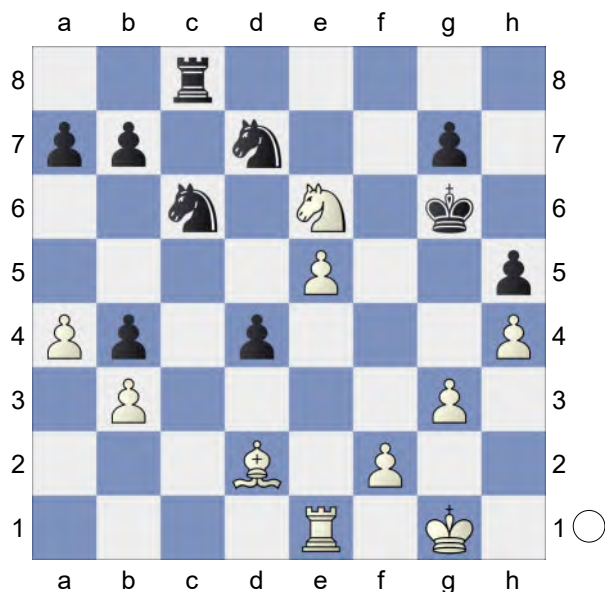
[21...Kg6 22.Nxe7+ is also possible Nxe7 23.bxc5 Nxc5 24.Nxd4 is not the same as on the previous move, as the d7-bishop would be hanging after Qb6. This means that Black instead needs to retreat the c5-bishop, but that is too passive to justify the pawn sacrifice. Nf5]

22.Nxe7! Initiating a tactical sequence which works out very well for White. **22...Nxe7 23.Ng5+!** This is the point. The main idea is that if we end up with my knight against his bishop, it doesn't matter if I am a pawn or two behind, as the black king will be too weak.

[23.Bxb4 Nd5 24.Bd6 d3 is still excellent compensation for

Black. 25.Rcd1]

23...Kg6?! 24.Rxc8! Now it is just over. The king running around the board with the rook being stuck on a7 is simply too much. **24...Rxc8 25.Nxe6 Nc6**

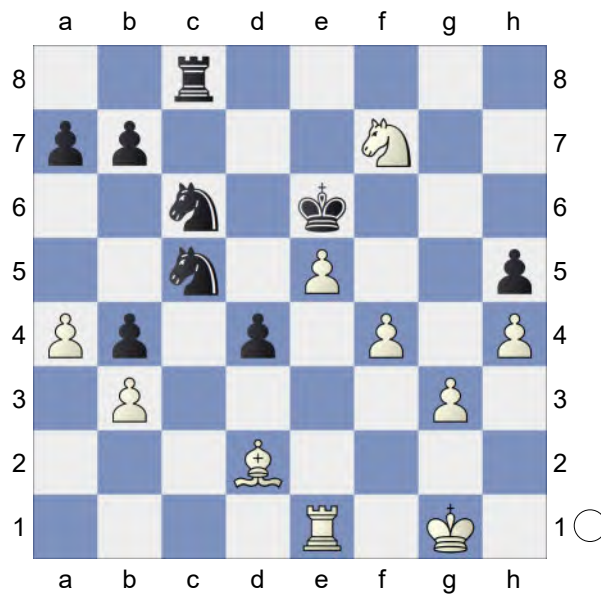


26.f4 Kf5

[26...Rg8!?]

27.Nxg7+ Stronger than taking the g7-pawn. After thinking for a few minutes, realizing the hopelessness of the situation, Blübaum suddenly looked up with a quick smile and played **27...Kg6** anticipating the end of the game. **28.Ne6 Kf5 29.Ng5 Nc5 30.Nf7 Ke6**

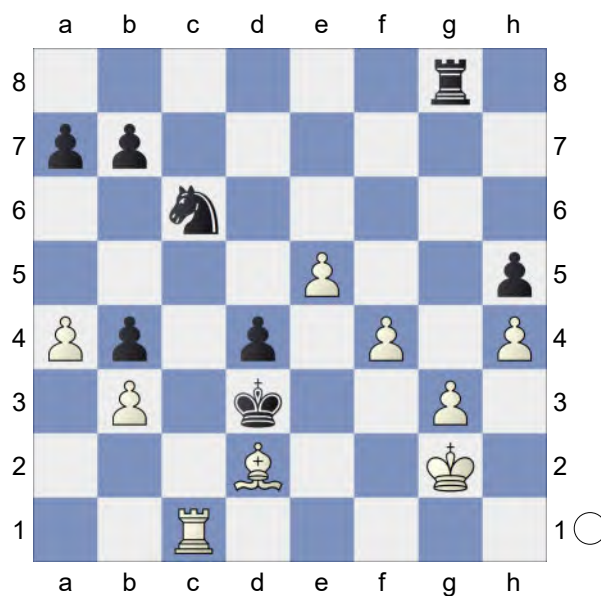
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31.Nd6 A funny way to end the game!

31...Rg8 would prevent the immediate game, but after **32.Kg2** threatening both Rf7 and Nb5+ Black is dead lost. For instance **32...Kd5 33.Rb1 Ne4 34.Nxe4** and mate can't be prevented for long **34...Kxe4 35.Rc1 Kd3**

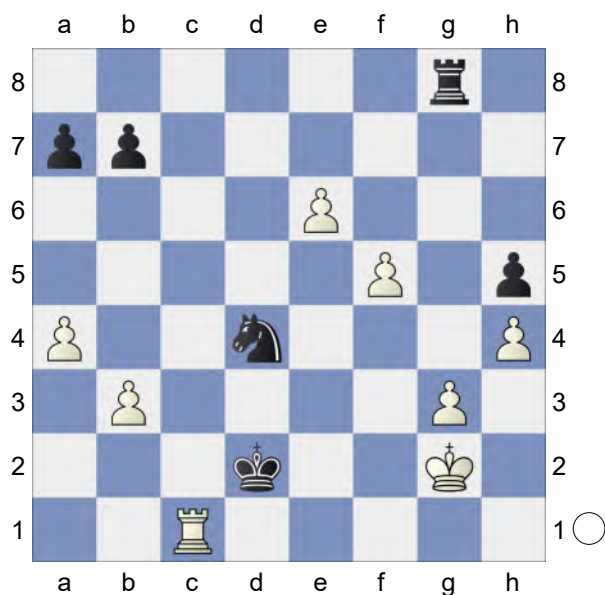
[35...a5 would be the other normal way of playing, intending to break with ...f6, but it does look a bit slow. Over the board it would be very hard to judge the consequences of]



36.Be1 is more or less an immediate win, for instance **36...Ke2 37.e6** and it all falls apart **37...d3** I thought this was the only try. The point is that **38.f5** is met by **38...Nd4!**

[**38...Re8** is surprisingly interesting. It looks like a pawn loss, but Black has tricks. **39.Rxc6 bxc6 40.Bxb4 c5 41.Bc3** The only critical move. **d2!** **42.Bxd2** Again retreating the knight would lead to dry equality **Kxd2!** **43.g4 hxg4! 44.h5 Kc3** The point. The knight is trapped on d6! However, **45.h6! Kxb3 46.f6** gives White 3 good pawns for the piece, and I believe at least practically a very nice advantage. In fact, the best move is **46...Rxe6** but this is very atypical for the French Defence. Now f6 will be close to impossible to achieve for a very long time. **47.f7** With precise play Black should be able to equalize here, but precise play in such a position is very hard to achieve! **Rf6 48.h7**]

39.Bxb4 d2! although it should be said that after **40.Bxd2 Kxd2**

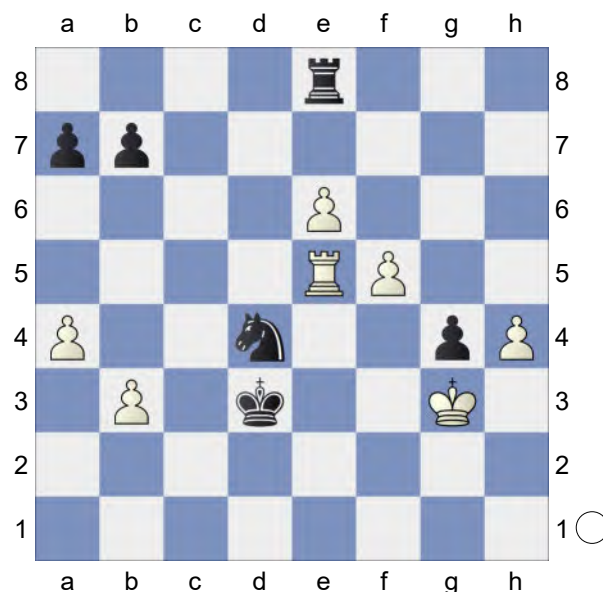


41.Rc5 White is still winning, although a

bit more complicated than the game. Besides, **24.Nd4** is not the only move, and something like **24.Re2** would also be winning. **41...Re8 42.Re5 Kd3** also works, but looks much less clean.

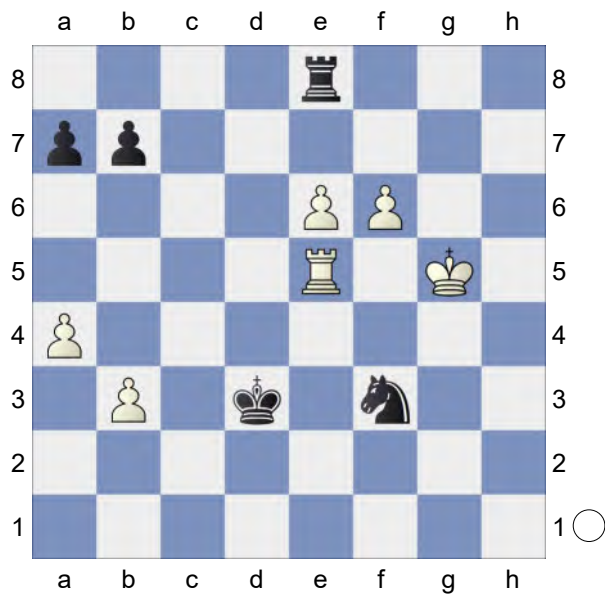
[**42...Nc6 43.Rd5+!** is the problem for Black - with the f-file open, the check on h7 is suddenly a huge threat. **Ke3 44.Rd6** defends everything]

43.Kf2 Re7 prevents any **hxh3**, after which I am ready for **h8xg7. 44.g4** To be honest, my original idea when playing **20.Rae1** was this. **44...hxg4 45.Kg3 Re8**

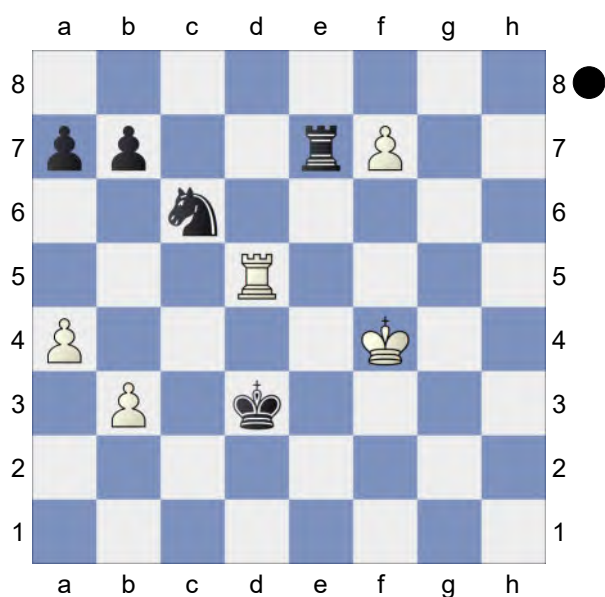


46.Kxg4 Nc6 47.Kf4 I thought I would be escaping perpetual check like this, due to g7 hanging, but completely missed **47...Ne7!** which is an immediate draw. **48.f6= Ng6+** also worked immediately though. **49.Kf5** Retreating like this would be an admission of complete failure. **49...Nxh4+ 50.Kg5 Nf3+**

(Diagram)



is the simplest way. The queen will never be trapped and sooner or later the knight will end up on e5 with devastating effect. Perhaps **51.Kf4** was the simpler way to avoid the game continuation. **51...Nd4 52.e7 Nc6 53.f7** is a better version of the game. Of course, during the game I calculated moves like **53...Rxe7** very carefully, but there is nothing close to a perpetual check after **54.Rd5+**



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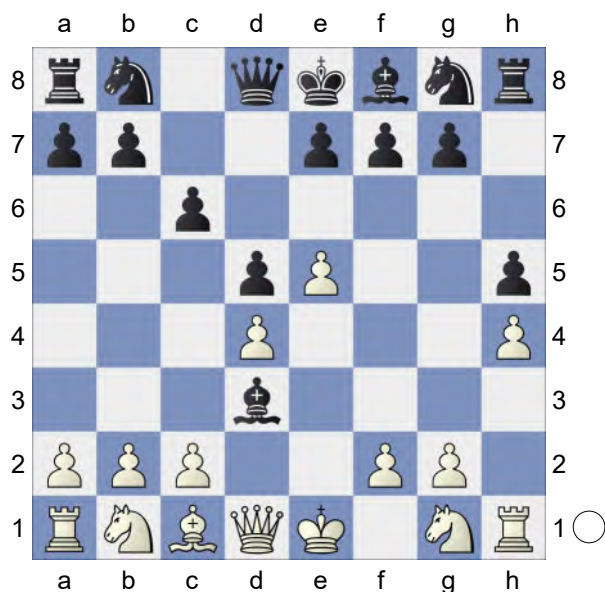
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.Nd2 e6 8.Ngf3

[8.Ne2!? see 1-0 (27) Nakamura,H (2749)-Svane,R (2594) Caleta 2019]

8...Nh6 This is the variation I have recommended in the past.

[8...Qa6 see 1-0 (31) Sutovsky,E (2650)-Anton Guijarro,D (2679) Poikovsky 2017, in which I discuss 8...Nh6 9.c4.]

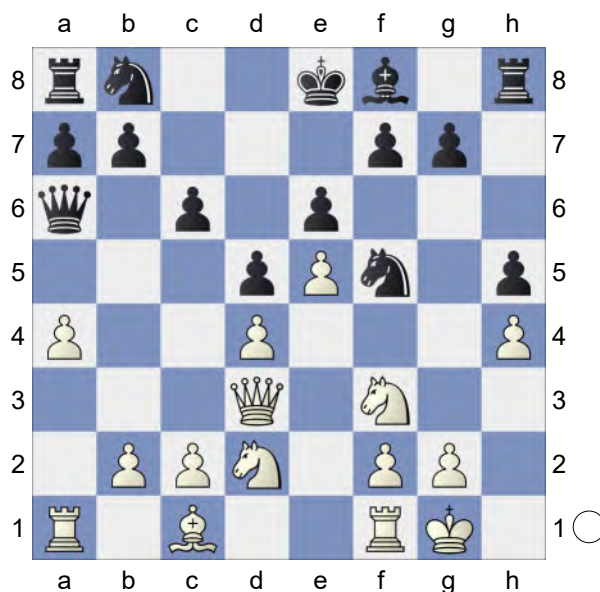
9.0-0 Nf5 10.a4

[The previous game saw 10.Nb3 Qb5! (10...Qa6 11.Qd1 Nd7 12.Bg5 Rc8 13.c3 1/2-1/2 (35) Chigaev,M (2640) - Svane,R (2615) Riga 2019) 11.Qd1 c5 12.a4 (12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Bg5 Nc6 14.a4 Qb6 15.c3 a6= 1/2-1/2 (36) Dominguez Perez,L (2786)-Caruana,F (2773) chess24.com 2020) 12...Qb6 13.a5 Qb5

14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Re1 a6= 0-1 (36) Dominguez Perez,L (2786)-Caruana,F (2773) chess24.com 2020]

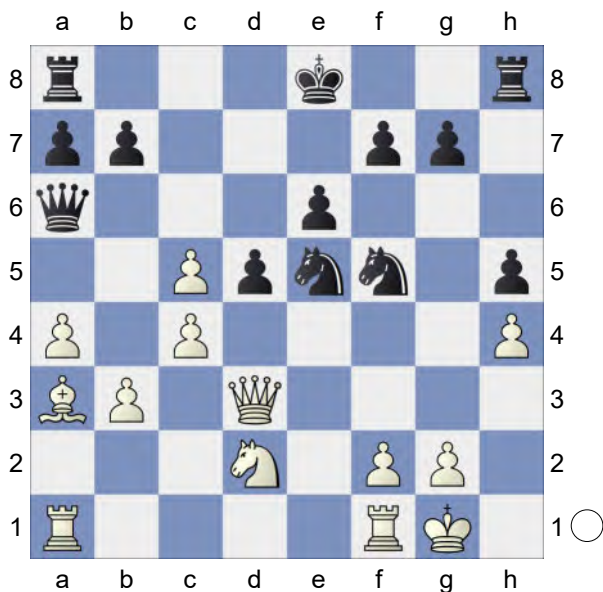
[I have no further comments on my own analysis here (see the Sutovsky game above) except that on 10.c3 Be7 11.g3 Qb5!? is fine. (I gave 11...Qa6=)]

10...Qa6!



Now the standard 11.c4 (as played in the game) gives Black an excellent version of that structure. 11.c4 The next 10 moves were played very accurately. 11...Bb4 12.b3 c5! 13.Ba3 Nc6 14.dxc5 Bxd2! 15.Nxd2 Nxe5

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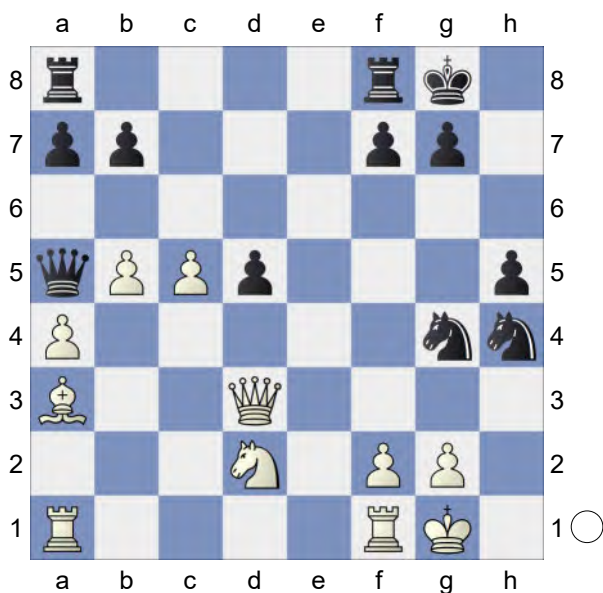


16.Qe2 Ng4' 17.b4 0-0 18.b5 Qa5
19.cxd5 exd5 20.Qd3 Nxb4?

[20...g6

A) 21.c6 Qc7 22.Nf3 (22.g3?!
Rfe8 23.cxb7 Qxb7+) 22...Rfe8
23.cxb7 Nxb4! (23...Qxb7+)
24.Ne5! Qxb7 25.Nxg4 h4xg4;

B) 21.Nf3 Qc7+]



21.c6+- Rfe8 22.cxb7 Rab8

[22...Qc7 loses to 23.Qg3
or 23.Qh3, or 23. fxg3, making it
clear exactly why 22...Nxb4 was

erroneous.]

23.Nb3 Qd8

[23...Qc7 24.Qg3!+-]

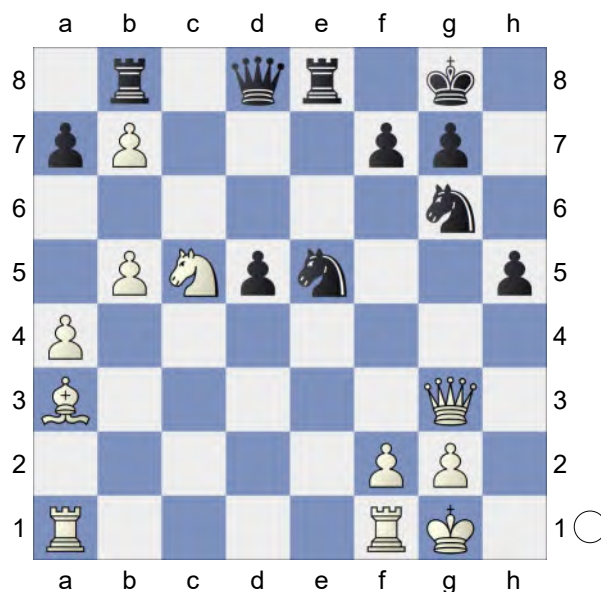
24.Nc5?!

[24.Rae1 was strong since Rxb7
is met with (24...Rxe1 25.Rxe1 Rxb7
doesn't prevent 26.Na5) 25.Na5!+-]

24...Ng6?

[24...Qg5!]

25.Qg3+- N4e5



26.Rae1 h4 27.Qe3

[27.Qh3 was simpler, not fearing Nf4
28.Qf5 Qf6 29.Qxf6 gxf6 30.a5+-]

27...d4! Still losing, but White now has
to backtrack with 28.Qh3! 28.Qe4? h3!
29.g3 d3 Suddenly the d- and h-pawns
start to make White feel nervous -
brilliant practical play from Caruana.

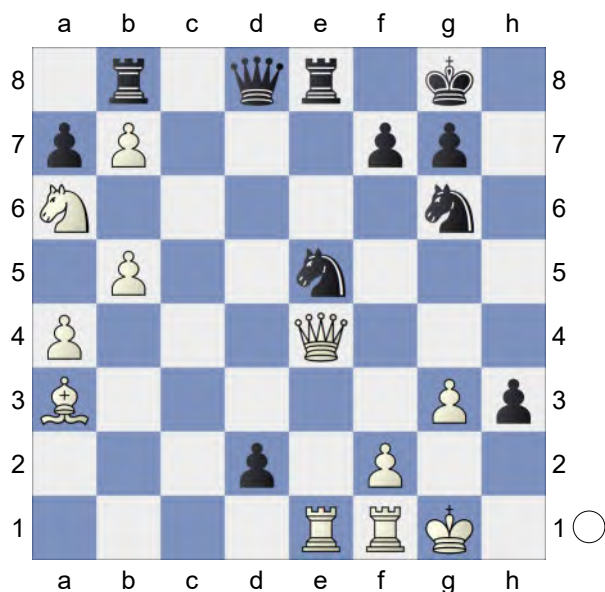
30.Na6??

[The position was already too difficult
in my opinion. The computer gives a
clear advantage with an almost
impossible variation to find: 30.Nxd3!
f5! (Of course 30...Nxd3 loses to
31.Qxe8+ Qxe8 32.Rxe8+ Rxe8
33.Bd6+-) 31.Qxf5 Qd5 32.f3 Rxb7
33.Kh1! White wants to play Qe4 but if
he were to do so immediately, Black

would win with 33...Qxe4 34.Rxe4 Nxf3. (33.Bb2?? Rf7 34.Qe4 Nxf3+-+) 33...Qa2 34.Bb2! Rf8 (34...Rf7 35.Qxh3+-) 35.Qe4 Nxd3 36.Re2! Three of Black's pieces are hanging and additionally, White threatens Bxg7.]

30...d2

[or 30...f5]



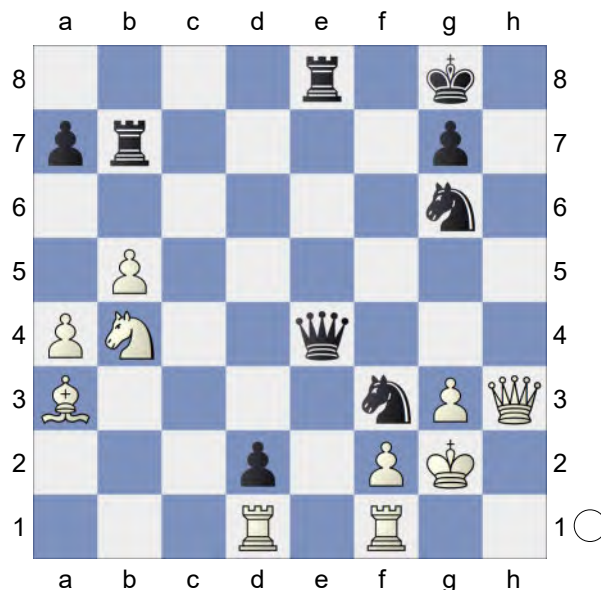
31.Rd1 f5!-+ Unfortunately, White's queen cannot remain on the long-diagonal, nor does it have any checks.

32.Qxf5

[32.Qh1 Qd3-+]

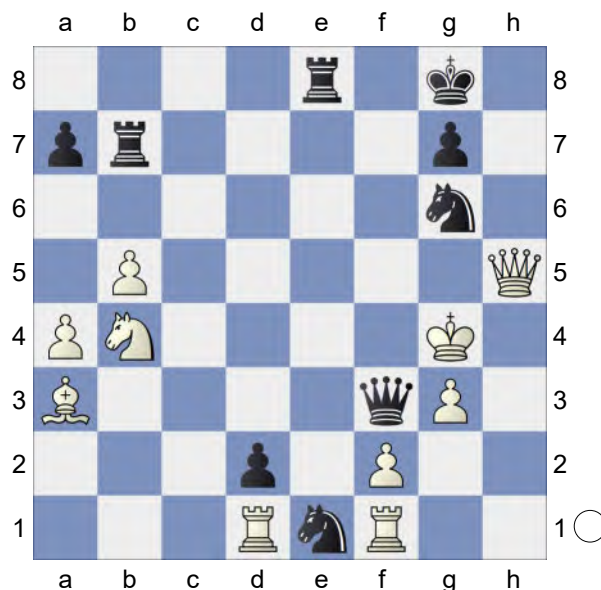
32...Rxb7 33.Qxh3 Nf3+ 34.Kg2 Qd5 35.Nb4 Qe4

(Diagram)



36.Qh5 allowing mate in 5, although the alternatives were equally helpless.

36...Ne1+ 37.Kh3 Qg2+ 38.Kg4 Qf3+



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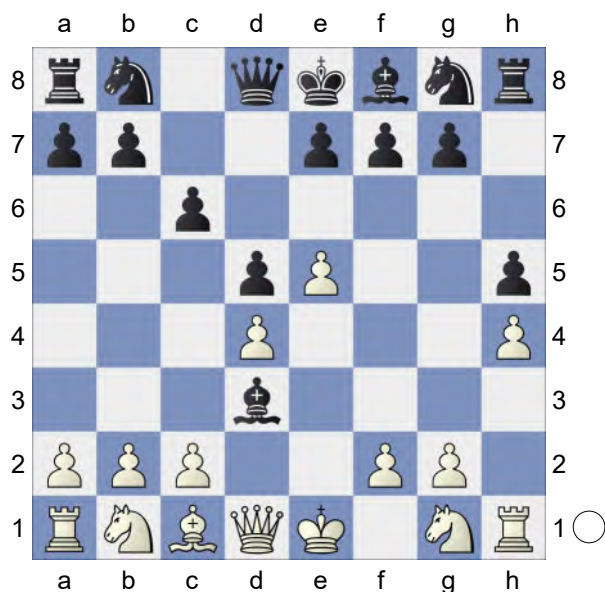
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 e6 7.Nf3!/? A new move for the site. Dominguez may have been concealing his real opening preparation, but he has also revealed a somewhat tricky move order. The most popular move here is 7...Qa5+ but this probably transposes to the variation 6...Qa5+ which is a respectable sideline, but not within everyone's repertoire.

[We've discussed the main line 7.Bg5 in great length and it's sure to appear much more in the future. Qb6 8.Nd2 Qa6]

7...Be7?

[7...Qa5+ 8.Nbd2 Qa6 9.c4 transposes to 6...Qa5.]

[7...c5 may be the way to go for those who don't have 6...Qa5 in their repertoire.]

A) 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.0-0 Nc6 10.c4 Nge7 11.Nc3 1-0 (29) Filgueiras,N (2140)-Both,V (1998) Blumenau 2018 Bb4" ;

B) Further investigation is needed after 8.Bg5

B1) Also interesting is 8...Qb6 9.0-0 (9.dxc5 Qxb2 10.0-0 Nd7 11.Nbd2 Nxc5 12.Qe2)

B1a) 9...Qxb2?? 10.Na3 c4 11.Nxc4 dxc4 12.Qxc4 Nd7 13.Rab1 Qa3 (13...Nb6 14.Qd3 Qxa2 15.Rxb6+-) 14.Rxb7+-;

B1b) 9...cxd4 10.Nxd4 Nd7 11.Nc3;

B2) 8...Qa5+ 9.Nbd2 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Nc6 11.0-0 but Black probably gets away with Nxe5 12.Qe2 Nc6 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Qxe6+ Be7;

C) 8.c3 Nc6 (8...cxd4 9.cxd4 Nc6 10.Nc3 Nge7 11.Bg5± 1-0 (32) Zeliantsova,K (1804)-Paichadze,L (2564) Moscow 2018) 9.0-0 Qd7 (9...Qb6 is probably not so precise in view of 10.dxc5! Bxc5 11.b4) 10.Bg5 cxd4 11.cxd4 Nge7 12.Nc3 Nf5 there is still a good amount of play for both sides, which is why the variation is reasonable for White, but as far as I can see, Black shouldn't have much to fear.]

[The next game in their match featured 7...Qb6 which is also not the best response.]

A) 8.0-0 Qa6 9.Qd1!? Not really an interesting move in itself, but an interesting moment. Practice has seen the variation 7.Bg5 Qb6 8.Nd2 Qa6 where White plays 9.c4 and play remains complicated. Although

that isn't an option in this version, we are able to withdraw the queen in this manner. Furthermore, the moves Nf3 and 0-0 should be more useful than Bg5 and Nbd2.

A1) 9...Nd7 10.Nc3!? is one benefit of keeping the knight at bay.

A1a) 10...c5 11.a4! and the knight comes to b5, for instance Nh6?! (on 11...Qc6 we can switch routes with 12.Ne2 Ne7 13.Bg5) 12.Nb5! Qc6 (12...Qb6 13.c4!) 13.c4! dxc4 14.d5! exd5? 15.Re1 with a completely winning position due to the imminent threat of e6.;

A1b) 10...Ne7 11.Ne2 and play might continue c5 12.c3 Nf5 13.Bg5;

A2) 9...c5 10.a4!?

A2a) 10...Nc6 11.dxc5! Bxc5 12.c3 Be7 and now my engine gives the counter-intuitive 13.a5 Nh6 (13...b6 14.b4 bxa5 15.Qa4! Qb7 16.b5 Nb8 17.c4±) 14.Bxh6 Rxh6 15.b4 and if Qc4 16.a6!? is possible.;

A2b) 10...cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nc6 12.Nb5↑;

B) 8.Nbd2?! Nh6 9.0-0 Nf5 10.c4 Be7 11.g3 Qa6 12.b3 0-1 (35) Dominguez Perez, L (2786)-Caruana, F (2773) chess24.com 2020 c5! 13.dxc5 Bxc5±]

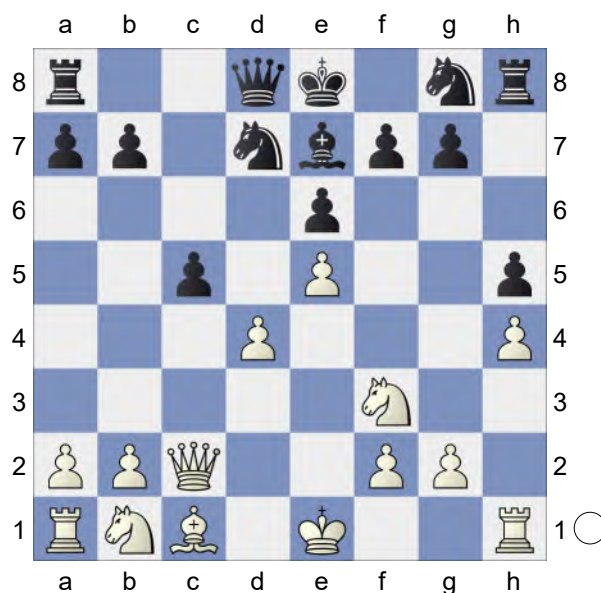
8.c4! dxc4 9.Qxc4 Nd7

[9...Qd5 10.Qc2 is unhelpful.]

10.Qc2 c5?!

[It's always a question whether Black can just sit solid with 10...Nb6

11.Nc3 Nd5 however, the problem in these positions is almost always the knight on g8. Its only available square is h6 but it will always be chopped off by the 'bad bishop'. 12.g3 Nh6 13.Bxh6! Rxh6 14.0-0]



11.d5! An instructive breakthrough.

11...exd5 12.e6! fxe6

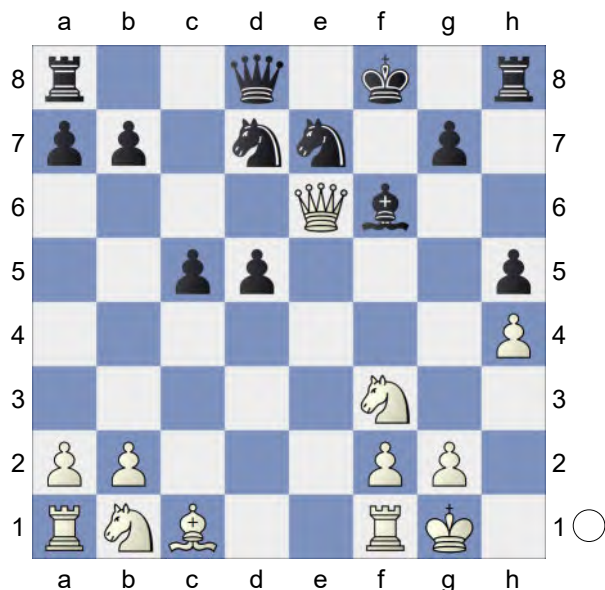
[12...Ndf6 loses to 13.exf7+ Kxf7 14.Ne5+]

13.Qg6+ Kf8 14.Qxe6 Bf6 15.0-0

From both the objective and practical standpoints, this position is unsightly for Black- even more so when we consider the rapid time control. **15...Ne7**

[15...Nb6 16.Nc3 Qc8]

(Diagram)



16.Nc3 Rc8??

[16...Nb6 should have been tried, although the position is still unenviable after 17.Ng5 Bxg5 (17...Qe8 18.a4±) 18.Bxg5 Qd7 19.Qe2±]

17.Ng5

[17.Nb5! threatening Nd6, is even better.]

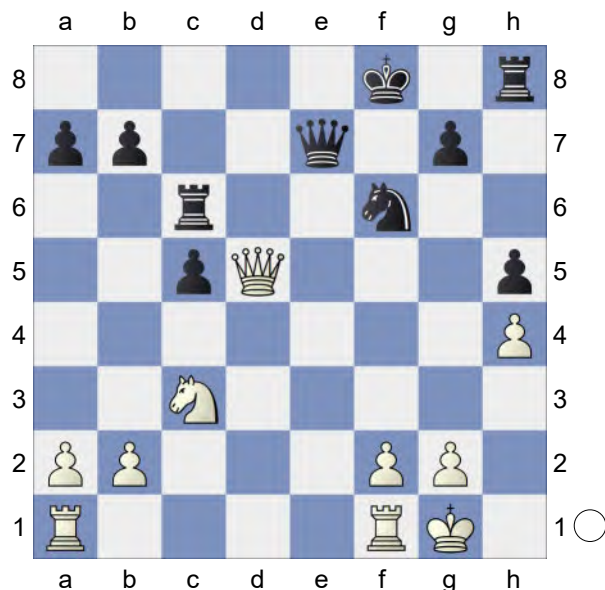
17...Bxg5

[17...Qe8 18.Nxd5+-]

18.Bxg5 Rc6 19.Bxe7+ Qxe7

20.Qxd5 As they say, the rest is a matter of technique and, for a rapid game, Dominguez converted cleanly. 20...Nf6

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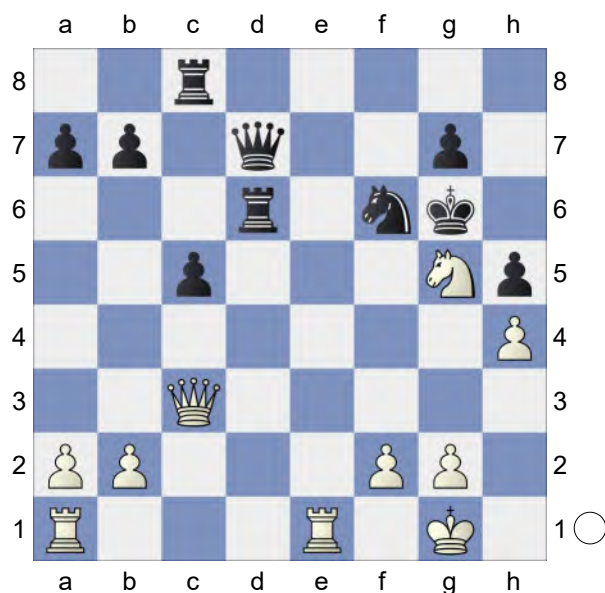


21.Qf3 Kf7 22.Rfe1 Qd7 23.Ne4 Kg6

24.Ng5 Rd6 25.Qc3

[25.Qg3! Rd3 26.Nf3+ Kh7 27.Qg5+-]

25...Rc8



26.Re5?!

[26.Nf3 Kh7 27.Qc2+ Kg8 28.Re2+-]

26...c4?

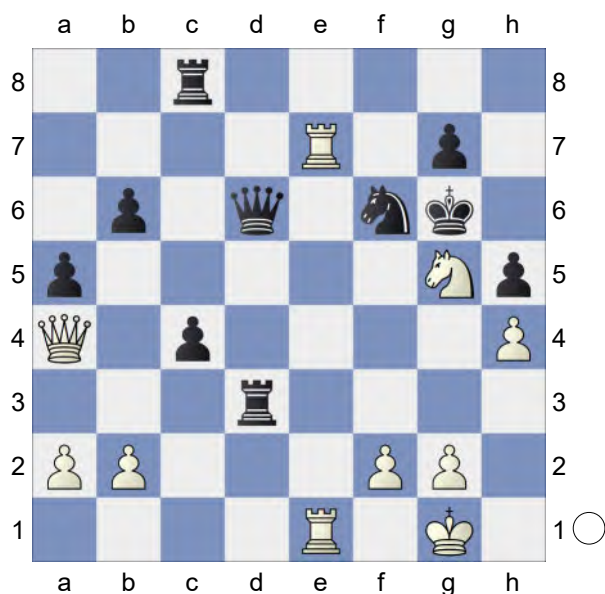
[It was favourable for Black to reduce the pressure by trading some pieces, therefore, correct was 26...Rd1+! 27.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 28.Re1 Qd5]

27.Rae1 Rd3 28.Qb4?!

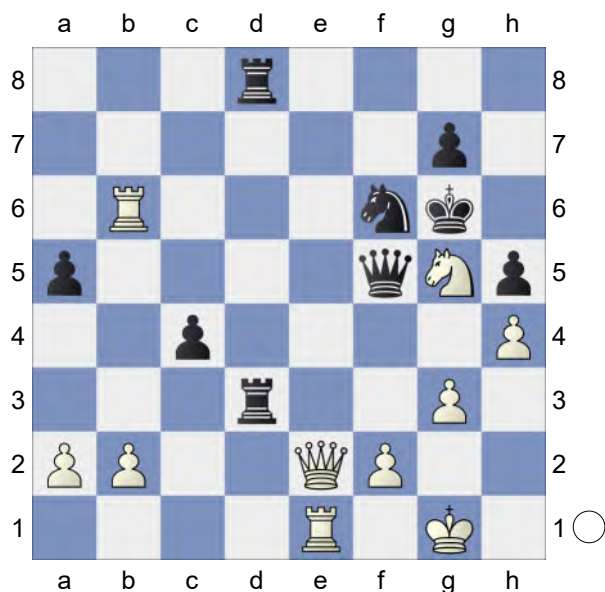
[28.Qc2!]

28...b6?! Again, both players underestimated the idea to swap rooks.

29.Re7 Qd6 30.Qa4 a5

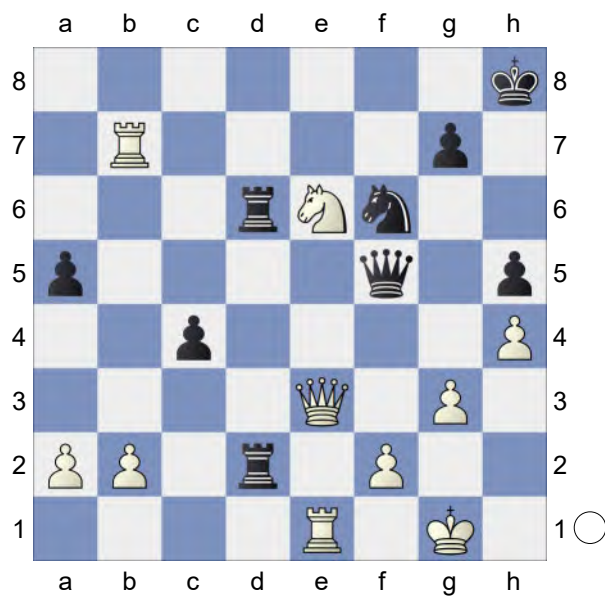


**31.Qc2 Rc7 32.R7e6 Qf4 33.g3 Qf5
34.Qe2 Rcd7 35.Rxb6 Rd8**



**36.Ne6 Rd2 37.Qe3 R8d6 38.Nf8+
Kf7 39.Rb7+ Kg8 40.Ne6 Kh8**

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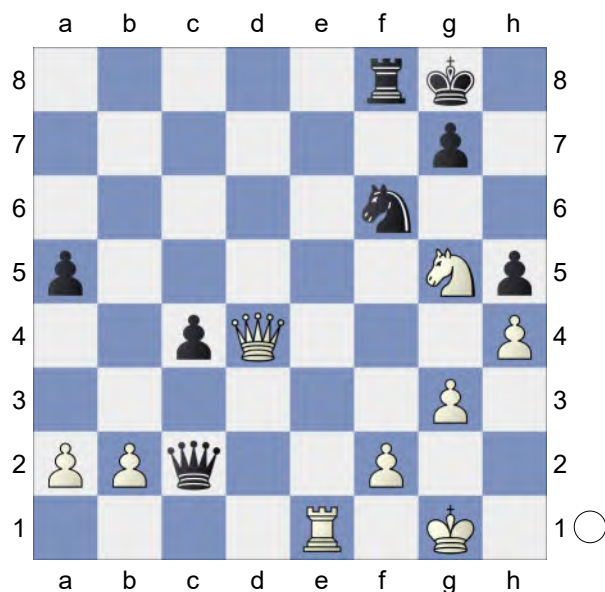
41.Ng5 Kg8 42.Rb8+

[42.Qxd2! was missed.]

42...Rd8 43.Qxd2

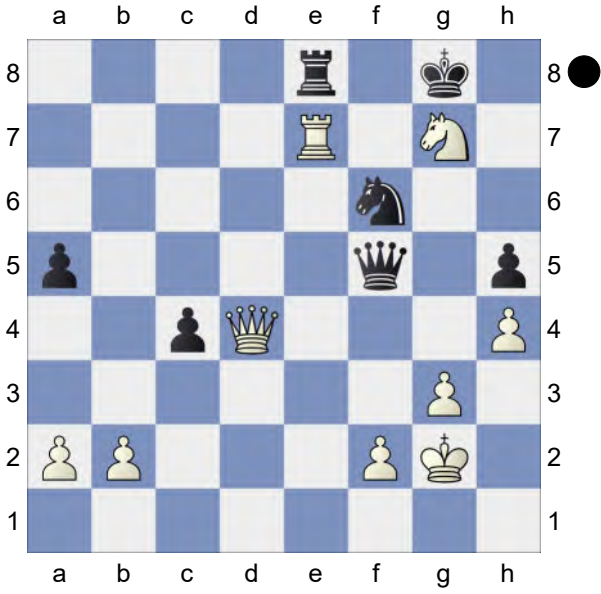
[43.Qb6 Rc8 44.Qa7! was more clinical. The threat is Qf7+ followed by Re8+ with mate to follow.]

43...Rxb8 44.Qd6 Rf8 45.Qd4 Qc2



**46.Re7 Qb1+ 47.Kg2 Qf5 48.Ne6
Re8 49.Nxg7**

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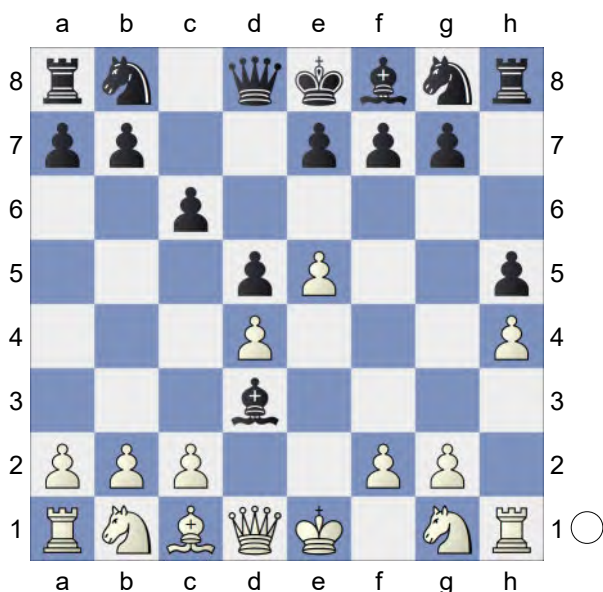
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation In this example, we are going to examine another interesting gambit line. The starting position of this variation arises after **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3**



6.Qxd3 aiming for e6!

[6.cxd3 e6=]

6...Qa5+ 7.c3

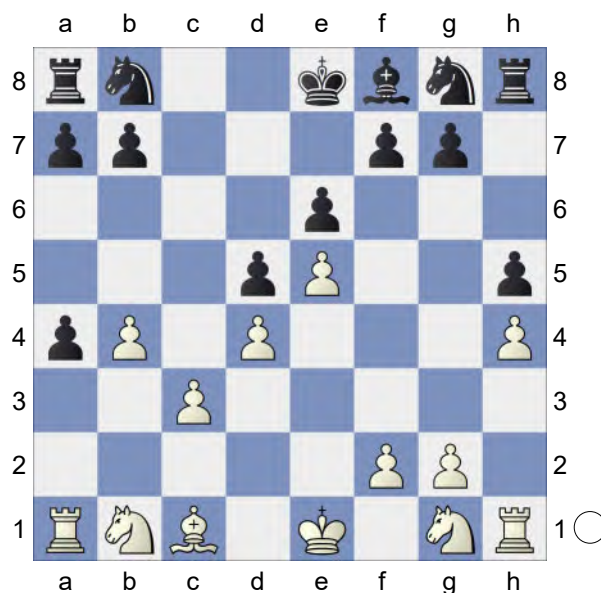
[7.Nd2 e6 8.Ngf3 Nh6 9.0-0 Nf5 10.Nb3 Qb5 11.Qd1 c5 12.a4 Qb6 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.Nxc5 Qxc5 15.Bg5 Nc6 16.c3 Rc8 17.Re1 Qb6 18.Rb1 Na5 19.b4 Nc4 20.Nd4 Nxd4 21.cxd4 Rc7 Ter Sahakyan,S (2644)-Aryan,C (2630) Saint Louis USA 2024 [Marian Petrov] ½-½ (55)]

7...e6 8.b4N White is slightly better.

[8.a4 Qa6 9.Qd1 Ne7 (9...c5 10.Na3 cxd4 11.Nb5 Qb6 12.Nxd4

Nc6 13.Ngf3 Nge7 14.0-0 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Nc6 16.Nf3 a6 17.Re1 Be7 18.Qd3 Qc7 19.Bg5 g6 20.Qe3 Bxg5 21.Qxg5 Qd8 22.Qf4 Ne7 23.Rad1 Qc7 24.c4 Blomqvist,E (2527)-Mitrabha,G (2540) Stavanger 2024 Mega2024 Update 31 [MH] 0-1 (37)) 10.b4 Nf5 11.Nf3 Nd7 12.Na3 Nb6 13.a5 Nc4 14.0-0 Be7 15.g3 b5 16.Nc2 0-0-0 17.Bg5 Qb7 18.Qe2 a6 19.Nce1 Bxg5 20.hxg5 Qe7 21.Nd3 Kb7 22.Kg2 Ka7 Adhiban,B (2598)-Kushagra,M (2426) Abu Dhabi 2022 [Daniel Fernandez] 1-0 (51)]

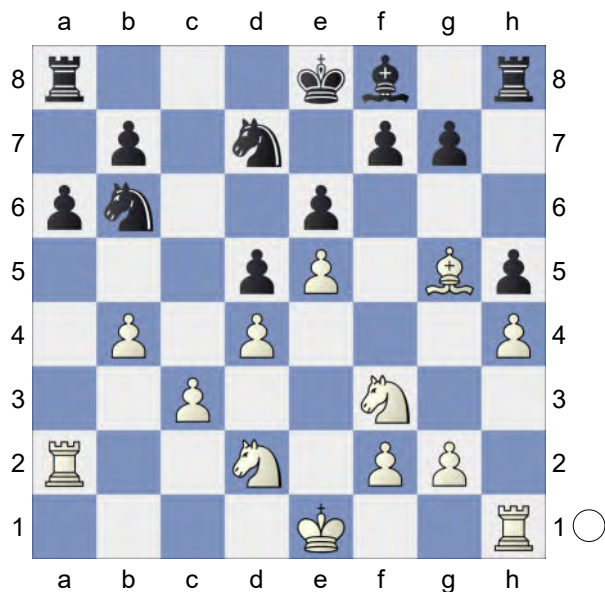
8...Qb5 9.Qxb5 cxb5 10.a4 bxa4



11.Rxa4 Ne7 12.Bg5 Nc8 13.Nd2 Nb6 14.Ra2 N8d7 15.Ngf3 a6

[15...Rc8 seems wilder. 16.Ke2 a6 17.Kd3 f6]

(Diagram)



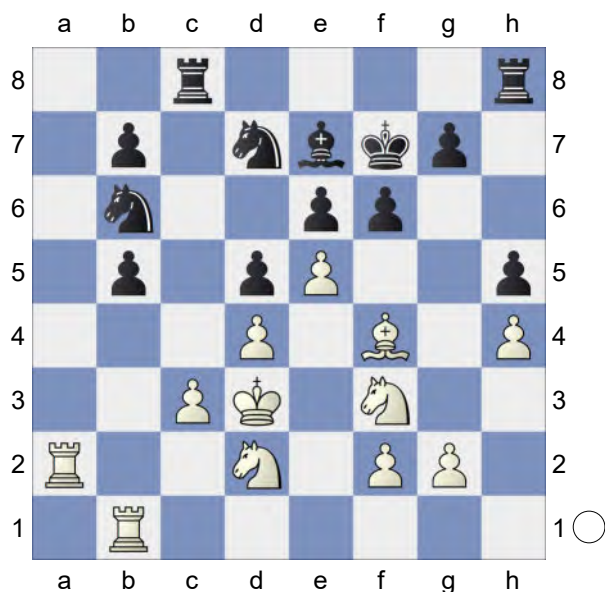
16.Ke2 f6 17.Bf4 Rc8 18.Kd3 Kf7
0.55/24

[18...Be7= 0.21/22]

19.Rb1 0.15/22

[19.Nb3!± 0.55/24]

19...Be7= 20.b5 axb5

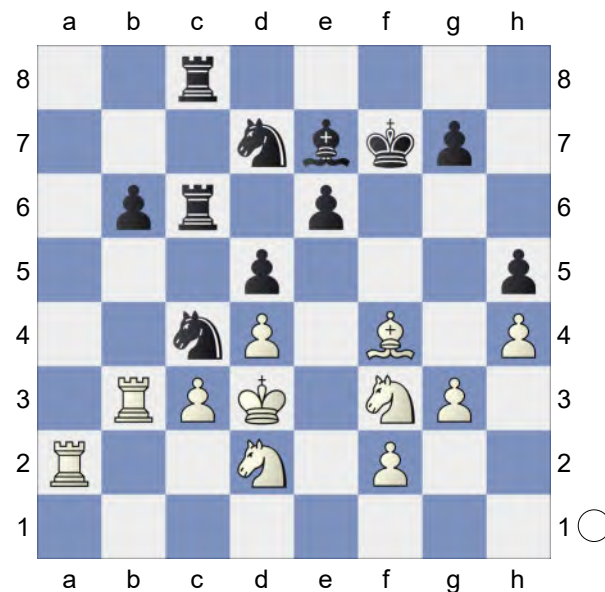


21.Rxb5 Rc6 0.59/25

[21...Ra8!= 0.02/26 22.Raa5 Rxa5
23.Rxa5 Ra8]

22.g3 Rhc8 23.Rb3 fxe5! 24.Bxe5
Nc4! 25.Bf4↑ White fights for an
advantage. 25...b6

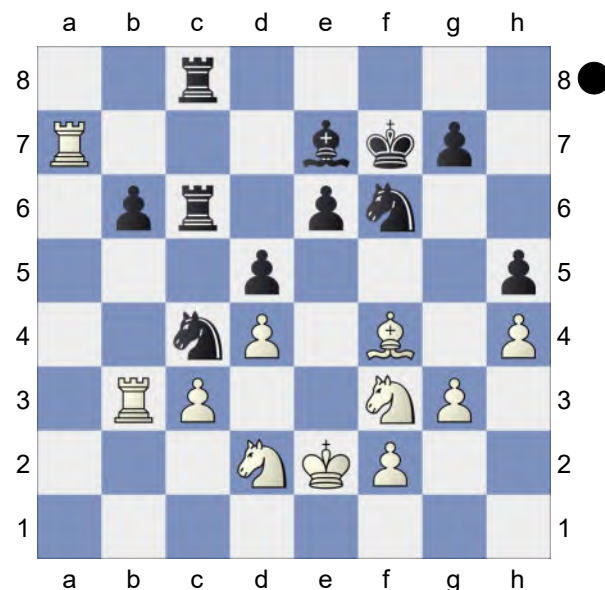
(Diagram)



26.Ra7 Nf6 0.93/21

[26...Ke8= 0.13/24 keeps the
balance.]

27.Ke2



Threatens to win with Nxc4. Chess con
chili. 27...Nxd2 3.39/18

[27...Kf8± 0.76/24]

28.Ne5+-

[28.Bxd2 Ng4 29.Ne1 Kf8±]

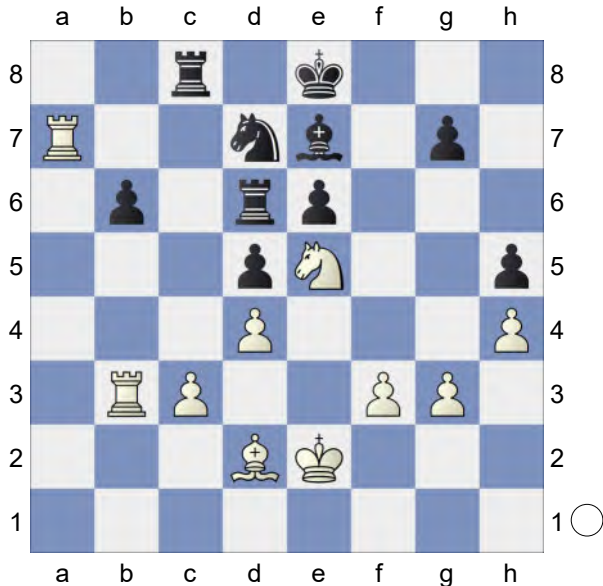
[28.Nxd2 Kf8±]

[28.Kxd2 Ng4 29.Rb7 g6 30.Ne5+
Nxe5 31.Bxe5 Ra8±]

28...Ke8 29.Bxd2

[Weaker is 29.Kxd2 Rxc3 30.Rxb6
(30.Rxc3 Ne4+ 31.Ke1 Rxc3±;
30.Rxe7+? Kxe7 31.Rxb6 Rc2+
32.Ke1 Ra8-+) 30...Ra3 31.Rxa3
Bxa3 32.Rxe6+ Kf8±]

29...Rd6 30.f3 Inhibits Ne4. 30...Nd7



31.Nxd7 0.26/18

[31.Ng6+- 2.04/22]

31...Rxd7= 32.Rxd7 Kxd7 33.Rxb6+-

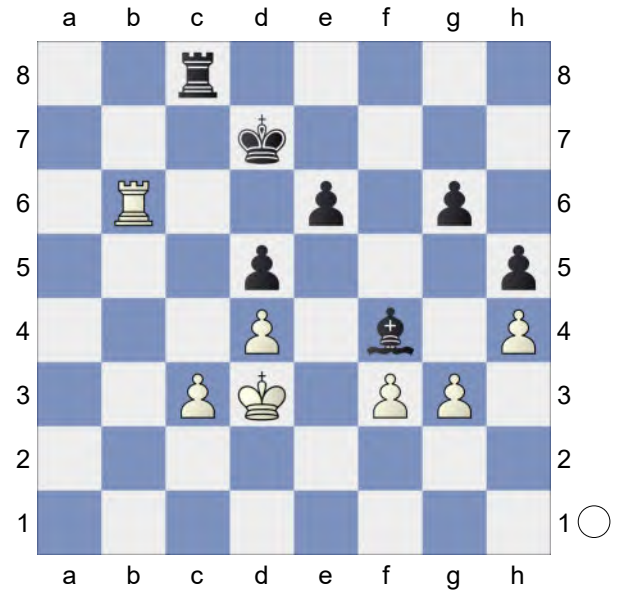
Endgame KRB-KRB 33...g6 34.Kd3

Bd6 35.Bf4 0.00/45

[35.g4± 0.40/22 deserves
consideration.]

35...Bxf4=

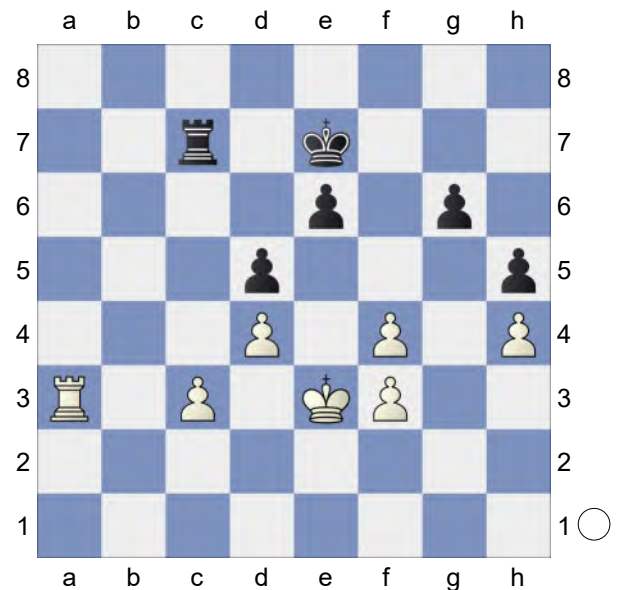
(Diagram)



The position is equal. 36.gxf4 KR-KR

36...Rf8 37.Rb7+ Kd6 38.Ke3 Rc8

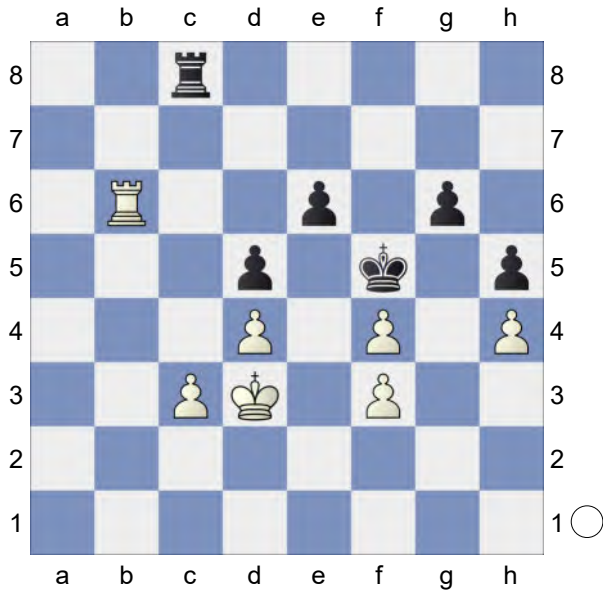
39.Rb3 Rc7 40.Ra3 Ke7



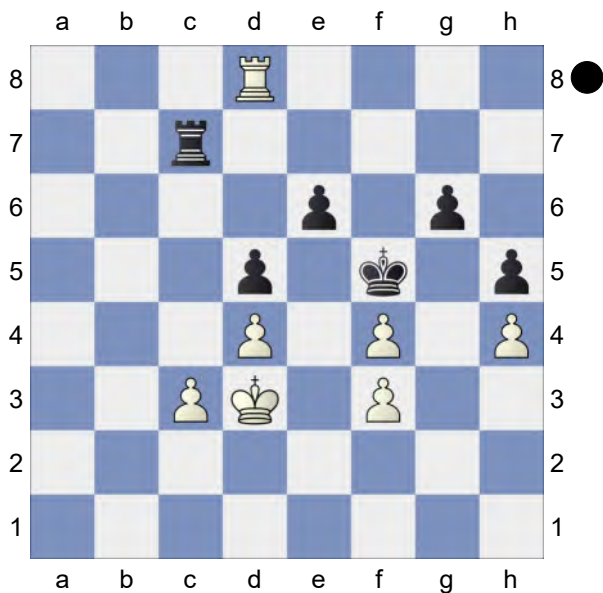
41.Rb3 Kf6 42.Ra3 Rc8 43.Kd3 Kf5

44.Ra6 Rc7 45.Rb6 Rc8

(Diagram)

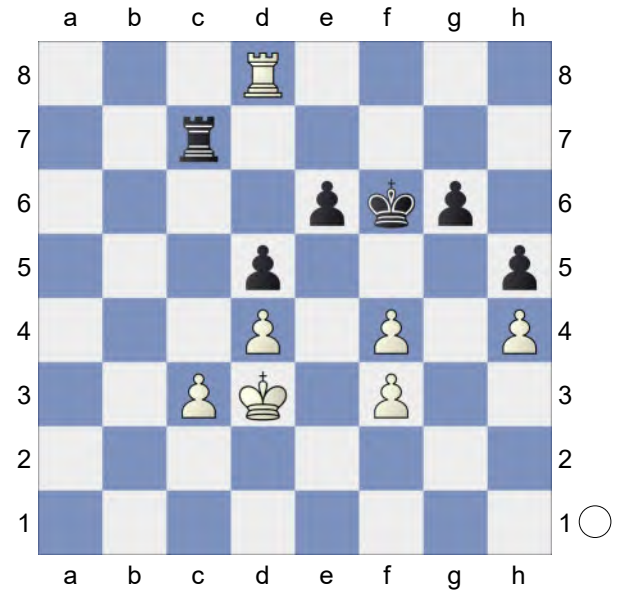


46.Rd6 Rc7 47.Rd8

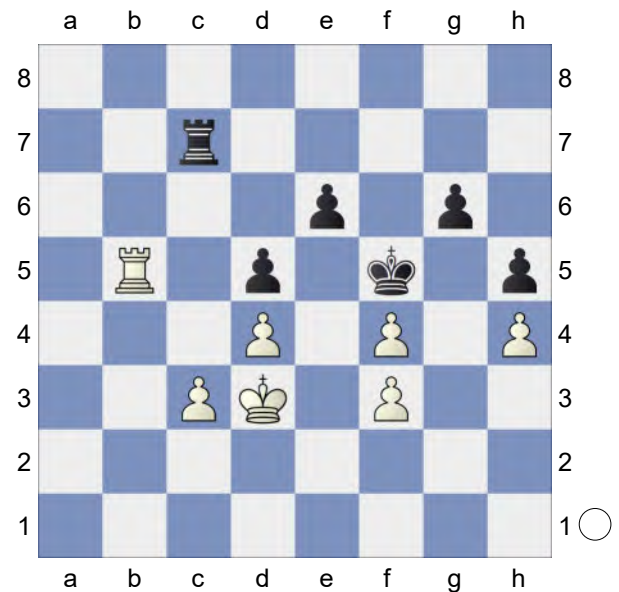


White threatens Rf8+ and mate. 47...Kf6
48.Rf8+ Kg7 49.Re8 Kf7 50.Rd8 Kf6

(Diagram)

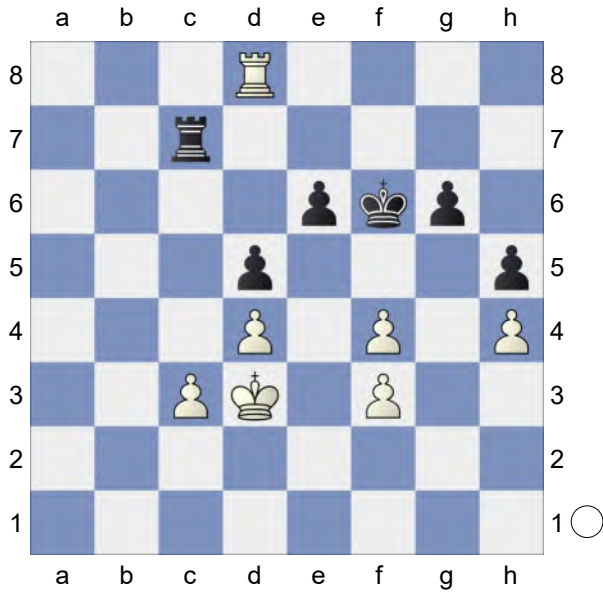


51.Rf8+ Ke7 52.Ra8 Kf6 53.Rb8 Kf7
54.Rb4 Kf6 55.Rb5 Kf5



56.Rb8 Rf8+ would kill now. 56...Kf6
57.Rg8 Kf7 58.Rh8 Rh7+ is the strong
threat. 58...Kg7 Prevents Rh7+. 59.Rd8
Kf6

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.18 (very precise)
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□ Martirosyan, Haik M.

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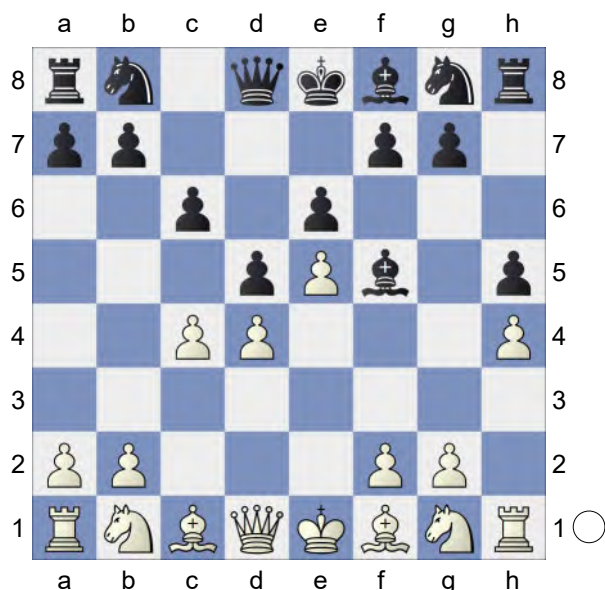
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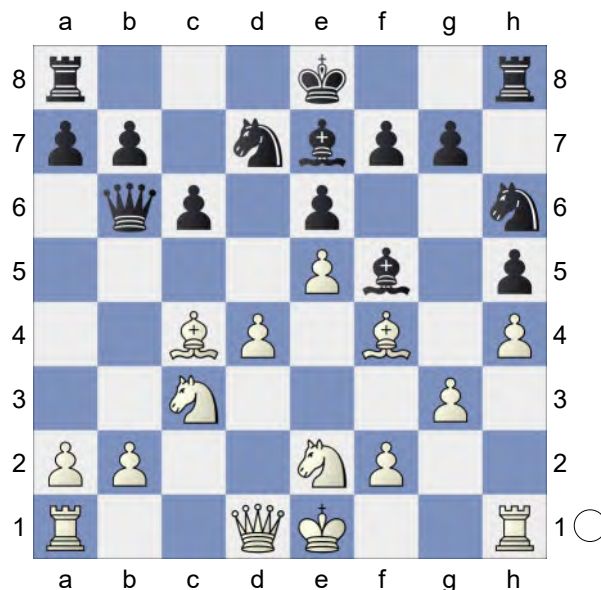
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation 1.e4
c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.c4
e6



6.Nc3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 Nd7 8.Nge2 Be7
9.g3 Nowadays more popular than 9.
Ng3. Heutzutage beliebter als 9.Sg3.
9...Nh6 10.Bf4 Qb6

(Diagram)



White has an edge. 11.Qd2N -0.29/18

[Δ11.Bd3 0.27/20]

[11.Qc1 Rd8 12.0-0 a6 (12...Bg6
13.Bg5 Qb4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Nf4
Nf5 16.Nxg6 fxc6 17.Ne2 Nb6
18.Bb3 Kf7 19.Rd1 Nd5 20.Rd3
Rd7 21.Qc5 a6 22.Rad1 Rhd8
23.a3 Nc7 24.Qc2 g5 25.Rf3 g6
26.Rxf5+ gxf5 27.Qxf5+ 1-0 Vachier
Lagrave, M (2736)-Baldauf, M (2501)
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13.Bb3 Ng4 14.Kg2 c5 15.Na4 Qa7
16.Nxc5 Nxc5 17.dxc5 Bxc5 18.Bg5
Rd7 19.Bc2 Bxc2 20.Qxc2 0-0
21.Nf4 Bxf2 22.Nxh5 Ne3+ 23.Bxe3
Bxe3 24.Rad1 Rd4 25.Qe2 Rxd1
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(2473) SVK-ch Bratislava 2023 (7)]

11...Qb4 0.28/20 'N'

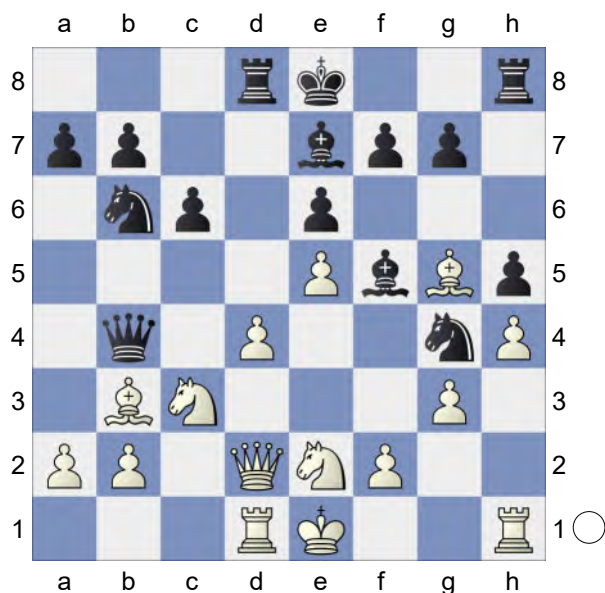
[Δ11...Rd8! -0.29/18 12.0-0 (12.Rd1
Ng4 13.Qc1 Qb4 14.Bb3 Be4
15.0-0 Bf3 1-0 (34) Beerdsen, T
(2494)-Elgersma, O (2312) Hilversum
op 2022 (4)) 12...0-0]

12.Bb3= Rd8 13.Rd1 Nb6 14.Bg5
0.12/20

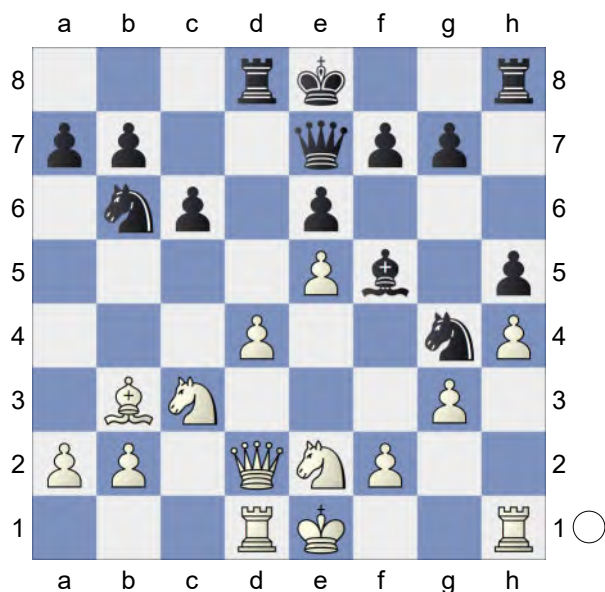
[14.0-0!± 0.54/21]

14...Ng4 0.85/22

[14...Bg4!= 0.12/20 keeps the balance.]

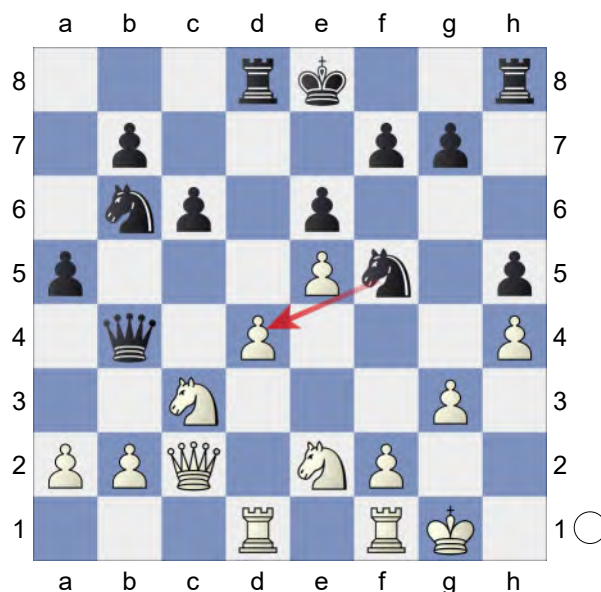


15.Bxe7 0.33/20
[15.Qc1!± 0.85/22]
15...Qxe7±

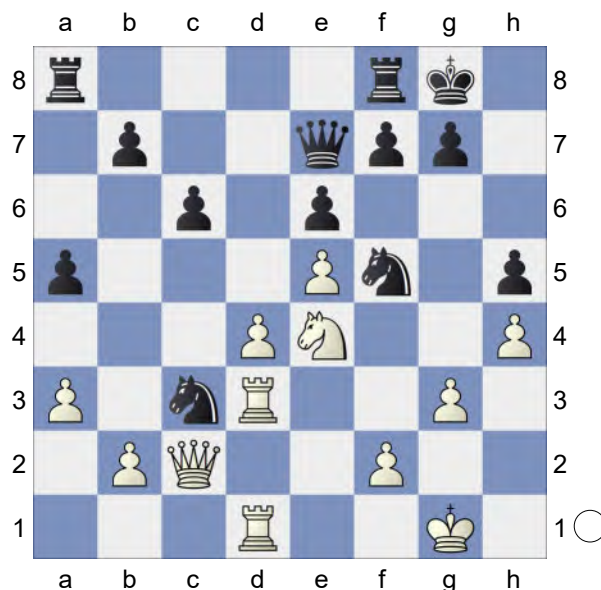


16.Qf4 Qb4 17.0-0 a5 Hoping for ...a4.
18.Qc1 Nh6 19.Bc2 Bxc2 0.88/19
[19...Qc4± 0.52/23 feels stronger.]
20.Qxc2± Nf5

(Diagram)

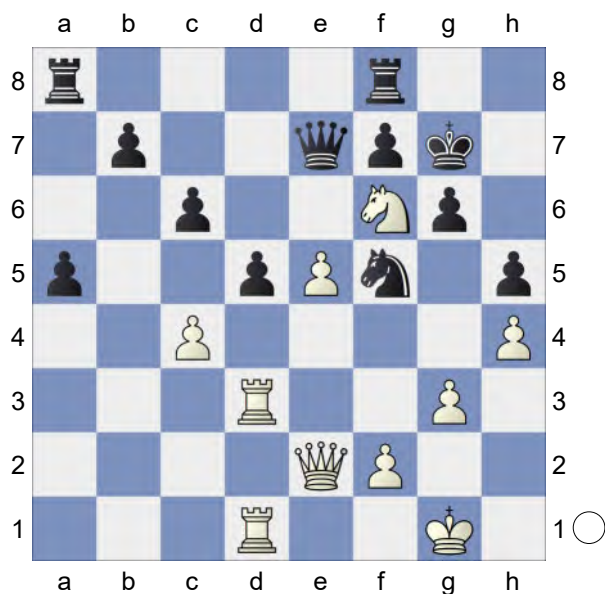


21.a3 Qe7 22.Ne4 0-0 23.Rd3
[23.Nf4 looks sharper. Nxd4 24.Rxd4
Rxd4 25.Ng5]
23...Nd5 24.Rfd1 Ra8 25.N2c3 Nxc3

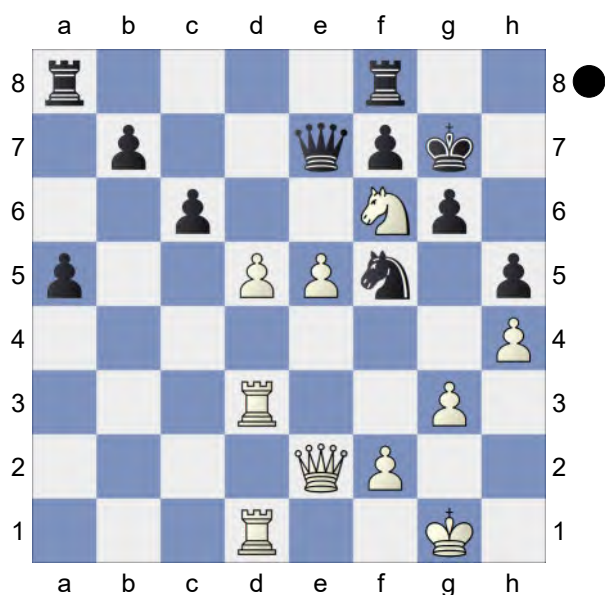


26.bxc3 Threatens to win with Qe2.
26...Qxa3 1.30/21
[26...b5 0.73/21]
27.Qe2 g6 28.c4 Qe7 1.26/23
[Black should try 28...Qa4 0.85/23]
29.d5 exd5 30.Nf6+ Kg7

(Diagram)



31.cxd5



Black must now prevent Rf3. White is more active. **31...Rad8?** 2.83/21
This costs Black the game.

[31...cxd5? 32.Nxd5 Qd7 33.Qb2+- (33.Nb6 Qb5+-)]
[31...c5± 1.21/18 is a better defense.]

32.d6+- Qe6 33.Qb2 Nh6 34.d7
[34.Qxb7 Ng8 35.Nxg8 (35.Qxc6 Nxf6 36.exf6+ Kh7+-) 35...Kxg8+-]

34...Ng4? 4.65/19

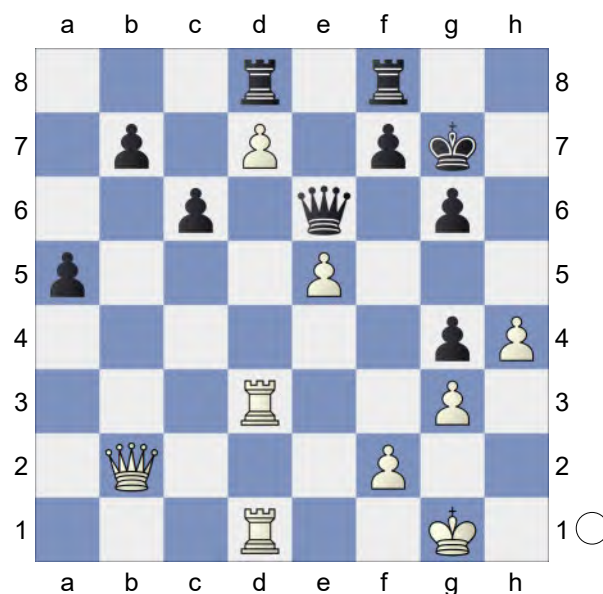
[34...a4 2.86/20 was called for.

35.Re1 (35.Qxb7 Qxe5 36.Ne8+ Rdx8±) 35...Nf5 36.Qxb7 Rb8]

35.Nxg4 White is clearly winning.

[35.Qxb7 Nxf6 36.exf6+ Qxf6+-]

35...hxg4



36.Rd6

[36.Qxb7 a4 37.Qb4 Qxe5 38.Qxa4 f5 39.Qxc6 Rf6+-]

36...Qf5 6.74/19 Black is weak on the dark squares

[Δ36...Qe7 4.62/19 37.Qxb7 Qxe5 38.Qxc6 (38.Rxc6 Rb8±) 38...Rh8]

37.Kh2 a4 6.04/21

[Δ37...Qe4 4.23/18 38.Qxb7 (38.e6+ Kh7+-) 38...Qxe5 39.Qxc6 Rh8]

38.Rf6

[38.Qxb7? loses. Qxf2+ 39.Kh1 Rb8+- (39...Qxg3? 40.Qxc6 Qxh4+ 41.Kg1+-; 39...Qxg3? 40.Qxc6 Qxh4+ 41.Kg1+-)]

38...a3 39.Qc3

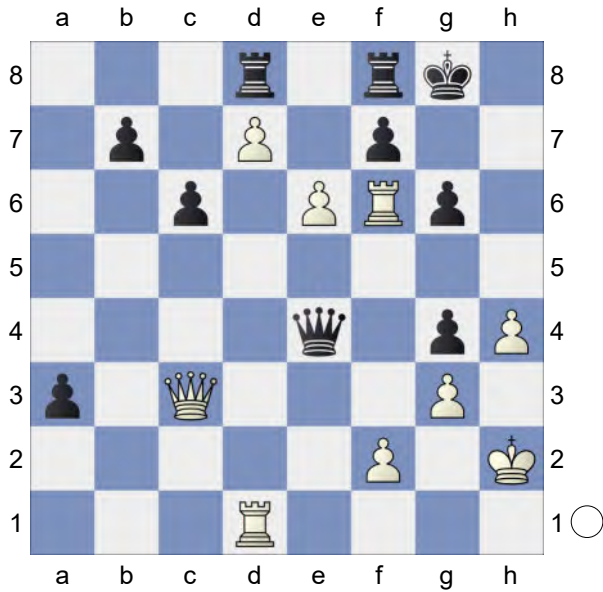
[Less strong is 39.Qxa3 Qxe5 40.Rf4 f5±]

39...Qe4 40.e6

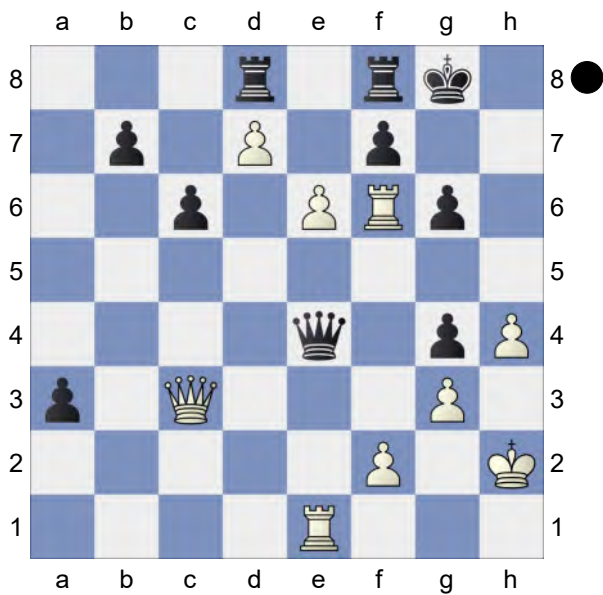
[Not 40.Qxa3 Qxe5 41.Rf4 f5±]

40...Kg8

(Diagram)



41.Re1



Weighted Error Value: White=0.28
(precise) /Black=0.53

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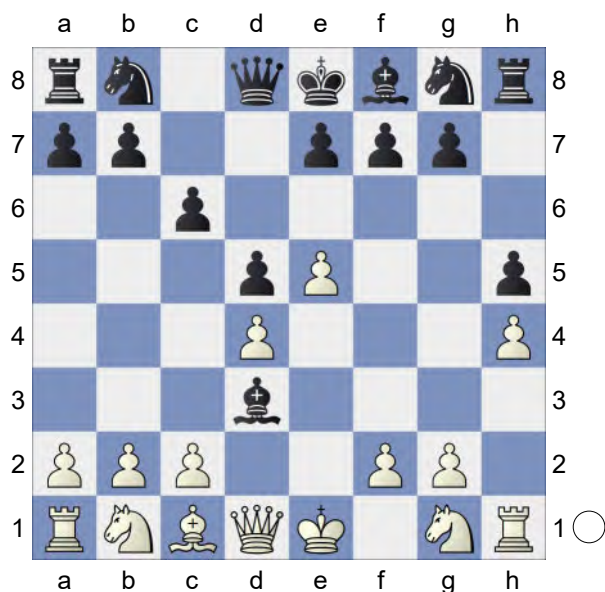
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French Team Championship

06.2021

[Daniel Fernandez]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.Nd2 e6 8.Ne2

[8.Ngf3 was covered multiple times: Radzhabov-Girya (Cheliabinsk 2021), Sutovsky-Anton (Poikovsky 2017) and Vucinic-Kobalia (Budva 2019), among others.]

8...Ne7 Between the games of Matthias Bluebaum and Rasmus Svane (who, one assumes, work together on at least some openings) there is a great amount of praxis available on this line, enabling us to try and draw some conclusions. In my opinion, this move is quite a reliable way for Black to equalise.

[8...c5 is checked in Bellahcene,B-Sonis,F INT 2021, together with some notes on 8. ..Qa6.]

[8...Nh6 is less flexible, and after 9.c3 both Justin and I like White's

position.]

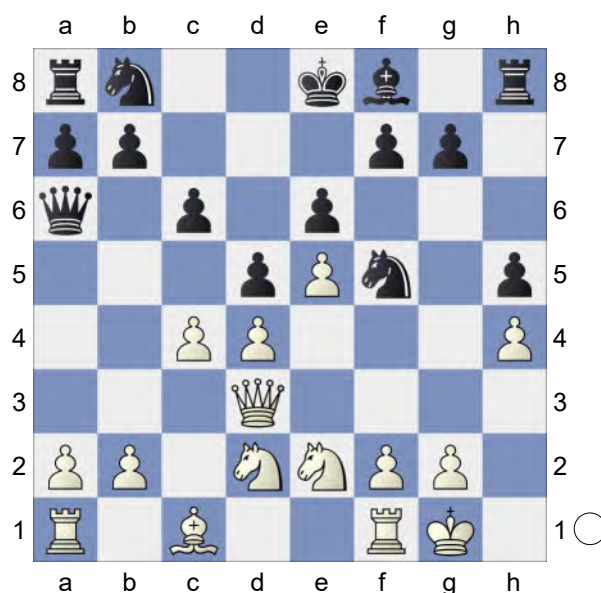
9.0-0 Qa6 Justin gave this '!' which seems excessive for such a thematic move, but it is a decent one.

[9...Nf5 10.Nf3 Qa6 11.Qd1± gives White fairly strong pressure: the continuation can be Ng3, Bg5 etc.]

10.c4

[10.Qxa6 Nxa6 11.Nf3 c5=]

10...Nf5



11.b3 A novelty, but not an especially useful one.

[11.g3 also does not look inspiring, but it has its points and Black has to be careful not to be ensnared in some prep.

A) 11...c5 12.b4! cxb4 13.a3 Nc6 14.Bb2 dxc4 (14...Rc8!?) 15.Nxc4 Rd8 Haubro, M-Andersen,M Svendborg 2020, and after 16.axb4→ White seems to have acceptable compensation for the pawn that will soon be lost.;

B) 11...Bb4 12.b3 c5 13.Nf3 Maurizzi,M-David, A Chartres 2021. Nc6 (13...dxc4?! was played, after which White seems to be

better.) 14.a3 Ncxd4 15.Nfxd4 cxd4 16.axb4 Qxa1 17.cxd5∞ This is not an easy position. One gets the impression that if Black plays the next 6-8 moves accurately then it will be unlosable for them, but actually doing so is far from simple.;

C) 11...Nd7 is also playable, as tried in another game from the past month: Perunovic,M-Asadli,V Belgrade 2021;

D) 11...Be7! A nice safe developing move, giving White little in the way of tricks. 12.Qc3 (12.Rb1 c5! 13.dxc5 Nc6→) 12...Nd7 13.b3 c5" Black is almost fully developed and can never stand worse.]

[11.Rb1!?N This looks like the better way of sacrificing the h4-pawn. Bb4 (11...Nxb4 12.b4 Be7 13.a4± and the position remains complex, but with a b5 push on the way Black's centre is looking extremely shaky.) 12.b3 White intends a3 followed by b4 anyway. (The immediate 12.a3 Bxd2 13.Qxd2 should not be too successful as Black can simply play Nd7 with good control over the queenside light squares.) 12...Nxb4 13.a3 Be7 (13...Bxd2 14.Bxd2 Nd7 15.Ng3±) 14.b4 Nd7 15.b5 Qa5= Compared to the 11...Nxb4 line, here Black has gained an additional tempo for developing the kingside and that makes all the difference.]

11...c5?! Black gets move-ordered now.

[11...Nxb4! 12.Nf3 Nxf3+ 13.Qxf3 Be7∞ White's compensation for the pawn is a bit vague but in essence hinges on Black's lack of space and good squares for the minor pieces. Checking a few lines from here shows

that Black does indeed have time to reorganise with stuff like ...Nd7-f8-g6, and can usually return the pawn to cement equality.]

12.dxc5?!

[12.Nf3! Nc6 transposes to a line considered under 8...Qa6 9. c4 Ne7, and not one that was favourable for Black. (Likewise 12...Be7 13.Bg5 Nc6)]

12...Nc6 13.a3?

[The position remains balanced after the bail-out option of 13.Qc3 Bxc5 14.cxd5 Bd4 (14...Qxe2 15.dxc6 b6=) 15.Nxd4 Ncxd4 16.Qc4! when Black should treat the equilibrium with some respect and react in a circumspect way.]

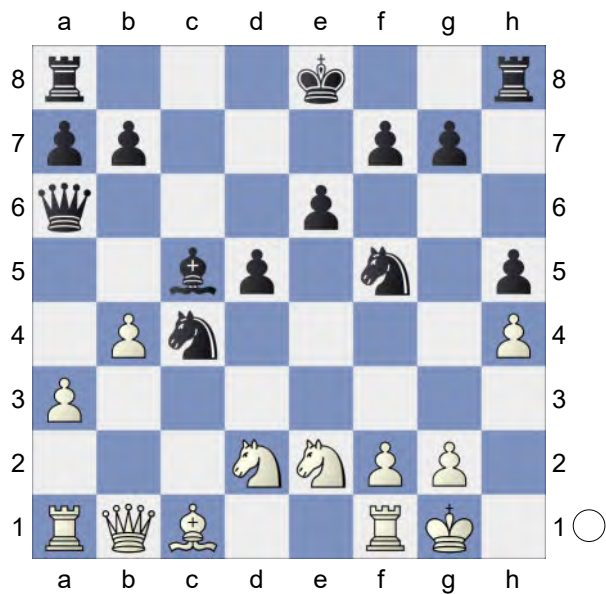
13...Bxc5 14.b4?! Another inaccuracy and White is headed for a lost position after just a handful of independent moves.

[After the 'least worst' 14.Bb2 Black's best reaction seems to be the unusual but principled 0-0-0!±]

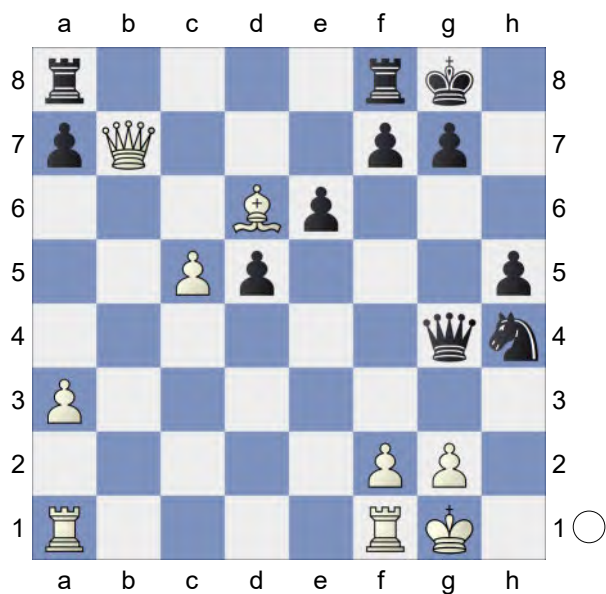
[Another developing move 14.Nf3 also keeps the damage relatively limited. dxc4 15.bxc4 Rd8 16.Qe4 0-0±]

14...Nxe5 15.Qb1 Nxc4

(Diagram)

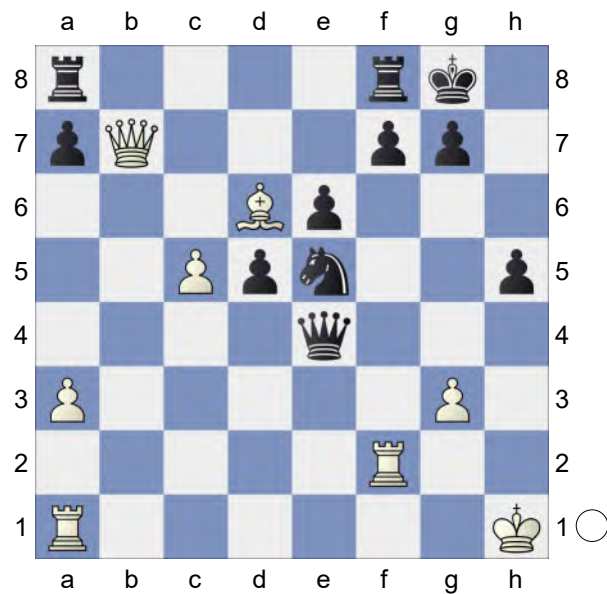


16.bxc5 Nxd2 17.Bxd2 Qxe2 18.Qxb7 0-0-+ Black has a clean extra pawn, is well on his way to collecting another, and White has almost no counterplay. The game lasted a while but the result was not in doubt. **19.Bf4 Qg4 20.Bd6 Nxb4**

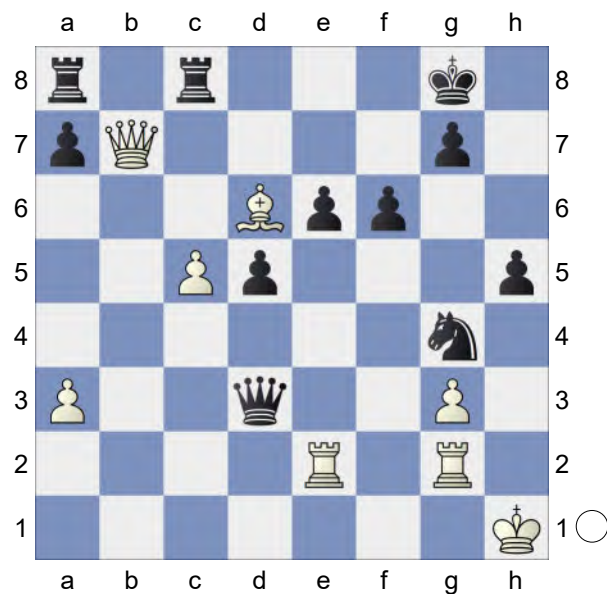


21.g3 Nf3+ 22.Kg2 Qe4 23.Kh1 Ne1+ 24.f3 Nxf3 25.Rf2 Ne5+

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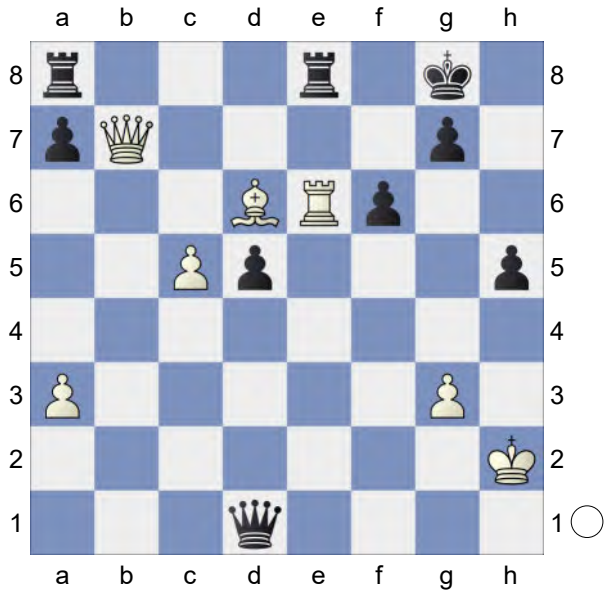


26.Rg2 Rfc8 27.Rf1 f6 28.Rf4 Qe3 29.Rff2 Ng4 30.Re2 Qd3

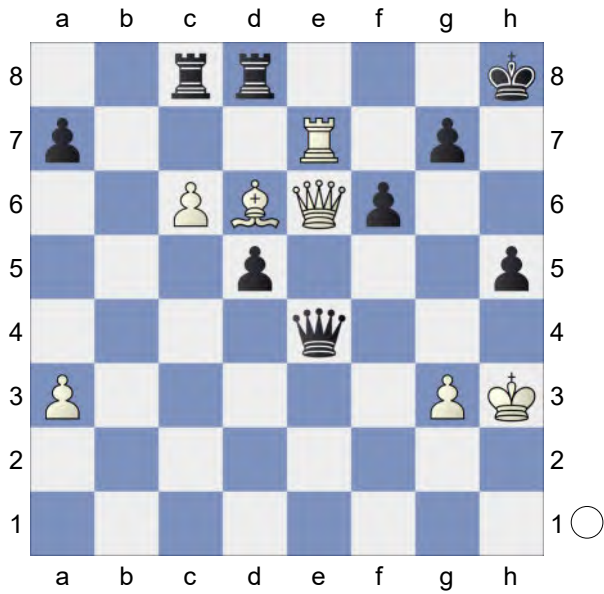


31.Re1 Ne3 32.Rge2 Nc2 33.Rxc2 Qxc2 34.Rxe6 Qd1+ 35.Kh2 Re8

(Diagram)



36.Re7 Kh8 37.c6 Rac8 38.Qd7
Red8 39.Qe6 Qc2+ 40.Kh3 Qe4



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□ Anton Guijarro, David

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■ Bluebaum, Matthias

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Online Olym Div Top-C rapid (1.4) 9.9.21

[Grigoriantz, Sergey]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4
Qc7!?

The new fashion comes after years of just three moves played in the severe level (3...Bb4, 3...dxe4, 3...Be7). The new engines prove that the text move is not a pawn blunder but a sacrifice that promises sufficient compensation. And it's still can easily be a surprise for opponents not familiar with the newest theoretical investigation, and in modern chess, to be someone who came up with a surprise is already very important from a practical point of view!

[4...Qb6 5.a4

A) 5...c5 6.Bb5+ (6.a5 Qc7 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.a6) 6...Bd7 (6...Nc6 7.Nc3 e6 8.a5 Qc7 9.a6) 7.dxc5 Qxc5 8.Be3 Qc7 (8...Qb4+ 9.Nc3 e6 10.Bd2 Qc5 11.Nf3 a6 12.Bd3) 9.Qxd5 e6 10.Qe4 Ne7 11.Nf3 Nd5 12.0-0;

B) 5...h6 6.g4 Bd7 7.a5 Qc7 8.c4 e6 9.c5 h5 10.gxh5 Nh6 11.Bg5 Na6 12.Nf3 Nf5 13.Nc3 Rxh5 14.Bd3]

[4...h6]

5.Nc3

[5.g4 Bd7 6.h5 (6.f4 h5)

A) 6...e6 7.f4 c5 8.c3 Nc6 9.Nf3 Rc8 10.Be3 Qb6 11.Rh2 Nh6 12.Bh3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Qa6 14.Kf2 Nb4 15.Kg3 (15.Nc3 Nd3+ 16.Kg3 Nxb2 17.Rxb2 Rxc3 18.Bf1 Qc6 19.Bd2) 15...Ba4 16.b3 Bb5;

B) 6...c5

B1) 7.f4 Nh6 8.Bh3 (8.g5 Nf5 9.Nf3 e6 10.c3 Nc6) 8...cxd4;

B2) 7.Nc3

B2a) 7...e6 8.f4 (8.Nf3 Nc6 9.Be3 cxd4 10.Nb5 Qa5+ 11.Bd2 Qb6 12.a4 Bc5 13.a5 Qd8) 8...cxd4 9.Qxd4 Nc6 10.Qf2 Nh6 11.Bh3 (11.g5 Nf5 12.Bd3 d4 13.Nce2 Nb4 14.Bxf5 exf5 15.Nxd4 Bc5 16.Ngf3 Bc6 17.a3 Bxf3 18.Qxf3 Bxd4 19.axb4 Qxc2) 11...d4 12.Nce2 d3 13.cxd3 Nb4;

B2b) 7...cxd4 8.Qxd4 e6 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.Qf4 a6 11.Nxd5 Qa5+ (11...exd5 12.e6 Qxf4 13.exd7+ Kxd7 14.Bxf4) 12.Nc3 Nb4

B2b1) 13.Kd1 0-0-0

B2b11) 14.a3 Ba4+ (14...Bc6+ 15.Bd2) 15.Bd2 Bxc2+ 16.Kc1 Bb3 17.Nd4;

B2b12) 14.Bd2 Bc6 15.a3

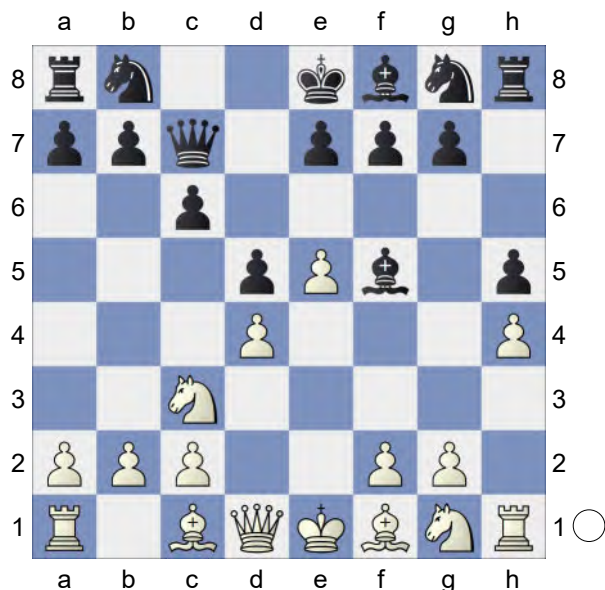
B2b121) 15...Nh6 16.Be2 (16.Rh3 Bxf3+ 17.Rxf3 Nc6) 16...Nd5 17.Nxd5 Qxd5 18.Kc1 Bc5 19.Rf1 Rd7 20.Bc3;

B2b122) 15...Rxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Nd5 17.Qxf7;

B2b2) 13.Bd3 Nd5 14.Qg3 Nxc3 15.Bd2 Bb4 16.bxc3 Bxc3]

5...h5

(Diagram)



6.Bd3

[6.Nce2 c5 (6...e6 7.Ng3 Bg6 8.c3 c5) 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.Nf3 (8.c3 Nxe5 9.Bf4 Nf6 10.Ng3 Be6 11.Qd4 Nfd7 12.Bb5) 8...e6 9.Ned4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 (10.Qxd4) 10...Qxe5+ 11.Be3 Bxc5 12.Bb5+ Kf8 13.Be2 Rc8]

6...Bxd3 7.Qxd3 The most natural and direct way to keep extra material and simplify the position. **7...e6!** The most precise. Trading the passive c8 ♙ is logical. The following moves are pretty straightforward till the 12th move. Unexpectedly, we will arrive at an endgame very soon. **8.Nf3 Ne7 9.Bg5 Nd7**

[9...Nf5 10.0-0 (10.Ne2 c5 11.0-0 Nxd4 12.Nexd4 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Nc6 14.c3 Be7 15.Bxe7 Qxe7)

A) 10...Qb6 11.a4 Qa6 12.Qd1 (12.Qxa6 Nxa6 13.Ne2 Rc8 14.c3 c5) 12...Nd7 13.Ne2 c5 14.c3 Rc8 15.Ng3 Nxe3 16.fxe3;

B) 10...Be7 11.Bxe7 (11.g3 Bxe7 12.Nxe7 g6 13.Ne2 Nd7 14.c3 Rc8 15.Kg2) 11...Qxe7 12.g3 0-0]

[9...a6

A) 10.0-0 Nf5 (10...c5 11.Ne2 Nbc6 12.c3 Ng6 13.g3 Rc8 14.Rac1 Be7 15.Kg2) 11.Ne2 Be7 12.Ng3 g6 13.Nxf5 gxf5 14.a4 Nd7 15.Rfe1;

B) 10.Ne2 c5 11.0-0 cxd4 12.Nexd4 Nbc6 13.Rac1 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Rc8 15.Rfd1 g6 (15...b5 16.c3 Nc6 17.Nxc6 Qxc6 18.a4 Bc5 19.axb5 Qxb5) 16.Bf6 Rg8 17.Qd2 b5 18.a4 (18.b3 Qc3 19.Qg5) 18...Nf5 19.axb5 Nxd4 (19...Bh6 20.Bg5 Bxe5 21.Qxe5 Nxd4 22.Rxd4 axb5 23.c3 Kf8) 20.Qxd4 axb5 21.b4 Qc4 22.Ra1 Qxd4 23.Rxd4 Kd7]

10.0-0 Ng6!

[10...Nf5! The rook on the 6th rank is doing a great job! 11.a4 - 14.♖he1 (11.Ne2♙ Fixing the knight on g3. Be7?! 12.g3± And the knight can take back on c3. c5 13.c3! Again we have to spoil white's pawn structure. Bxe7 14.Nxe7 0-0) 11...Be7 (11...c5!? 12.Nxd5) 12.Bxe7! The rook is excellent on d5, heading to a5 and attacking the weak a2 pawn. Nxe7 13.a5! Nf5 (Movsesian-Lomasov, Skalica 2021) 14.b4 0-0 15.Ne2♙]

[10...Rc8 11.Rac1 (11.Rfc1 Nf5 12.Nd1 c5 13.c3) 11...Qb6!" Yoo-Jessel, Chess.com 2022 (11...Nf5 12.Ne2 c5 13.c3 Be7 14.Bxe7 Nxe7 15.b4 c4 16.Qc2) 12.b3 never occurred in practice, but it's necessary to know the next moves. Nf5 (12...Qa6 13.Qxa6 bxa6 14.Ne2 Nf5 15.c4 Ba3 16.Rc2 0-0 17.Rd1) 13.Ne2 Ba3!]

A) 14.Rb1 c5 (14...Be7 15.Bxe7 Nxe7 16.c4; 14...0-0 15.b4) 15.c4 Qa6 16.Qd1 Nb6 17.dxc5 Bxc5

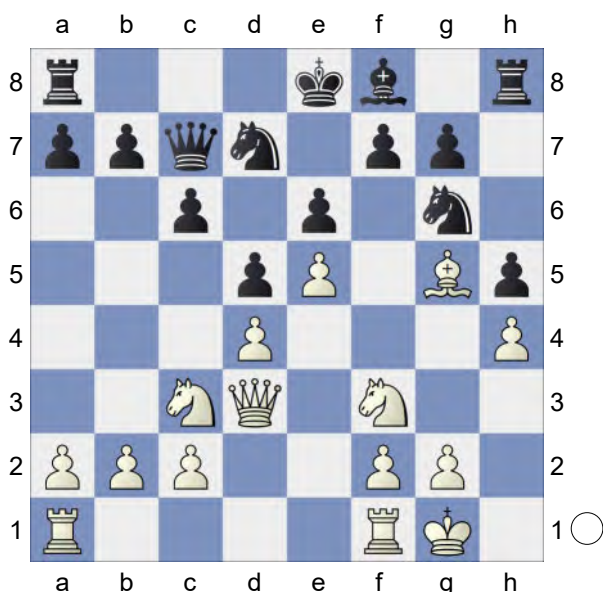
18.b4 Be7 19.Bxe7 Kxe7 20.c5 Nc4 21.Ned4 Nxd4 22.Nxd4;

B) 14.Rcd1 Be7 (14...0-0 15.c4) 15.Ng3 g6 (15...Nxc3 16.fxc3 Qa6 17.c4 Bb4) 16.Nxf5 gxf5! 17.c4 Qa6 (17...Qd8 18.Bxe7 Qxe7 19.Rc1) 18.Rc1 (18.Bxe7 Kxe7 19.Qd2) 18...Nb6" 19.Qc2?! (19.Bxe7) 19...Ba3 20.Bf6

B1) 20...Rf8 21.Rb1 dxc4 22.bxc4 Nxc4 23.Ng5 Rc7 24.Qd1 Kd7 25.Qxh5 Kc8 26.Qe2;

B2) 20...Rh6 21.c5 (21.Rb1 dxc4 22.bxc4 Nxc4 23.Ng5 b5) 21...Nd7 22.Rb1 Nxf6 23.exf6 Bb4 24.Ne5;

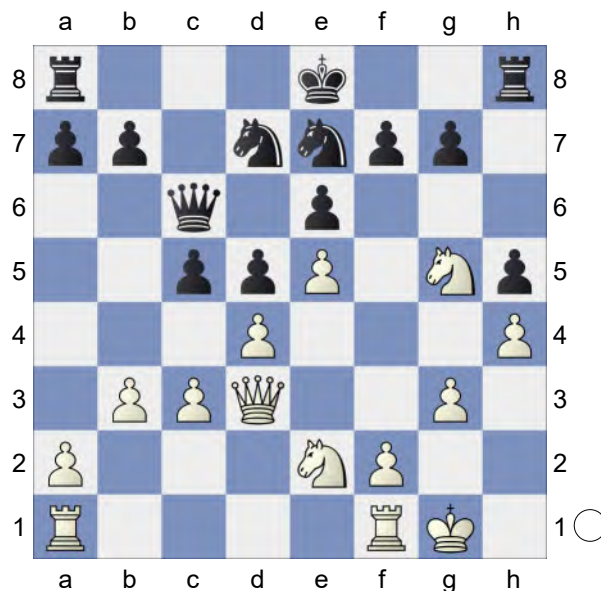
B3) 20...Rg8 21.Rb1 dxc4 22.Ng5 (22.bxc4) 22...cxb3± 23.Rxb3 Be7 (23...Nd5 24.Qd1) 24.Bxe7 Kxe7 25.Qc5+ Ke8 26.Ra3 Qc4 (26...Qb5 27.Qc2 Qd5 28.Rxa7 Rb8 29.Qe2) 27.Qxc4 Nxc4 28.Rxa7 Nd2 29.Rc1 Ne4 30.Nxe4 fxe4 31.Rxb7]



11.Ne2 Be7 12.g3 White obviously can

force this position after 4...h6, and players "before comp time" would probably think black is clearly worse and need to fight for a draw, which is not big fun. And this is an important point that makes all systems much more sensible for black, since according to modern engines, this position is...just equal! Black's better pawn structure and more active pieces compensate the missing pawn. **12...c5 13.c3 Qc6!±**

Perfect place for the knight; from here, it can jump to a4, c4, or d5, and black must keep all these options! **14.b3 Bxg5 15.Nxg5 Ne7?!**



Slightly impatient move. As was mentioned before, black should keep this knight flexible! For example after **16.Nf4 Nf5 17.Ng2?!** Only after precise

[17.Rac1!? g6 (17...Rc8 18.Qb1 g6 19.c4 dxc4= 20.d5 exd5! 21.e6 fxe6∞ 22.Nfxe6) 18.Rfd1! Qb6 19.Qf3 0-0 (19...cxd4 20.Nxd5 exd5 21.Qxd5= If white allows black could put rook even more actively 21...Rf8!? 22.cxd4 Ne7 23.Qf3) 20.Nxh5]

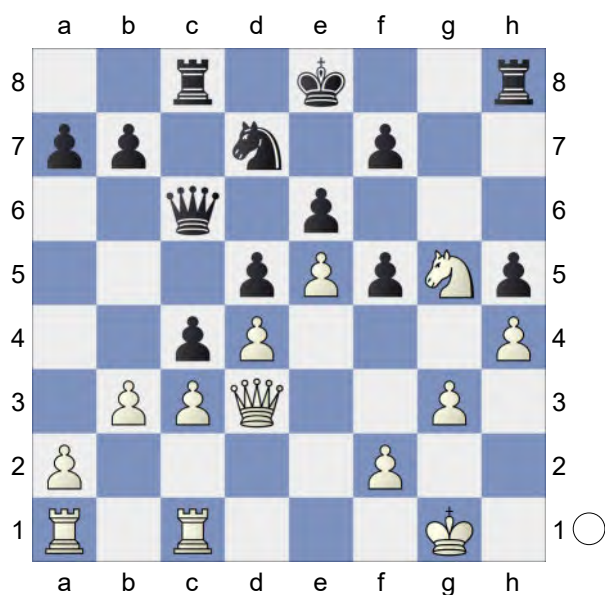
17...Rc8 18.Ne3 g6 Now arises a basically equal and quite drawish rook

endgame.

[18...Ne7 black knight goes to other directions 19.Rfd1! cxd4 20.cxd4 Qa6 21.Qd2 g6]

19.Nxf5 gxf5 20.Rfc1 c4

[20...cxd4 (Colmenares-Laurent Paoli, Payerne 2022) 21.cxd4! Should not scare of trapping the knight. Qxc1+ 22.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 23.Kg2= Rc7?! 24.Qb5!↑ b6 25.Qb4]

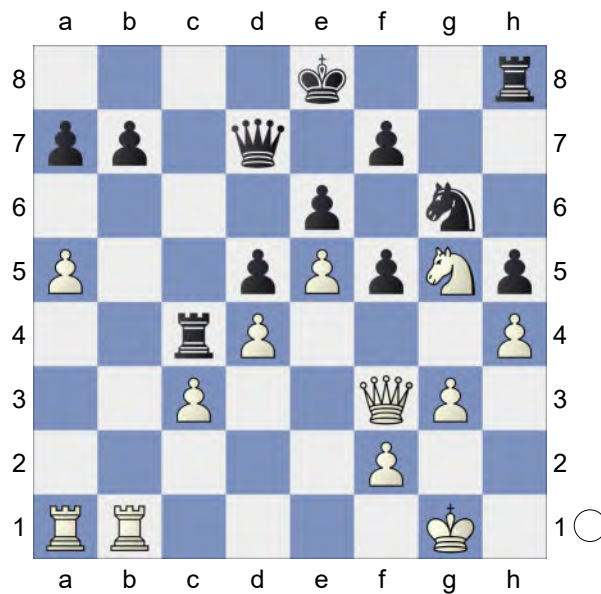


21.Qf3 Nf8 22.Rcb1 Qd7 23.a4 Ng6 24.a5 Rc7

[24...cxb3 25.Rxb3 Rc7 26.Rab1]

25.bxc4 Rxc4

(Diagram)



26.a6 Rc7

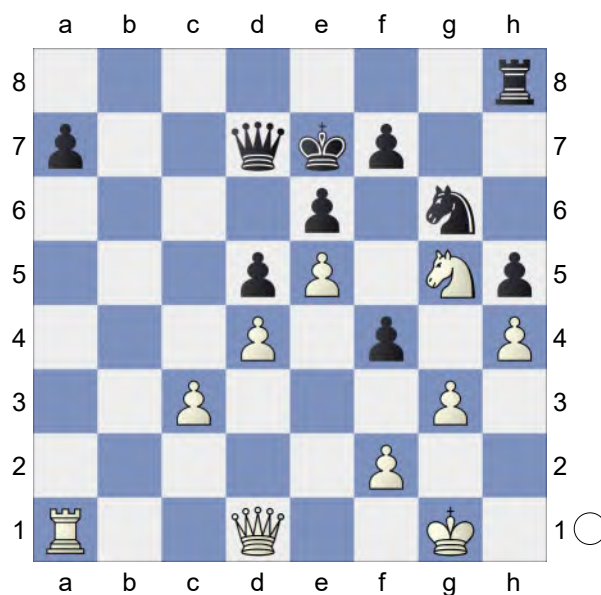
[26...b6 27.Rxb6]

27.axb7 Rxb7= 28.Qd1

[28.Rxb7 Qxb7 29.Qd1]

28...Rxb1 29.Rxb1 Ke7 30.Ra1 f4

[30...Kf8 31.Qa4 Qxa4 32.Rxa4 Rg8 33.Rxa7 Nh8≡ Sanal-Cheng, Krasnaya Polyana 2021 (33...Rg7 34.f4) 34.Kg2]

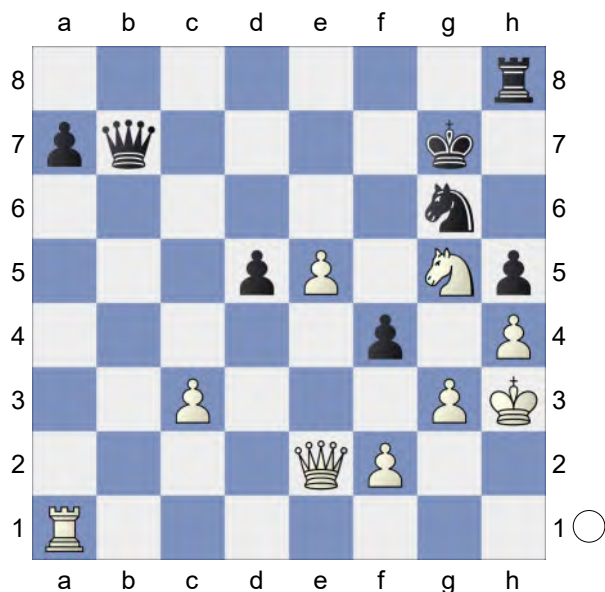


31.Kh2 Qb7 32.Kh3 f6

[32...a6 33.Qa4 Ra8! 34.Qa3+ Kd8 35.Qd6+ Ke8 36.Nh7]

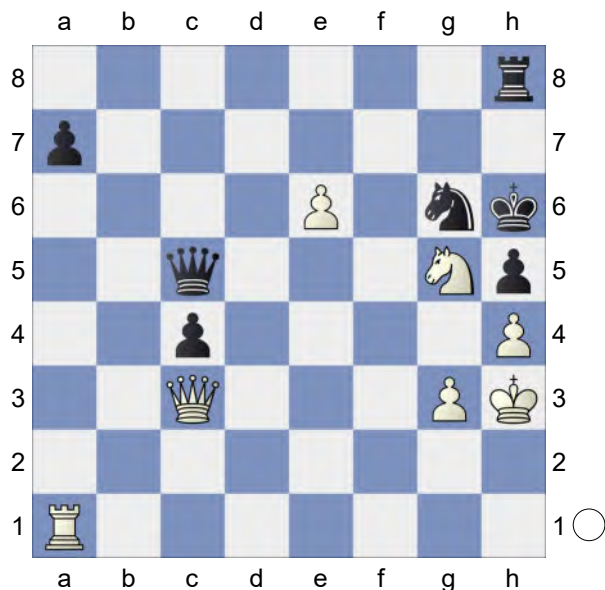
33.exf6+ Kxf6 34.Qe2 e5 35.dxe5+ Kg7

[35...Nxe5! 36.Ra6+]



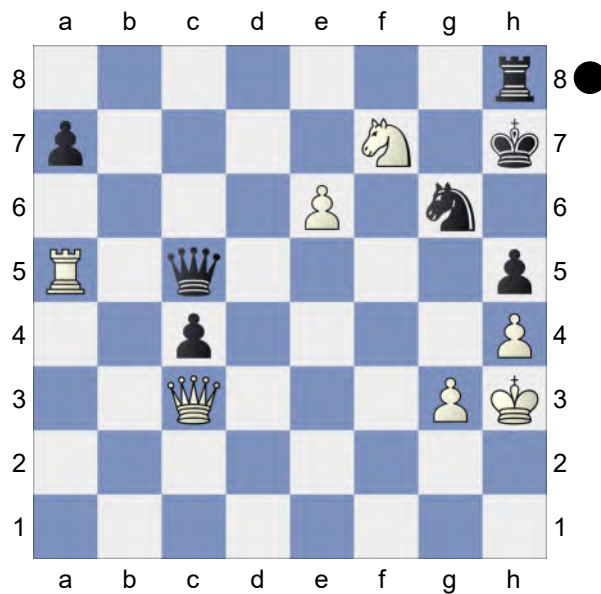
36.e6 Qc7 37.Qd2 Qc5 38.c4± fxc3!?

39.fxc3 dxc4= 40.Qc3+!± White still could continue to pretend to have on slight advantage. **40...Kh6!**



It is one of the main positions of all lines, and black has fully enough compensation for the pawn. **41.Nf7+ Kh7 42.Ra5**

(Diagram)



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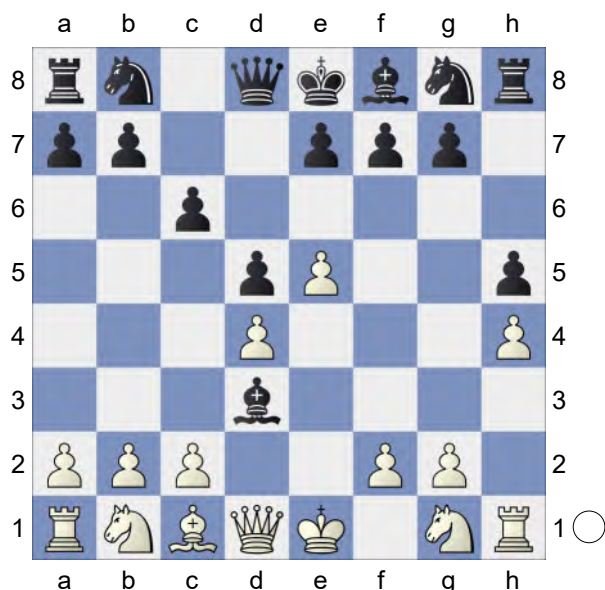
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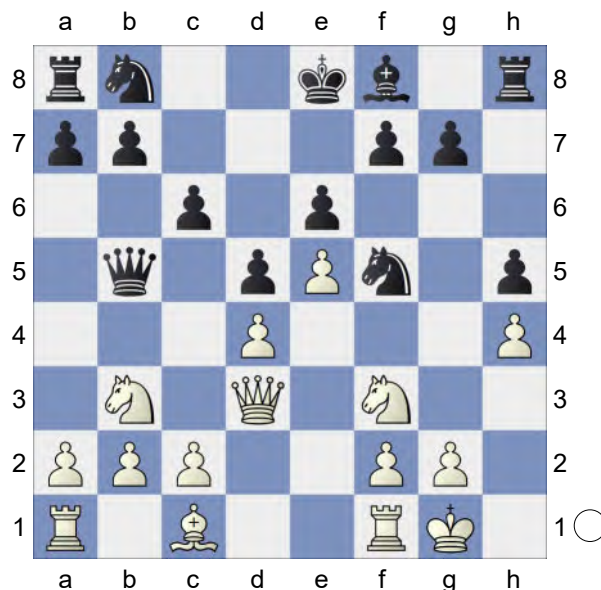
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 Hoping for e6! **6...Qa5+** **7.Nd2**
Threatens to win with e6! **7...e6** **8.Ngf3**
White is slightly better. **8...Nh6!**
The main line 8...Nh6 scores better than
8...Qa6. Die Hauptvariante 8...Sh6
punktet besser als 8...Da6. **9.0-0** **Nf5**
10.Nb3 **Qb5**

(Diagram)

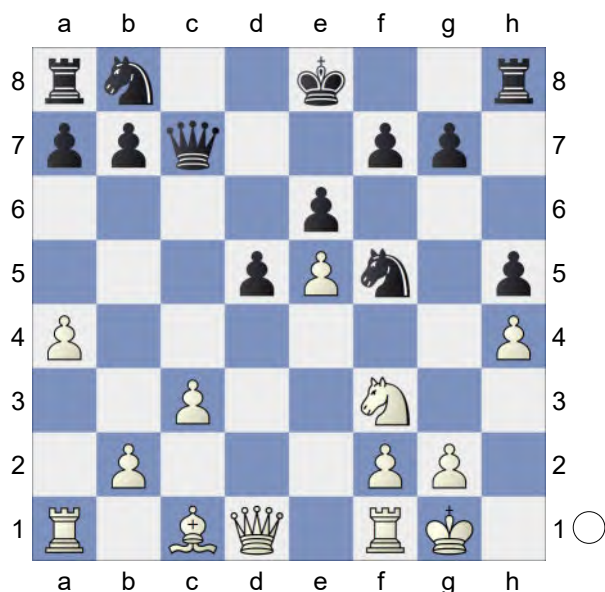


11.Qd1 c5 12.a4 Qb6 13.dxc5 Bxc5
14.Nxc5 Qxc5 15.c3 Qc7N

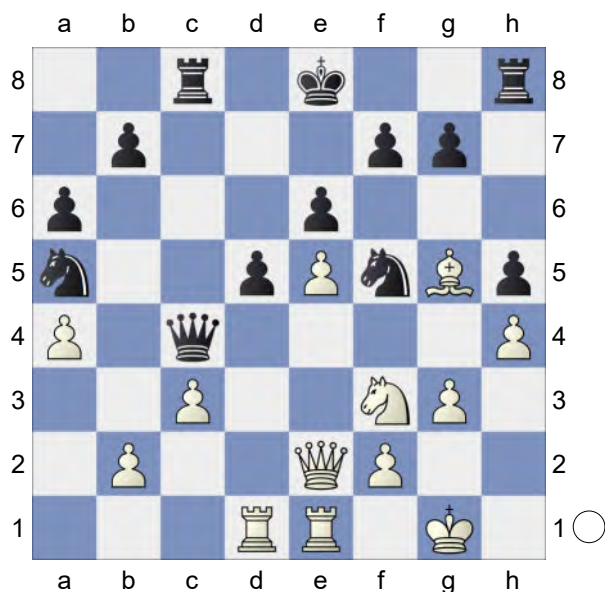
[Vorgänger: 15...Nc6 16.Re1
(16.Bg5 Qb6 17.b4 a5 18.b5 Nce7
19.Rc1 Rc8 20.Nd2 Ng6 21.c4 0-0
22.cxd5 Rxc1 23.Qxc1 exd5 24.Nf3
Re8 25.Qd2 Nxe5 26.Qxd5 Nxf3+
27.Qxf3 Nd4 28.Qd3 Ne2+ 29.Kh2
Qc7+ 30.g3 Qc3 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (57)

Loennblad,B (2198)-Atlas,E (2304)
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Late blitz 2022 (9)) 16...Rd8 (16...a5
17.b3 0-0-0 18.Ba3 Qb6 19.b4 Rd7
20.Rb1 Qc7 21.b5 Nd8 22.b6 Qc4
23.Rb5 Nc6 24.Rc5 Qg4 25.Qb3
Rh6 26.Nh2 Qxh4 27.Qb5 Nfe7
28.Qxa5 Kb8 29.Qb5 Rg6 30.Re3
d4 31.cxd4 0-1 (68) Kurt,S (2141)-
Van De Lagemaat,A (2022) EU-Cup
39th Vrnjacka Banja 2024 (4.4))
17.Bg5 Rd7 18.Rc1 d4 (18...Qb6
19.Nd4 Ncxd4 20.cxd4 Rc7 21.Rc3
Kd7 22.Qd3 Rhc8 Fier,A (2569)-
Fernandez,D (2458) chess.com (Int.-
blitz) 148/(90) 2021) 19.b4 Qb6!
20.b5 dxc3 21.Qb3 Nce7 22.Rxc3
0-1 (55) Praggnanandhaa,R (2678)-
Carlsen,M (2859) chess24.com INT

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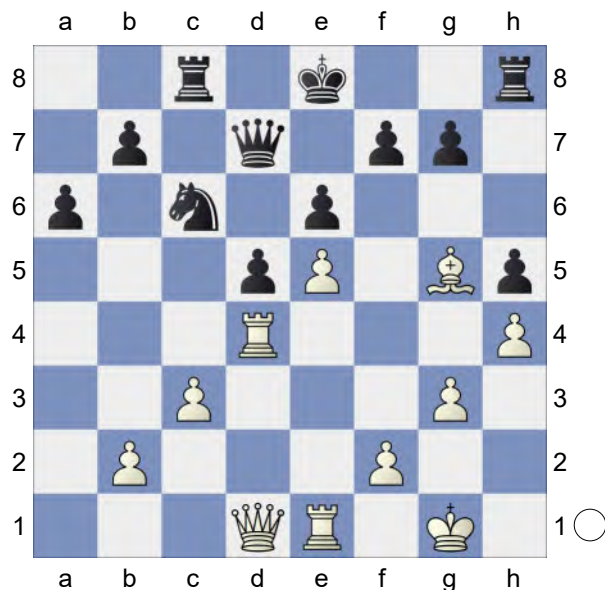
An important novelty. Eine beachtenswerte Neuerung. 16.Re1 Nc6 17.Bg5 Rc8 18.Qe2 a6 19.g3 Na5 20.Rad1 -0.55/26 [20.b4!± 0.45/22 Nc4 21.Nd4] 20...Qc4



21.Qc2 Qb3 22.Qb1 Qxa4 0.17/22 Black is more active. [22...0-0± -0.83/21] 23.Nd4 -1.06/23 [23.Rxd5!= 0.17/22 was the only way

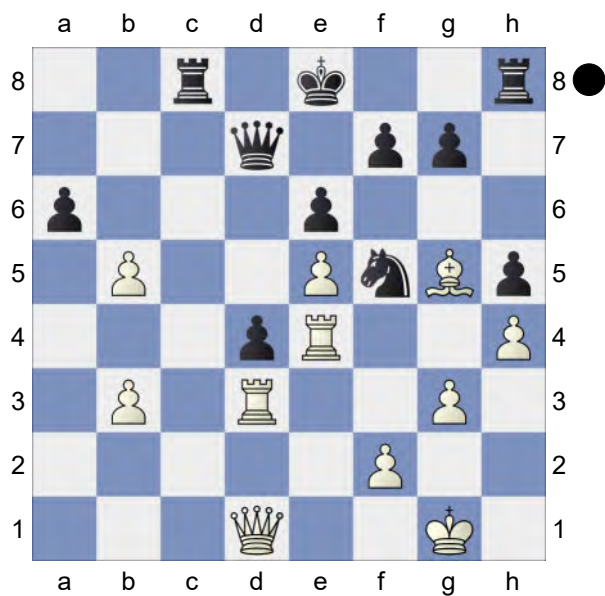
to keep the balance. exd5 24.e6 (24.Qxf5 Qg4=)

23...Nxd4± 24.Rxd4 Qd7 -0.61/21 [Black should try 24...Rc4± -1.12/24 25.Rxc4 Qxc4 (25...Nxc4? 26.b3+-)] 25.Qd1 Nc6 -0.36/24 [25...Rc4± -0.90/24 26.Rxc4 Nxc4]

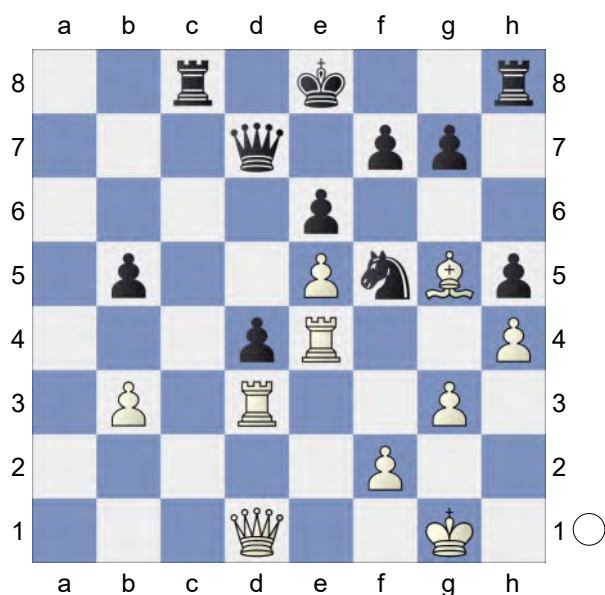


26.Rd3± Ne7 27.b3! Nf5 28.c4! d4 29.Re4 b5 0.46/31 [29...Qc7= 0.00/29 deserves consideration.] 30.cxb5? -1.74/22 [30.Rexd4± 0.46/31 stays ahead. Nxd4 31.Rxd4]

(Diagram)



30...axb5+



31.Rf4 Qc6 32.Qe2 -2.29/23

[32.Rd2 -1.67/18 is a better defense.]

32...Kf8? -0.04/25

[32...Qd5+ -2.29/23 Strongly threatening ...Rc1+. 33.Rxf5 exf5]

33.Kh2 -0.44/27

[33.Rfxd4= -0.04/25 Nxd4 34.Rxd4]

33...Kg8 34.Rd2 -1.04/23 Inhibits Qc2.

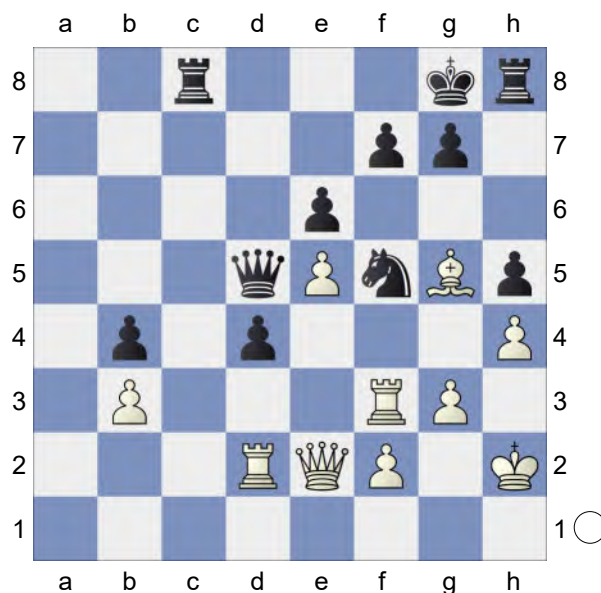
[34.Rxf5 exf5 35.Rxd4]

34...Qd5 ...Rc3! is the strong threat.

35.Rf3 -2.65/24

[35.Rxf5 exf5 36.Qd1] was the only defense.

35...b4



36.Ra2 Rc3 -0.89/21

[36...Kh7+ -1.82/20 is more deadly. White must now prevent ...Rc3. 37.Rd3 Kg6]

37.Rf4? -3.08/22

[37.Rxf5 exf5 38.e6]

37...d3? -0.55/20

[37...Qxb3 38.Ra8+]

[Better is 37...Rxb3+ -3.08/22 aiming for ...Rb1. 38.Rxf5 exf5]

38.Qd1 Rxb3 → Black wants a kill.

[38...Qxb3 39.Ra8+]

39.Ra7? -4.44/22

[39.Rd2 was the crucial defense.]

39...Rb2 40.Kg1? -6.69/19

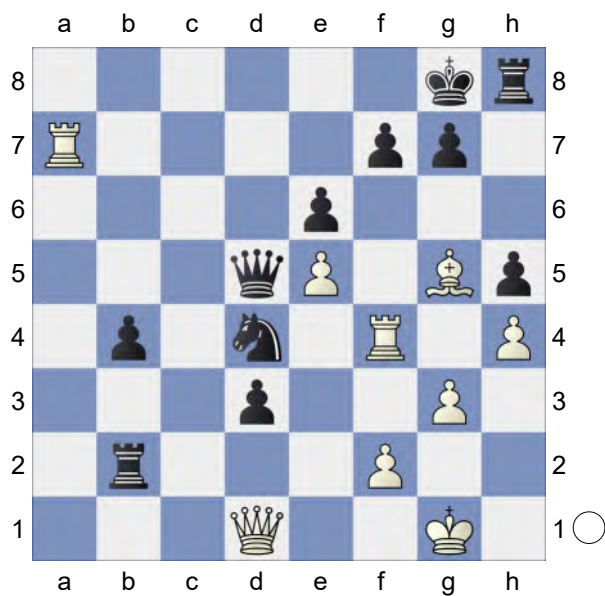
[40.Qf3 Qxf3 (40...Qxe5 41.Rxf5+) 41.Rxf3]

40...Nd4?? 5.03/22

[40...Qxe5 41.Rxf5 Qe2 42.Qc1=]

[40...Ne3+ -6.69/19 41.Qf3 Qxf3 42.Rxf3 d2]

(Diagram)



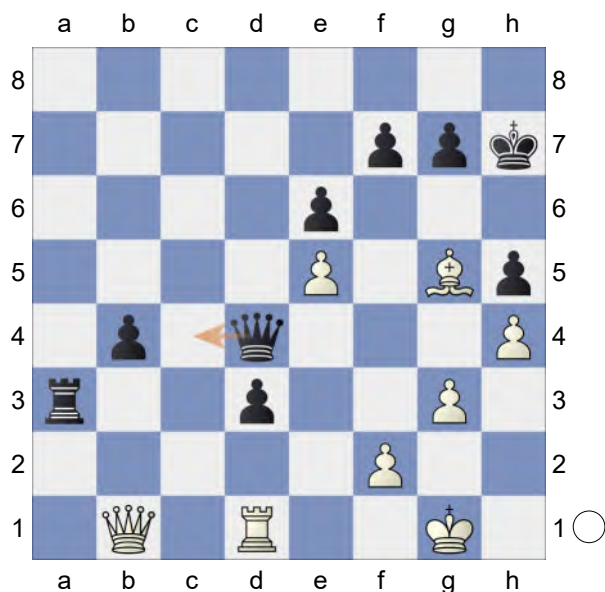
41.Rxd4! Double Attack **41...Rb1**

42.Qxb1

[42.Rxd5? *perishes*. Rxd1+ 43.Kg2 exd5+-]

[42.Bc1 Rxc1 (42...Qxd4 43.Ra8+ *Skewer*) 43.Qxc1 Qxd4+-]

42...Qxd4 43.Rc7 Kh7 44.Rc1 Ra8 45.Rd1 Ra3



46.Bc1?? -2.50/21

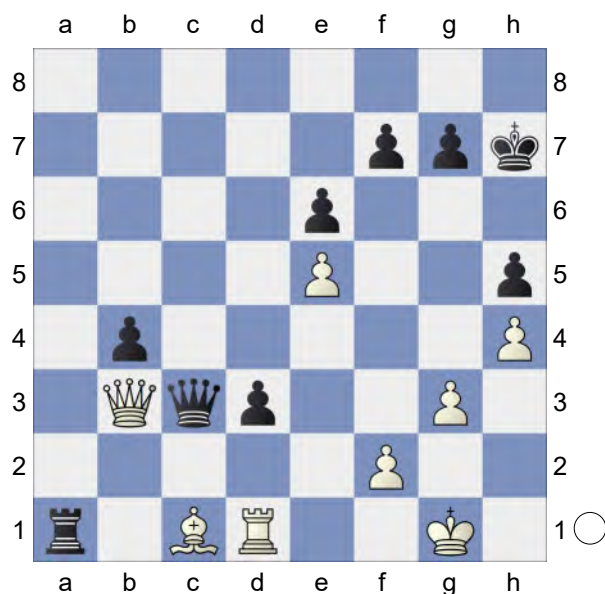
[46.Be7+- 2.25/21]

46...Ra1+ 47.Qb3 -4.35/28

[47.Qxd3+ -2.50/23 Qxd3 48.Rxd3 Rxc1+ 49.Kg2]

47...Qc3

[47...Qxe5? *too greedy*. 48.Qxd3+ (48.Qxb4 Qf5+-) 48...Qf5 49.Qxf5+ exf5 50.Rf1+-]



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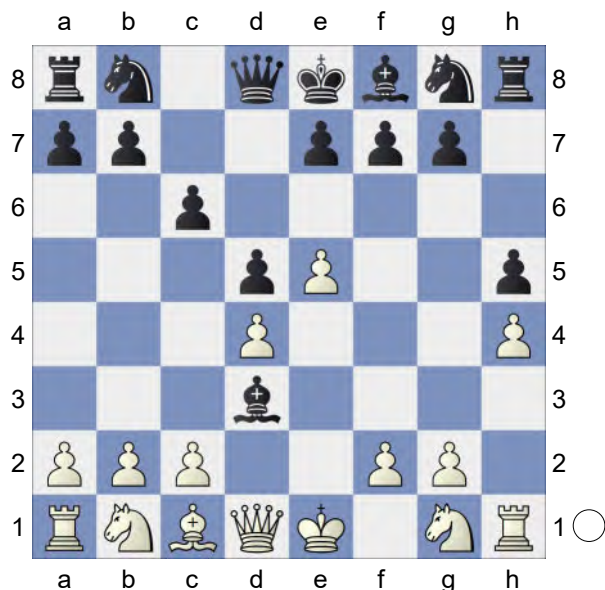
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation GM Grigor Grigorov: 'In this example, we are going to examine another interesting gambit line. The starting position of this variation arises after' 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 next e6! is good for White.

6...Qa5+ 7.b4 Qa6

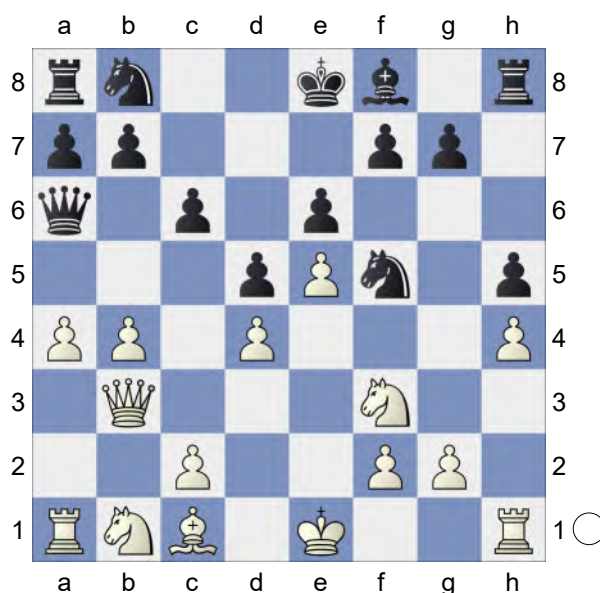
[7...Qxb4+ 8.Nd2 e6 9.Rb1 Qe7 10.c4 Nh6 11.Ne2 Nf5 12.Ng3 Nxh4 13.Nde4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Qd8 15.Bg5 Qa5+ 16.Bd2 Qd8 17.Bg5 Qa5+ 18.Bd2 Qd8 19.Bg5 Martinez Alcantara,J (2607)-Eljanov, P (2705) Titled Tuesday intern op 18th Apr Late blitz 2023 (8) 0-1]

8.Qb3N White has an edge.

[8.e6 Qxd3 9.cxd3 Na6 (9...fxe6 10.Nd2 Nh6 11.Ndf3 Nf5 12.Ne2 Na6 13.Rb1 g6 14.Nf4 Bg7 15.Nxe6 Bf6 16.Kd1 Kd7 17.Re1

Nc7 18.Nxc7 Kxc7 19.Bf4+ Kd7 20.b5 cxb5 21.Rxb5 b6 22.a4 Rhd8 23.Bg5 Kc6 Trent,L (2398)-Prohaszka,P (2579) 153/(45) Hamburgo 2022) 10.exf7+ Kxf7 11.a3 e6 12.Nd2 Nh6 13.Ndf3 Bd6 14.Nh3 Nf5 15.0-0 Nc7 16.Re1 a5 Martinez Alcantara,J (2591)-Gupta,S (2505) chess.com (Int. -rapid) 153/(45) 2022]

8...e6 9.a4 Ne7 10.Nf3 Nf5



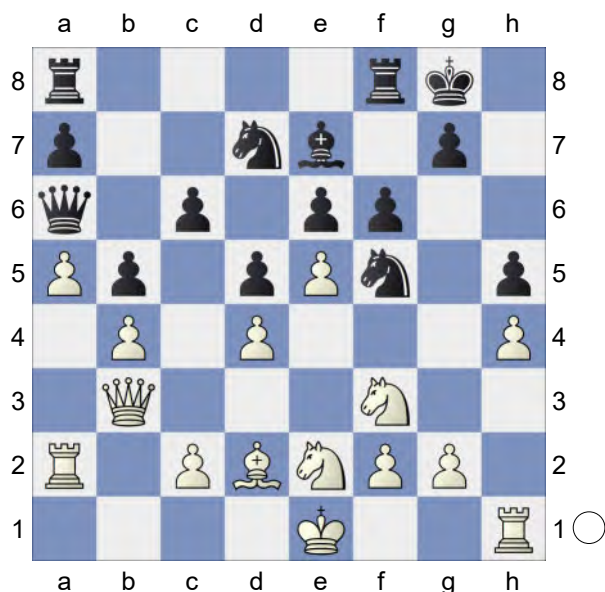
11.Bd2 Nd7 12.Nc3 Be7 13.Ra2 0-0

14.Ne2 b5 0.97/21

[14...Rfc8= 0.00/19]

15.a5 f6

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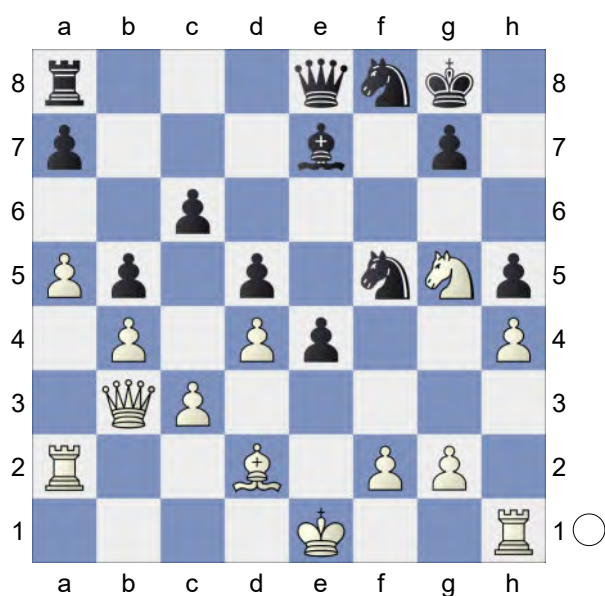


16.Nf4 fxe5 17.Nxe6 e4! 18.Nfg5 Qc8
19.Nxf8 Nxf8 20.c3

[20.Nxe4? Qe6 (20...Bxh4
 21.Nc5±) 21.Kd1 Qxe4-+
 (21...dxe4? 22.Qxe6+ Nxe6
 23.c3-+)]

20...Qe8 0.93/22

[20...g6± 0.35/22]



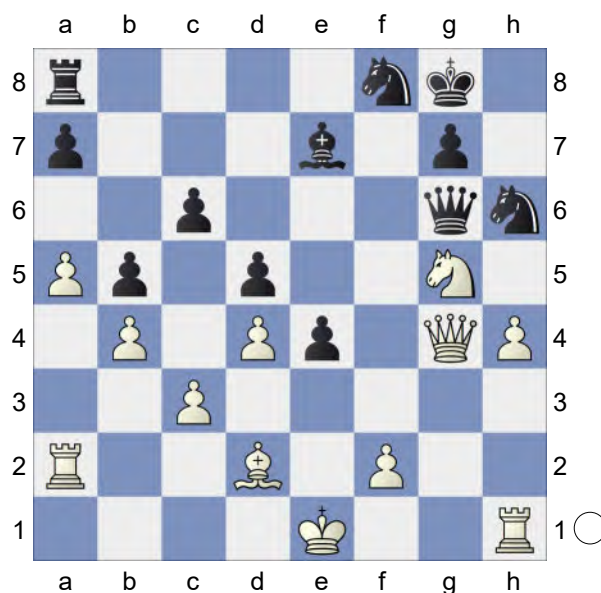
21.Qd1!±

[21.Nxe4? Bxh4 (21...Nxb4
 22.Kf1±) 22.0-0 Qxe4-+]

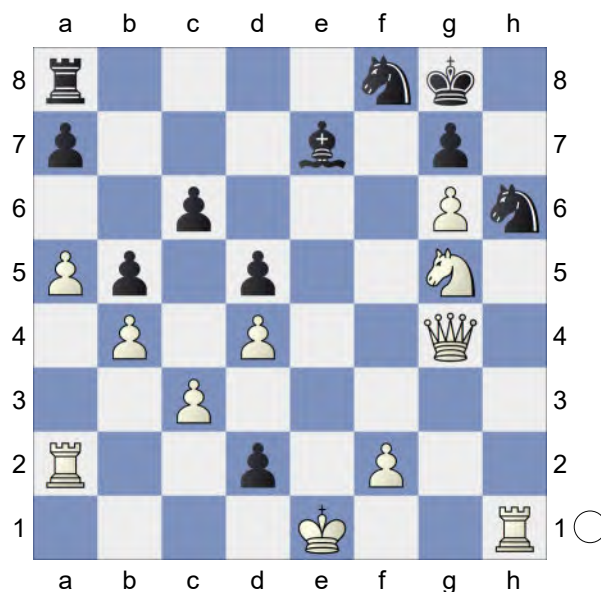
21...Qg6! 22.g4 hxg4 23.Qxg4

h5 would now be deadly. 23...Nh6 0.96/21

[23...e3= 0.18/22 keeps the balance.
 24.fxe3 (24.Bxe3? Nxe3 25.fxe3
 Qb1+ Skewer, Double Attack 26.Kd2
 Qxh1-+) 24...Ng3]



24.h5? -0.57/26 e3± 25.hxg6 exd2+



26.Rxd2 Nxg4 27.Nf3 Bf6 -0.16/26

[27...Nxg6?! 28.Rg1 Rf8 29.Rxg4
 Rxf3 30.Rxg6 Rxc3 31.Re2 (31.Rb2
 Rc4±) 31...Bxb4 32.Ree6=]
 [27...Re8± -0.88/24 28.Re2 Nxg6]

28.Re2!= Nh6↑ Black has the initiative.

[28...Nxcg6 29.Rg1 Nf4 30.Rxcg4
Nxe2 31.Kxe2 Re8+ 32.Kd3±]

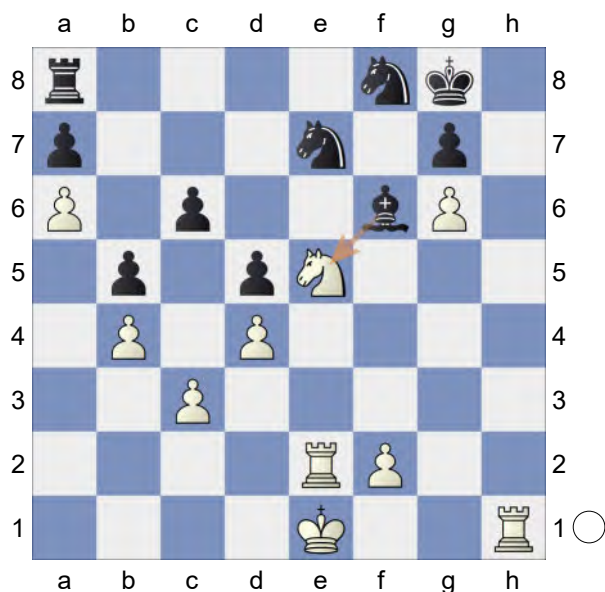
29.a6? -1.66/26

[29.Kd2= -0.01/24]

29...Nf5

[29...Nxcg6 30.Re6 Nf5 31.Rxc6±]

30.Ne5 Ne7



31.f4 Bxe5

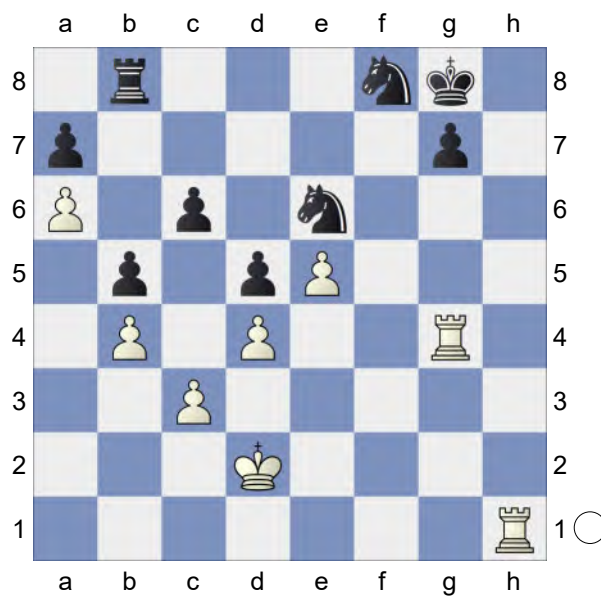
[31...Nexg6 32.Nd3]

32.fxe5 Nexg6 33.Rg2 Nf4 34.Rg4
-1.74/25

[34.Rgh2± -1.10/25]

34...N4e6-+ 35.Kd2 Rb8

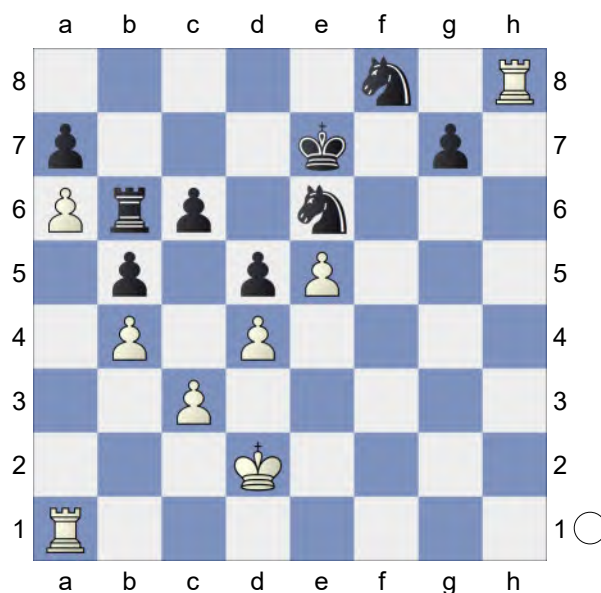
(Diagram)



36.Rgh4 Ng6 37.Rg4 Ngf8 0.01/21

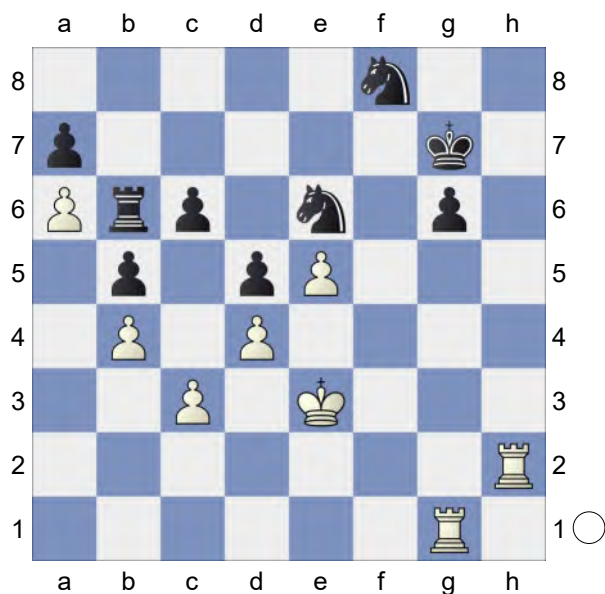
[37...Nh8-+ -1.73/26 ...Nf7 is the
strong threat. 38.Kc2 Kf7]

38.Rgh4!= Rb6 39.Rh8+ Kf7 40.Ra1
Ke7



41.Rg8 Rb8 42.Rg1 Kf7 43.Rh8 g6!
44.Ke3 Kg7 45.Rh2 Rb6

(Diagram)



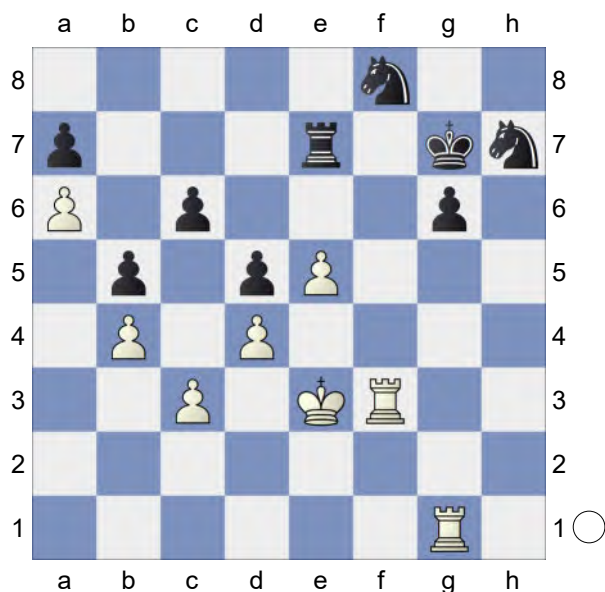
46.Ra2 Rb8 0.01/25

[46...Nd8+ -1.31/24 47.Rf1 Nh7]

47.Rf2 -0.99/27

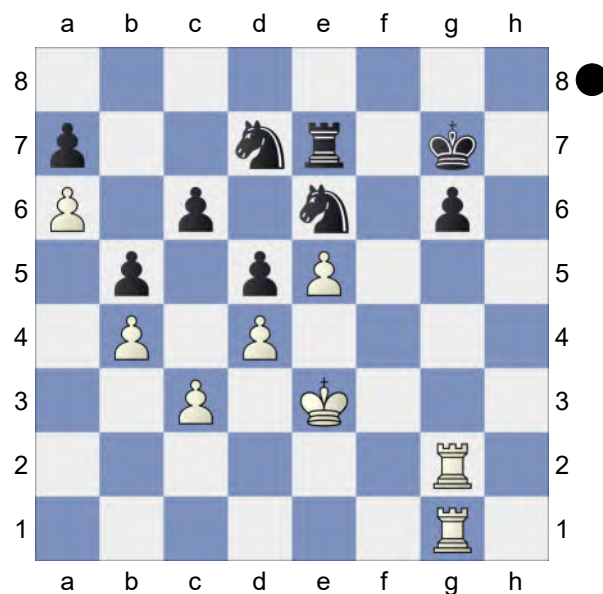
[47.Rh2= 0.01/25]

47...Nh7 48.Rfg2 Nef8! 49.Rf2 Re8 50.Rf3 Re7

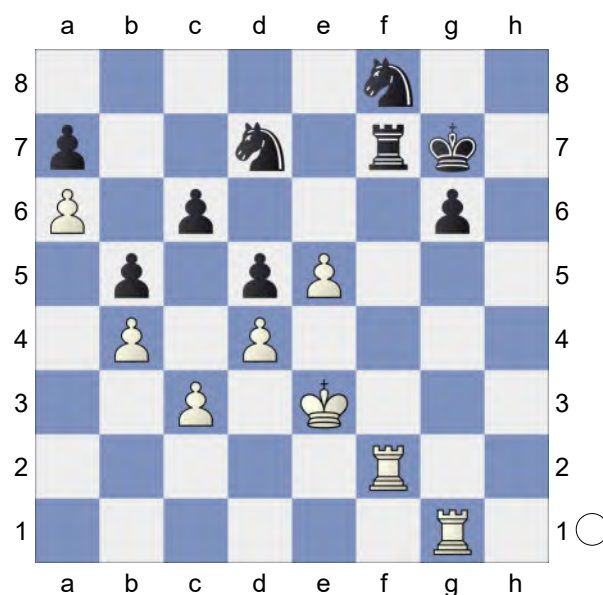


51.Rf2 Ne6 52.Rfg2 Nhf8 53.Rf2 Nd7
Wards off Rf6 54.Rfg2

(Diagram)



Nef8 55.Rf2 Prevents Nf6 55...Rf7



56.Rxf7+ Kxf7 57.Kf4 Kg7 -1.10/29

[57...Ne6+- -1.70/29 58.Ke3 Kg7]

58.Kg4 Ne6 -0.53/30

[58...Nb6+ -1.28/31 59.Rg2 Nc8]

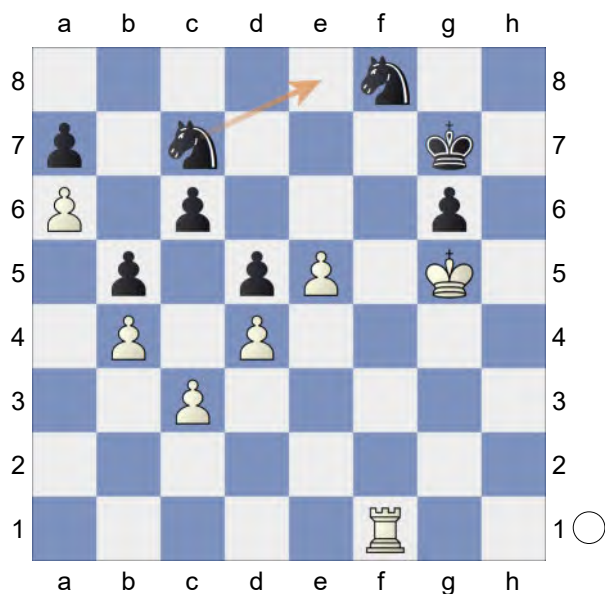
59.Rf1+ Nc7 60.Kg5? -1.82/34

[White should try 60.Kf4+ -0.31/31]

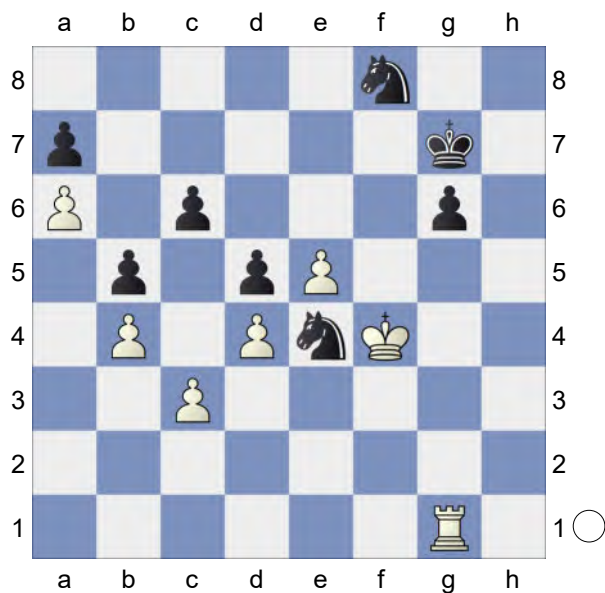
60...Nf8+

[60...Nxa6 61.e6 Nc7 62.exd7
 (62.Rf7+ Kg8+-) 62...Ne6+
 63.Kg4+-]

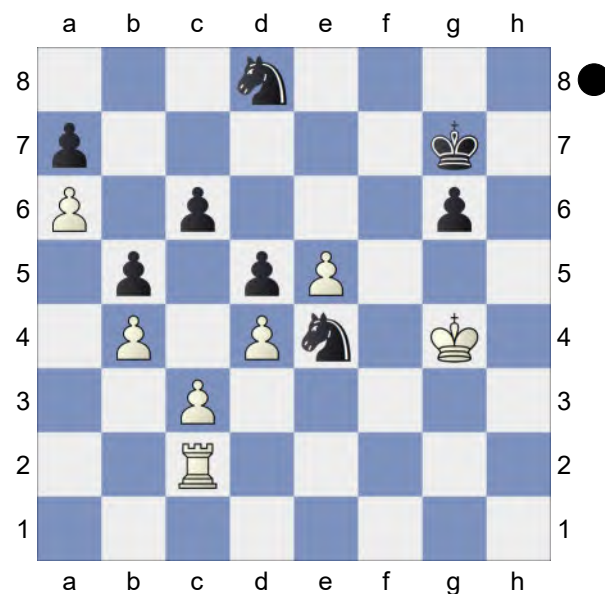
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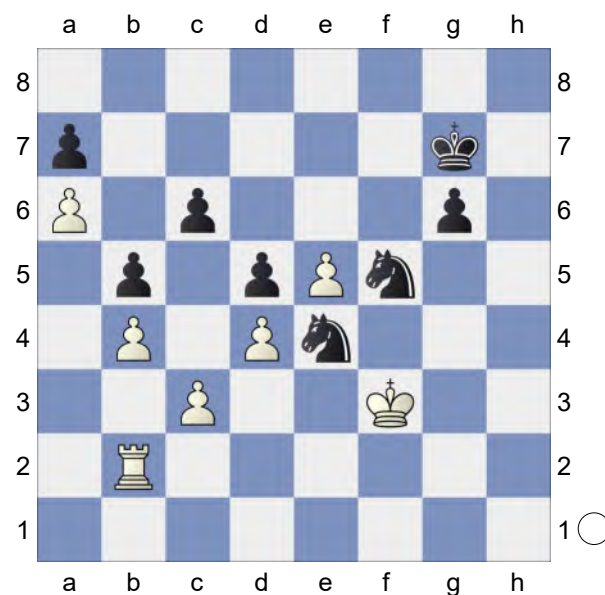
61.Ra1 Nh7+ 62.Kg4 Ne6 63.Rf1
Neg5 64.Kf4 Ne4 65.Rg1 Nf8
 [65...Nxc3 66.Ke3 Na2 67.e6=]



66.Rg2 -2.06/27
 [66.Kf3± -1.42/27]
66...Ne6+
 [66...Nxc3 67.Rc2 Ne6+ 68.Kg4±]
67.Kg4 Nd8
 [67...Nxc3 68.Rc2 c5 (68...Nxd4?
 69.Rxc3 Kg8 70.Rh3+-; 68...Nd1
 69.Rxc6 Ne3+ 70.Kh3±) 69.Rxc3±]
68.Rc2



Nf7! Strongly threatening ...Nh6+.
69.Rb2? -5.40/26
 [69.Rc1± -1.38/27]
69...Nh6+
 [69...Nxc3 70.Rc2 Nxe5+
 (70...Nh6+? 71.Kf3+-) 71.dxe5+-]
70.Kf3 Nf5
 [70...Nxc3? loses. 71.Rc2 c5
 72.bxc5+- (72.Rxc3 c4=)]



71.Rc2 g5 72.Rc1 Kg6 73.Rh1?
-6.47/23
 [73.Kg4 -3.39/25]

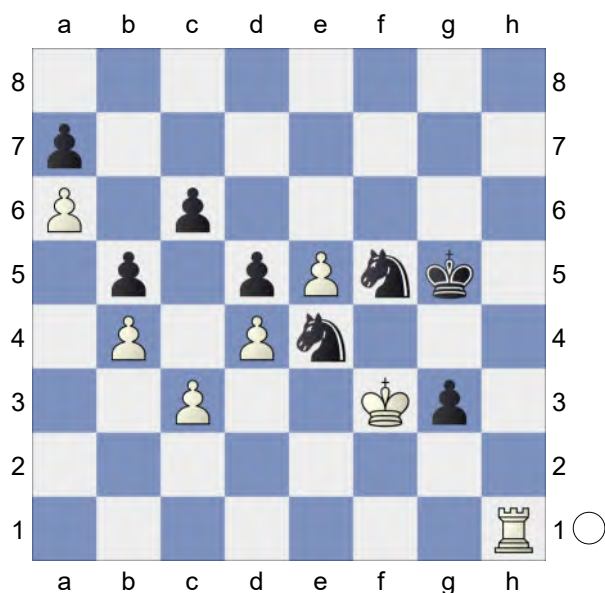
73...g4+ Black is clearly winning. 74.Kf4 g3

[74...Nxc3 75.Kxg4 c5 (75...Nxd4? 76.Rh8-+) 76.dxc5]

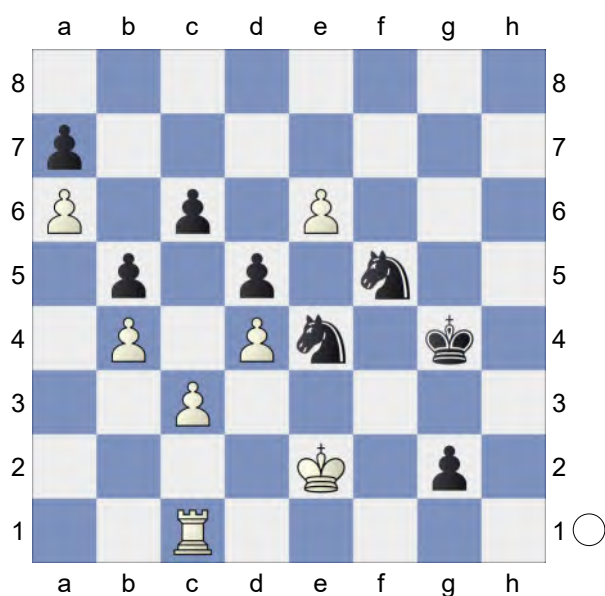
75.Kf3 -11.33/25

[Δ75.e6 -5.16/24]

75...Kg5



76.Rc1 Nh4+ 77.Ke3 Kg4 78.Ke2 g2
And now ...Nxc3+! would win. 79.e6 Nf5



Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) / Black=0.23 (precise) .
Loses game: White=2 ---
Missed win: --- Black=1

Mistake: White=6 Black=7
Inaccurate: White=8 Black=2 OK:
White=21 Black=33 Best:
White=7 Black=3 Strong:
White=3 Black=3
0-1

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□ Kollars,Dmitrij

■ Bosiocic,Marin

EU-chT 24th Budva (9.1)

[Kitty Kat]

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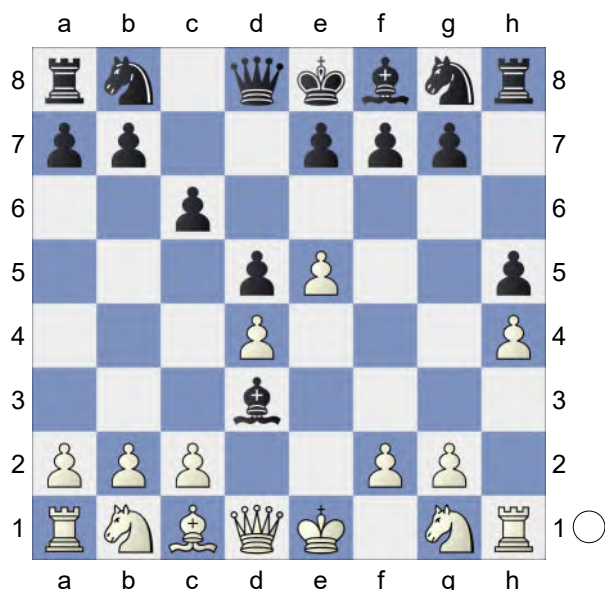
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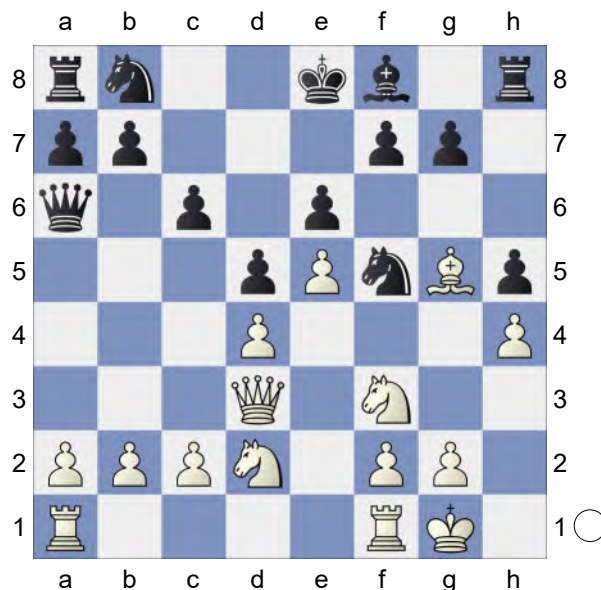
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 e6 7.Nf3 Ne7 8.Bg5
Black is weak on the dark squares
8...Qb6 9.Nbd2 Nf5 White is slightly
better. 10.0-0 Qa6!

(Diagram)



11.c4 Bb4!

[11...Nd7 12.Qc3 Be7 13.Bxe7
Nxe7 14.c5 b6 15.a4 bxc5 16.dxc5
Qc8 17.b4 a5 18.bxa5 Qc7 19.Nb3
Ng6 20.Rfe1 0-0 21.Rac1 f6
22.Nbd4 Nf4 23.Qc2 Nxe5 24.g3
Nfd3 25.Nxe5 Nxe1 26.Rxe1
1/2-1/2 (75) Nepomniachtchi,I (2720)-
Nisipeanu,L (2654) Dortmund GER
2015 (4.1)]

[11...dxc4 12.Nxc4 Nd7 13.Rac1
Nb6 14.Nfd2 Be7 15.Ne4 Nxc4
16.Rxc4 Bxg5 17.hxg5 Rd8 18.b3
Qb5 19.Nc5 Rd5 20.Rfc1 Ke7
21.Qc3 a5 22.a4 Qb6 23.b4 Rhd8
24.bxa5 Qc7 25.Qb4 Ke8 26.Nxb7
1-0 (36) Nagle,S (2228)-Ness,R
(2233) corr 92/203 2004 (2.6)]

12.Rfc1N Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.

[12.Rfd1 0-0 13.Rac1 Qxa2 14.Nf1
Qxb2 15.Ne3 Nxe3 16.Qxe3 Nd7
17.Bf6 Nxf6 18.exf6 gxf6 19.Rb1
Qa3 20.Rd3 Qa5 21.Ne5
39. Caro-Kann 4.h4 h5 – 7.N-Caro-
Kann 4.h4 h5 – 7.Nf3 N]

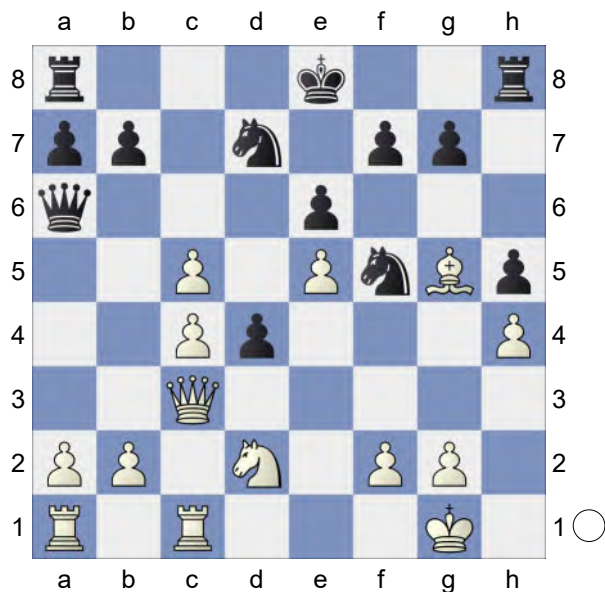
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14.Nf1 Rfe8 15.Ne3 g6 16.Qc2 Ba3

17.Rd1 Rac8 18.Nxf5 exf5 19.Bh6 Nf8 20.c5 Ne6 21.Rdb1 Bb4 22.a3 Ba5 23.b4 Bd8 24.a4 b6 25.Qd2 Qb7 26.Bg5 Be7 27.Bf6 Rb8 (28) Model Games-Nepomniachtchi,I) 13...0-0 14.a3 Bxd2 15.Rxd2 Nb6 16.c5 Qxd3 17.Rxd3 Nd7 18.b4 b6 19.Rc1 Rfc8 20.Bd2 f6 21.Re1 Kf7 22.g3 bxc5 23.bxc5 Rcb8 24.Bf4 Rb2 25.Rdd1 Rb3 26.Kg2 a5 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (62) Jones, G (2683)-Fernandez, D (2465) 4NCL Division 1 " " Pool A 2019 (4.3)]

12...Bxd2 13.Nxd2N

[Vorgänger: 13.Qxd2 cxd5 would now be deadly. dxc4 14.b3 c3 1.25/19 (14...b5± 0.48/20) 15.Qxc3 0.62/20 (15.Rxc3± 1.25/19 aiming for d5! Nd7 16.d5 exd5 17.Qc2) 15...0-0± 16.a4 Nd7 17.Qc4 -0.01/23 (17.Qd2± 0.39/18) 17...Qxc4= 18.bxc4 f6 19.exf6 gxf6 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ Aradhya, G (2236)-Hesham, A (2424) Gujarat op 3rd 2022 (10)]

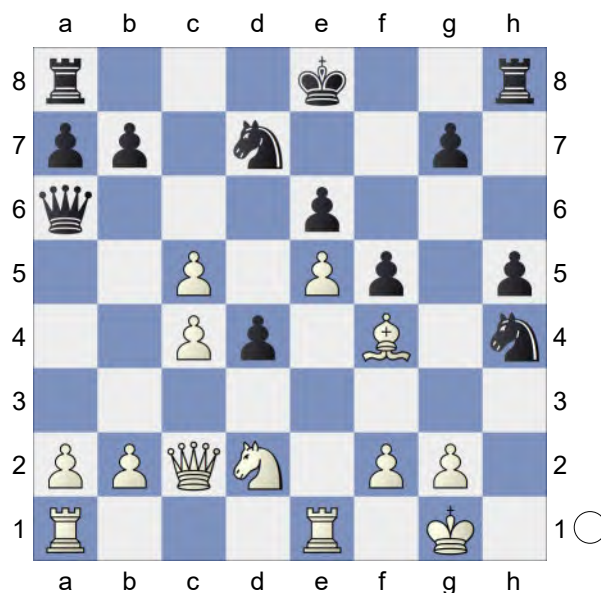
13...Nd7 14.Qc3 c5 15.dxc5 d4



16.Qc2 f6! 17.Bf4

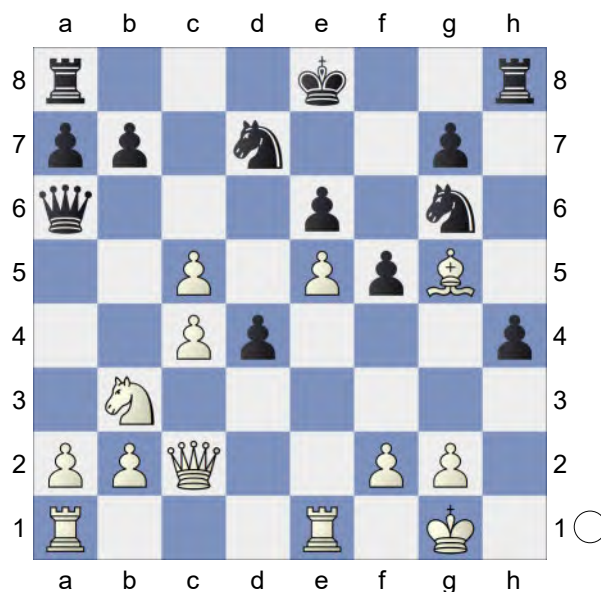
[17.exf6 gxf6 18.Bf4 Qc6=]
17...Nxb4 18.Re1 f5 2.31/20

[18...Qc6= 0.28/17 19.Ne4 Nxb4 20.Kxg2 f5 Pin]



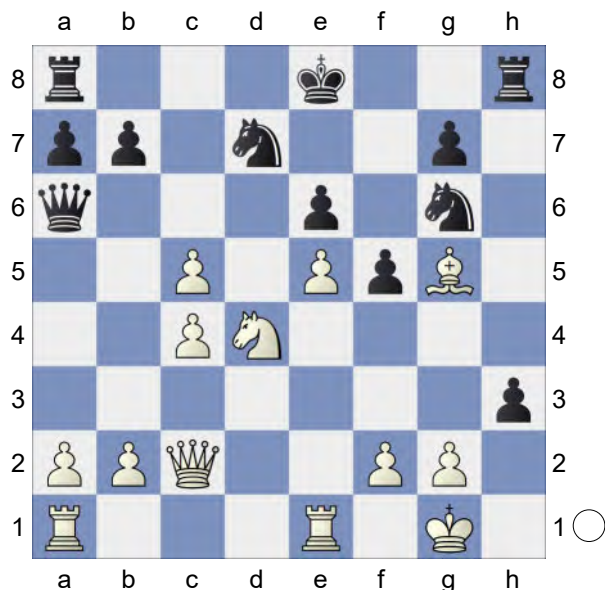
Prevents Ne4 19.Bg5!+- Ng6 20.Nb3 h4 2.49/20

[20...Rc8± 1.53/20 was necessary.]



21.Nxd4 h3

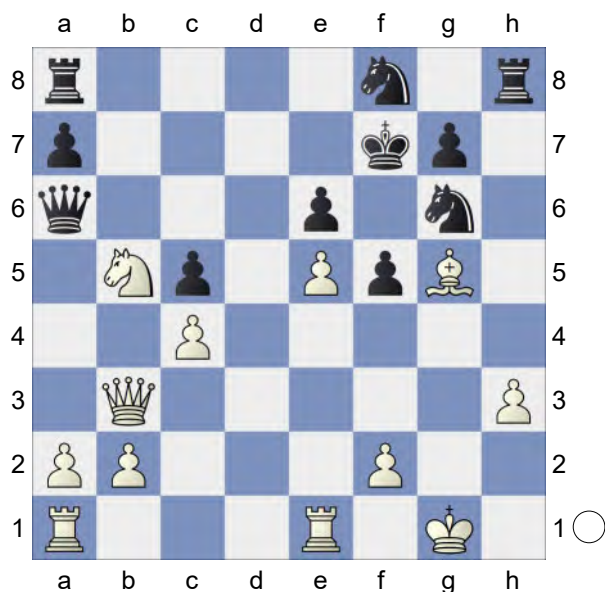
(Diagram)



22.c6! Ndf8 **23.Qb3** Black must now prevent c5. **23...bxc6** **24.gxh3** c5 **2.25/20**

[24...Qb6± **1.51/21** is a better defense.]

25.Nb5 Threatens to win with Nc7+.
25...Kf7



26.Qf3 **0.91/21** Dodges Qc6

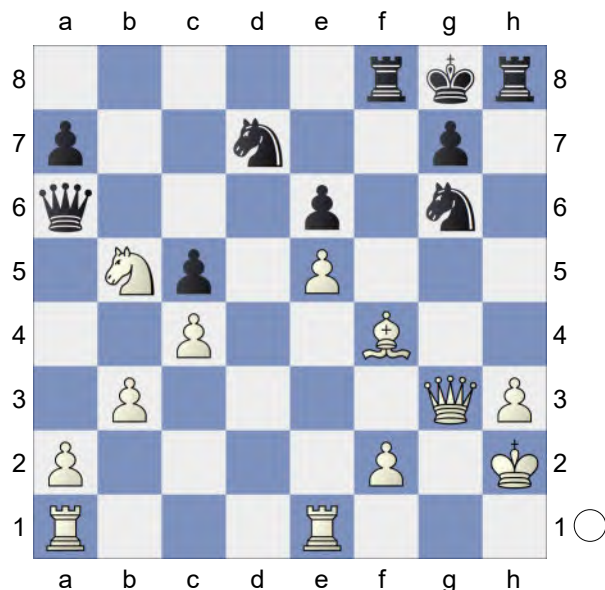
[26.Rad1+- **2.08/19**]

26...Rb8± **27.Kh2** White is much more active. **27...Kg8** **28.b3** Nd7 **2.08/20**

[28...Nh7± **0.91/17** **29.Bf4** Qb7]

29.Qg3 f4 **3.05/19**

[Δ29...Ndf8 **2.07/19** **30.Rg1** Rb7]
30.Bxf4+- Rf8



31.Bg5 **0.10/21**

[Better is **31.Nc7+-** **3.52/22** Qb6 **32.Qxg6** Rxf4 **33.Qxe6+** Qxe6 **34.Nxe6** Rxf2+ **35.Kg3**]

31...Ndxe5 **1.95/24**

[**31...Qc6!=** **0.10/21** **32.f4** (**32.Nxa7** Qb7+) **32...Ndxe5**]

32.f4? **0.11/21**

[**32.Rxe5+-** **1.95/24** Nxe5 **33.Qxe5** Rxf2+ **34.Kg1**]

32...Qc6= **33.Re3↑** Dodges Nf3+. White has good play.

[**33.fxe5** Rf3 **34.h4** Nxe4 (**34...Rxe5?** **35.Kxe5** Nxe4 **36.Bxe4+-**) **35.Bxe4** Rxe3 **36.Kxe3** Qe8+]

[**33.Rxe5?** Nxe5 **34.Rf1** (**34.fxe5?** Rf3+-) **34...Rf5+-**]

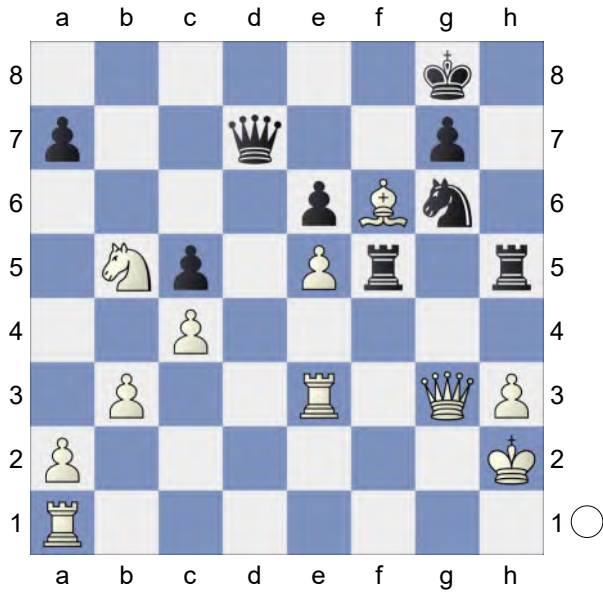
33...Rf5 **4.28/24** **34.fxe5+-** Rh5 **35.Bf6** White is clearly winning.

[Inferior is **35.Nxa7** Qe8=]

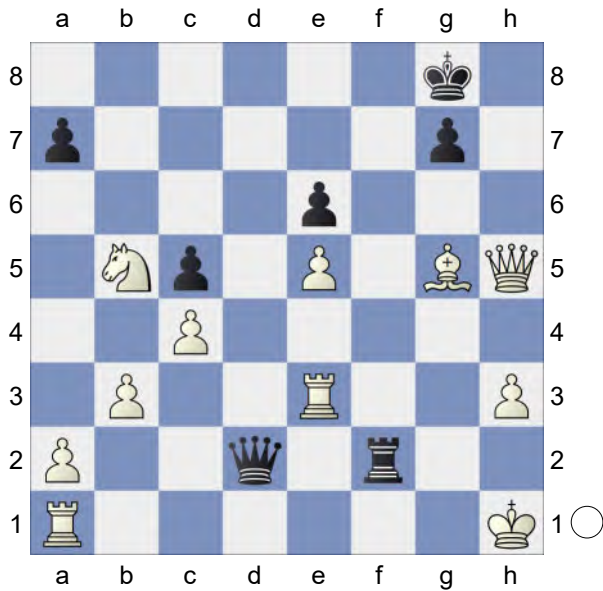
35...Qd7 **8.60/18**

[Δ**35...gxf6** **5.10/17** **36.Qxg6+** Kf8 **37.exf6** (**37.Nxa7** Qd7+-) **37...Rfg5**]

(Diagram)

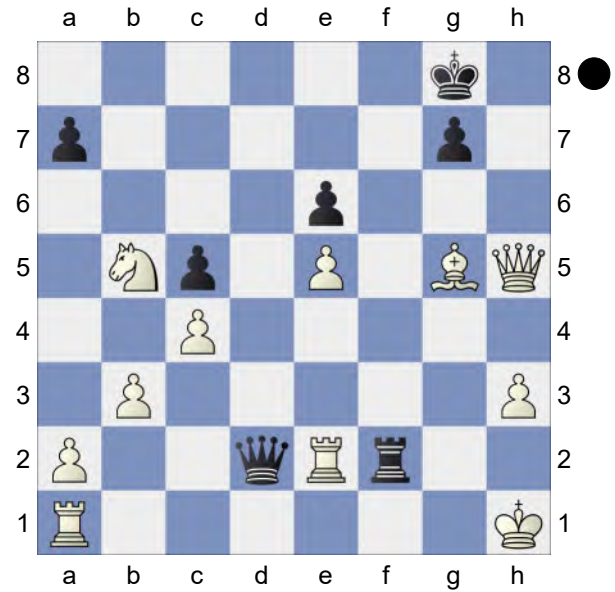


**36.Qxg6 Qd2+ 37.Kh1 Rhg5 38.Bxg5
Rf2 39.Qe8+ Kh7 40.Qh5+
[40.Qxe6? Rh2+ 41.Kg1 Qg2#]
40...Kg8**



41.Re2

(Diagram)



**Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/
Black=0.55
1-0**

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□ Firouzja,Alireza

■ Artemiev,Vladislav

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1.e4

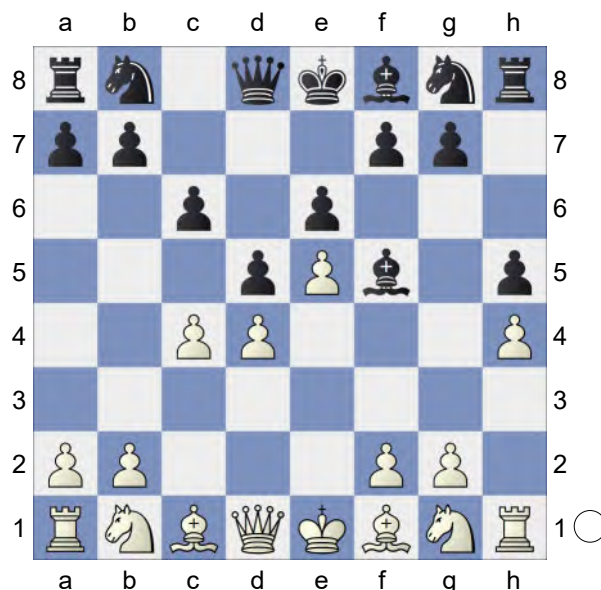
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1...c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4

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10...dxc4

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A) 11...dxc4 12.Bxg6 Nxg6 13.0-0 f6 This allows White to gain an initiative. (13...Qa3 is best.

14.Nxh5 Be7! 15.Nxg7+ Kf8

16.Nh5 Bxg5 17.hxg5 Rd8

18.Qg4 Nb6[∞]) 14.exf6 gxf6

15.Qe1 0-0-0 16.Bxf6 Nxf6

17.Qxe6+ Nd7 18.Qxg6

1/2-1/2 (52) Yoo, C (2429)-Liang, A

(2599) Greensboro 2019 Bb4

19.Nge4;

B) 11...Bxd3 12.Qxd3 dxc4

13.Qxc4 Nb6 14.Qd3 Ned5

15.0-0 Firouzja, Alireza: 'This is

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Qa3 16.Rfd1 (16.Nge4 Bb4

17.Qf3 Ne7 18.Rfd1 Nf5 19.Rd3

1-0 (28) Kadric, D (2558)-Doric, D

(2467) Mali Losinj 2019 1-0 (28)

Kadric, D (2558)-Doric, D (2467) Mali

Losinj 2019 Bxc3 20.Nxc3 Qa5[∞])

16...Nxc3 17.Rxc3 Qxa2

B1) I prefer the variation I prefer

the variation 18.Rb1 Qa6

19.Qc2

B1a) 19...Nd5 20.Rc4 b6

21.Rxc6 Be7 22.Rc1

is actually very uncomfortable

for Black. On 22...0-0 there is

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Rd8?? 23.Bxe7 Nxe7 24.Rc7

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Ne4 is coming. Nd5 25.Qc6+

Kf8 26.Ne4! (26.Rb7+-);

B1b) 19...Qa4 The engines

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Qxd4 21.Rd1 Yes, this is a

four pawn sacrifice! Qxe5

(21...Qc4?? 22.Qb1 Be7

23.Ne4+-) 22.Re3 Qc7□

(22...Qc5?? 23.Rxe6+ fxe6

24.Qg6#) 23.Nf5

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B1b11) 24...Rg8??

25.Nd4! g6 26.Nxe6!
Qxe6 (26...fxe6
27.Rxf8+! Kxf8 28.Qc5+
Kg7 29.Qe7+ Kh8
30.Bf6+ and mates.)
27.Re3+-;

B1b12) 24...Nd5??

25.Rxd5 cxd5 26.Rc3+-
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Kd8 33.Qxg8 Ke8
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Qxf8 31.Qxh5

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B1b22) 26...Qd7

27.Rxe6+ Kd8 28.Nd6 fxe5 29.hxe5 (29.Qxg5+?? Be7 30.Nf7+ Ke8 31.Qg6 Qd1+! 32.Kh2 Rf8 and White has no good discovered checks. and White has no good discovered checks.) 29...a5 30.Nf7+ Kc8 31.Qc4+ Kb8 32.Qf4+ Kc8 (32...Ka7?? 33.Qe3+ Kb8 34.Nxh8+-) 33.Nxh8 Qxe6 34.Qxf8+ Kc7 35.Qxa8 Qe1+ 36.Kh2 Qe5+ 37.g3 Qc5 and Black achieves a draw. Well done to him.;

B2) 18.Rb3 Qa6 19.Qxa6 bxa6 20.Ra1 Nd5 21.Rb7 1/2-1/2 (29) Perunovic,M (2569)-Donchenko,A (2631) Barcelona 2019 1/2-1/2 (29) Perunovic,M (2569)-Donchenko,A (2631) Barcelona 2019 Bb4 22.Rxa6 0-0= White can capture no less than three pawns on this move, however in all cases the d4-pawn is a target. White can capture no less than three pawns on this move, however in all cases the d4-pawn is a target.]

[I've also examined 10...f6 11.exf6 gxf6 12.Be3 Qxb2 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Nxd5 exd5 15.Bd3 Qb4+ Since then, there has been a high-level game which followed my notes. Since then, there has been a high-level game which followed my notes. 16.Kf1 Bxd3+ 17.Qxd3 0-0-0 18.Bf4! Re8! 19.Kg1 Rg8?! Maybe holding, as my analysis shows, but incredibly

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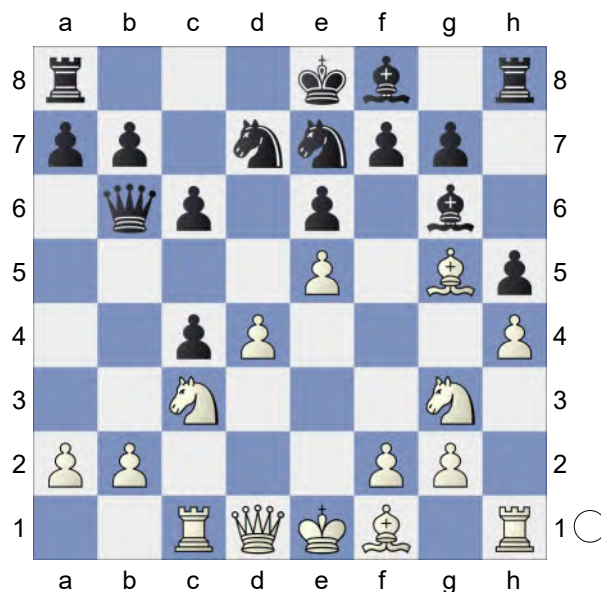
B) 25...Kb8 26.Qg3 (26.h5? Reg8 27.Ng7 Qxd4 is a key difference with the ...Kc7 line, as there, Ne6+ would win material. is a key difference with the ...Kc7 line, as there, Ne6+ would win material.) 26...Qxg3 27.Nxg3 Nb6 28.h5 Nc4 29.Rh4 b5 30.Rf4 (30.Rg4 f5! 31.Rf4 Ref8 32.f3 Nd6 33.Kf2 a5)

B1) Both 30...Re6;

B2) and 30...Rh6 run into 31.Nf5! Rh7 32.f3 Kc7 (32...Re2?? 33.h6) 33.Kf2±;

B3) 30...Ref8! and Black will start making progress on the queenside. and Black will start

making progress on the queenside. 31.Rg4 f5 32.Rg6 f4 33.Ne2 Rxh5 34.Rxc6 Kb7]



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[11...Qxb2 12.0-0 Nb6 (12...Rd8 13.Re1 Nb6 14.Bb3; 12...Qa3) 13.Bd3 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 Qa3 15.Rb1 Ned5 16.Rfc1 Qa6 17.Qxa6 bxa6 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 (18...cxd5 19.Rc7+-) 19.Rxc6±]

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[or 12.Nxf5 Bxf5 13.0-0]

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[12...Qxd4 Firouzja,Alireza: 'runs into läuft in' Firouzja,Alireza: 'runs into' Firouzja,Alireza: 'läuft in' 13.Nb5! Firouzja,Alireza: '!!!' '!!!' '!!!' '!!!' Firouzja,Alireza: 'Justin Tan: '!' Firouzja,Alireza: 'A nice little tactic which I found during the game. Ein feiner kleiner Trick, den ich während der Partie entdeckte.' Firouzja,Alireza: 'A nice little tactic which I found during the game.' Firouzja,Alireza: 'Ein feiner kleiner Trick, den ich während der Partie entdeckte.'

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19.Rcd1+-;

B) 13...cxb5 14.Bxb5 a6 15.Qxd4 Nxd4 16.Bxd7+ Kxd7 17.Rfd1 Firouzja,Alireza: 'with a clear advantage to White. mt klarem Vorteil für Weiß.' with a clear advantage to White.mt klarem Vorteil für Weiß.]

[12...Nxg3 13.fxg3 Gives White a more than secure shelter for his king. Gives White a more than secure shelter for his king. Be7 (13...Nxe5 14.Na4+-) 14.Bxe7 Kxe7 15.Kh2

A) 15...Qxb2 16.Bd3 Bxd3 (16...Qb6 17.Bxg6 fxg6 18.Qd2+-) 17.Qxd3;

B) 15...Rad8 16.Na4 Qc7 17.Qb3±]

13.Nxf5 Bxf5 14.Bxe7 Kxe7 15.Qd2 Firouzja,Alireza: '!' '!' '!' '!' Firouzja,Alireza: 'My threat is not only Qg5+ but... Meine Drohung ist nicht nur Dg5+, sondern auch...' Firouzja,Alireza: 'My threat is not only Qg5+ but...' Firouzja,Alireza: 'Meine Drohung ist nicht nur Dg5+, sondern auch...' **15...Qd8**

[15...Rhd8 16.Na4 Qc7 17.Qg5+ Kf8 18.Qxh5± 1-0 (42) Sutovsky,E (2673) -Muzychuk,M (2540) Caleta 2018 [Havasi,G] 1-0 (42) Sutovsky,E (2673) -Muzychuk,M (2540) Caleta 2018 [Havasi,G]]

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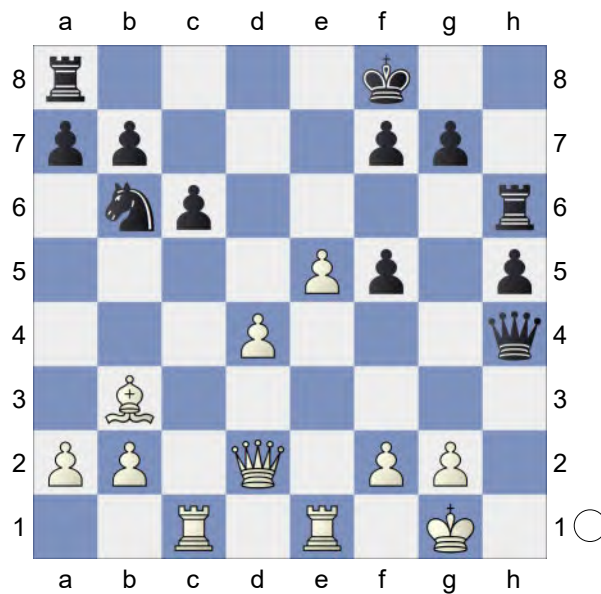
20.Rfe1 Firouzja,Alireza: '! '!' '!' '!' Firouzja,Alireza: 'Again preparing for the e6 break. Bereitet noch einmal den e6-Hebel vor.' Firouzja,Alireza: 'Again preparing for the e6 break.' Firouzja,Alireza: 'Bereitet noch einmal den e6-Hebel vor.'

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[20...Rd8 21.e6! Firouzja,Alireza: 'Now this is a killer because after Jetzt ist dies ein Killer, denn nach' Now this is a killer because after Jetzt ist dies ein Killer, denn nach fxe6 22.Rxe6 Firouzja,Alireza: ', with the active rook on e6 and the support of the bishop on b3, there is no way Black could hold this. , mit dem aktiven Turm auf e6 und der Unterstützung des Läufers auf b3, kann Schwarz diese Stellung niemals halten.' , with the active rook on e6 and the support of the bishop on b3, there is no way Black could hold this. , mit dem aktiven Turm auf e6 und der Unterstützung des Läufers auf b3, kann Schwarz diese Stellung niemals halten. Qxd4 23.Qg5+-]

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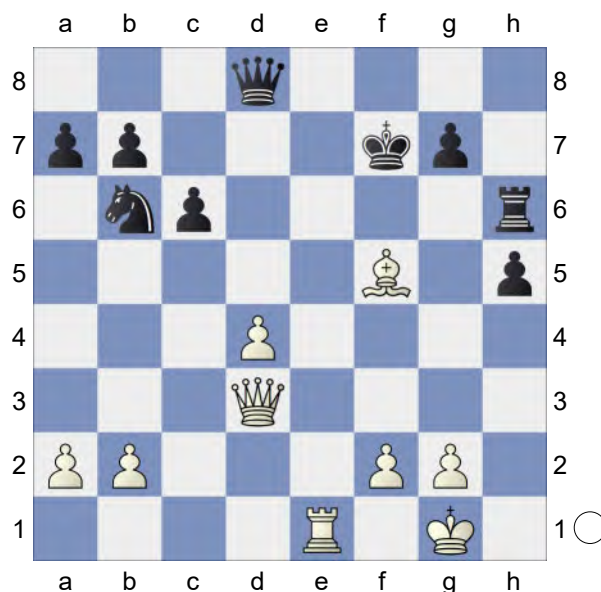
23.Bxf5 Firouzja,Alireza: '± '± '± '±' Firouzja,Alireza: 'I have regained the pawn, so now White is very close to a winning position. Ich habe den Bauern zurückerobert, damit ist Weiß sehr nahe an einer Gewinnstellung.' Firouzja,Alireza: 'I have regained the pawn, so now White is very close to a winning position.' Firouzja,Alireza: 'Ich habe den Bauern zurückerobert, damit ist Weiß sehr nahe an einer Gewinnstellung.' **23...Rxe1+**

[23...Rd6 24.Qa5 Qf6 25.Rxe8+ Kxe8 26.Qxa7 Qxf5 27.Qxb6±
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24.Rxe1 Now White is just crushing. Firouzja,Alireza: 'Justin Tan: 'Now White is just crushing.' Now White is just crushing. **24...Qd8** Firouzja,Alireza: '?' '?' '?' Firouzja,Alireza: 'A quite understandable move from my opponent, but he had to bring his knight in to the defence! Ein durchaus verständlicher Zug meines Gegners, aber er musste seinen Springer in die Verteidigung einschalten!' Firouzja,Alireza: 'A quite understandable move from my opponent, but he had to bring his knight in to the defence!' Firouzja,Alireza: 'Ein durchaus verständlicher Zug meines Gegners, aber er musste seinen Springer in die Verteidigung einschalten!'

[24...Nc4! 25.Qb4+ Nd6 26.Be6 Qd8± Firouzja,Alireza: 'Still a pretty bad position for Black, but at least he has more pieces around his king. Noch immer eine ziemlich üble Stellung für Schwarz, aber zumindest hat er mehr Figuren um seinen König herum.' Still a pretty bad position for Black, but at least he has more pieces around his king. Noch immer eine ziemlich üble Stellung für Schwarz, aber zumindest hat er mehr Figuren um seinen König herum.]

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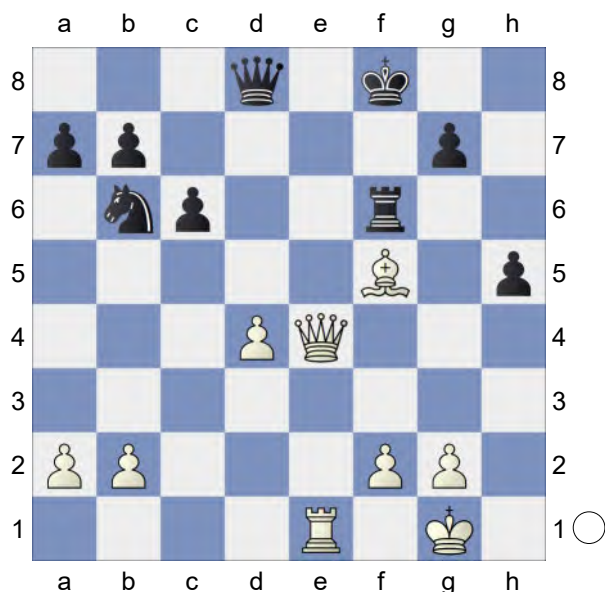


26.Qf3 Qf6

[26...Kg8 27.Be6+ Kh8 28.Bf7+-]

27.Qb3+ Firouzja,Alireza: '! '!' '!' '!' Firouzja,Alireza: 'Now we can see why Black needed his knight to be around his king. Jetzt können wir sehen, weshalb Schwarz den Springer in der Nähe seines Königs brauchte.' Firouzja,Alireza: 'Now we can see why Black needed his knight to be around his king.' Firouzja,Alireza: 'Jetzt können wir sehen, weshalb Schwarz den Springer in der Nähe seines Königs brauchte.' **27...Kf8** **28.Qa3+** Firouzja,Alireza: '! '!' '!' '!' **28...Qd6 29.Qe3 Qd8 30.Qe4** Firouzja,Alireza: 'Again threatening Bg6! Droht erneut Lg6!' Firouzja,Alireza: 'Again threatening Bg6!' Firouzja,Alireza: 'Droht erneut Lg6!' **30...Rf6**

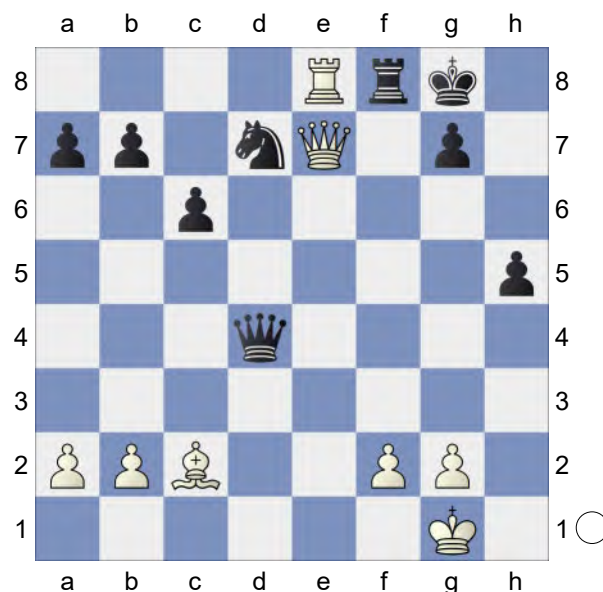
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31.Bg6 Kg8 32.Qh4 Firouzja,Alireza: '!!' '!!' '!!' '!!' Firouzja,Alireza: 'What a nice move: the rook on f6 is pinned, and White threatens both Qxh5 and Re8+. Ein wahrer Prachtzug: Der Turm auf f6 ist gefesselt, und Weiß droht sowohl Dxxh5 als auch Te8+.' Firouzja,Alireza: 'What a nice move: the rook on f6 is pinned, and White threatens both Qxh5 and Re8+.' Firouzja,Alireza: 'Ein wahrer Prachtzug: Der Turm auf f6 ist gefesselt, und Weiß droht sowohl Dxxh5 als auch Te8+.' **32...Qd5 33.Re8+ Rf8 34.Qe7 Nd7 35.Bc2!** Firouzja,Alireza: '!!' '!!' '!!' '!!' Firouzja,Alireza: 'Justin Tan: '!!' Firouzja,Alireza: 'Another brilliant move that I was proud of. The bishop returns, and Bb3 is just crushing. Noch ein brillanter Zug, auf den ich stolz war. Der Läufer kehrt zurück, und Lb3 ist einfach vernichtend.' Firouzja,Alireza: 'Another brilliant move that I was proud of. The bishop returns, and Bb3 is just crushing.' Firouzja,Alireza: 'Noch ein brillanter Zug, auf den ich stolz war. Der Läufer kehrt zurück, und Lb3 ist einfach vernichtend.'

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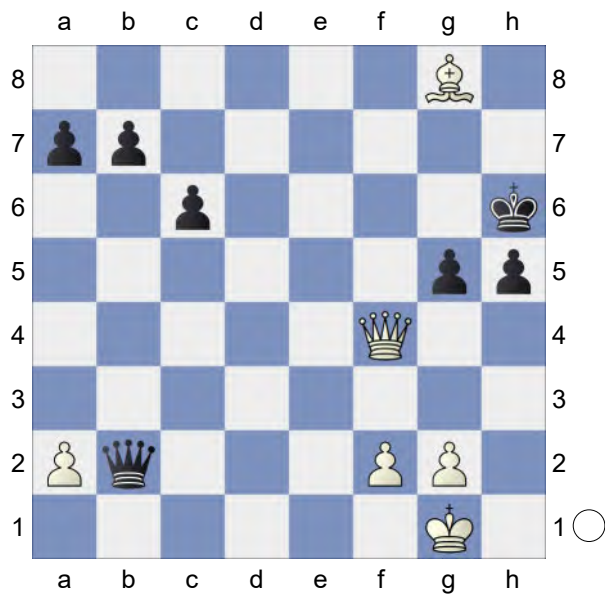


36.Rxf8+ Firouzja,Alireza: '?' '?' '?' '?' Firouzja,Alireza: 'Still winning but I had a nicer finish: Gewinnt immer noch, aber ich hatte ein schöneres Finale:' Firouzja,Alireza: 'Still winning but I had a nicer finish: 'Firouzja,Alireza: 'Gewinnt immer noch, aber ich hatte ein schöneres Finale:'

[36.Qe6+! Kh8 37.Qf5!+- Firouzja, Alireza: 'threatening both Qh7++ and Rxf8+ and, more important, defending the f2 pawn! droht sowohl Dh7++ als auch Txf8+ und, noch wichtiger, deckt den Bauern f2!' threatening both Qh7++ and Rxf8+ and, more important, defending the f2 pawn! droht sowohl Dh7++ als auch Txf8+ und, noch wichtiger, deckt den Bauern f2!]

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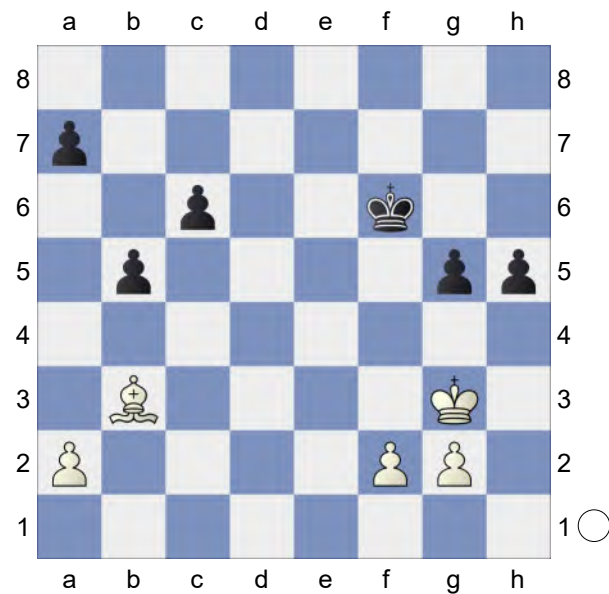
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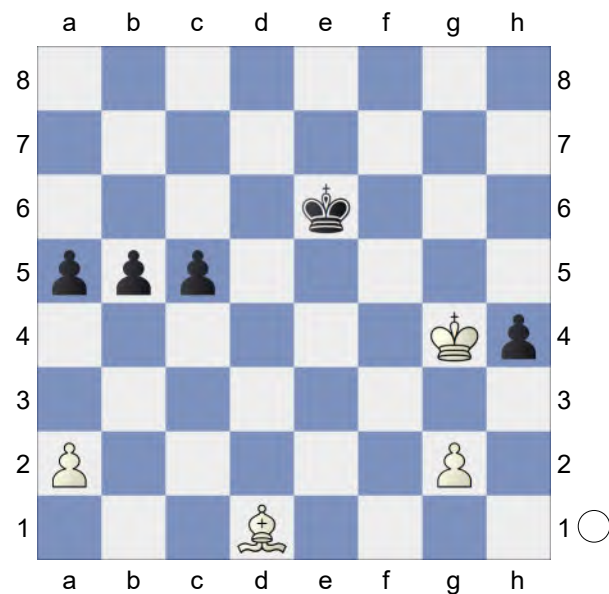
41.Qd6+ Kg7 42.Bb3 Firouzja,Alireza: '+-' '+-' '+-' '+-' Firouzja,Alireza: 'Still this is just an absolutely hopeless position for Black. So oder so, dies ist einfach eine absolut hoffnungslose Stellung für Schwarz.' Firouzja,Alireza: 'Still this is just an absolutely hopeless position for Black.' Firouzja,Alireza: 'So oder so, dies ist einfach eine absolut hoffnungslose Stellung für Schwarz.'

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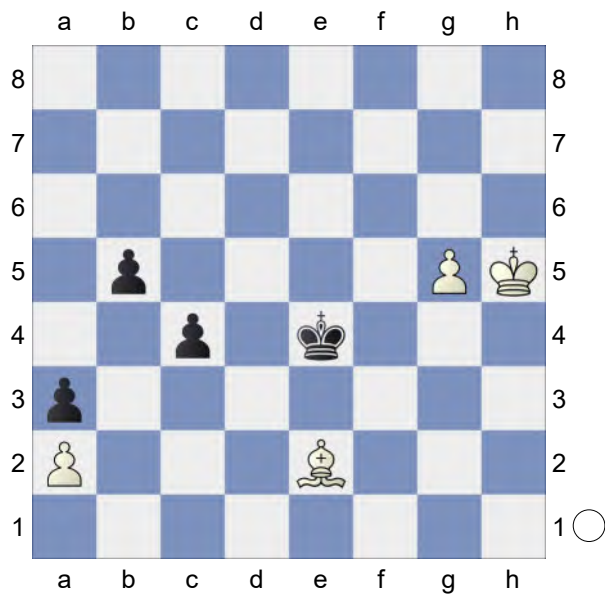


46.Bd1 h4+ 47.Kg4 c5 48.f4 gxf4 49.Kxf4 Ke6 50.Kg4 a5

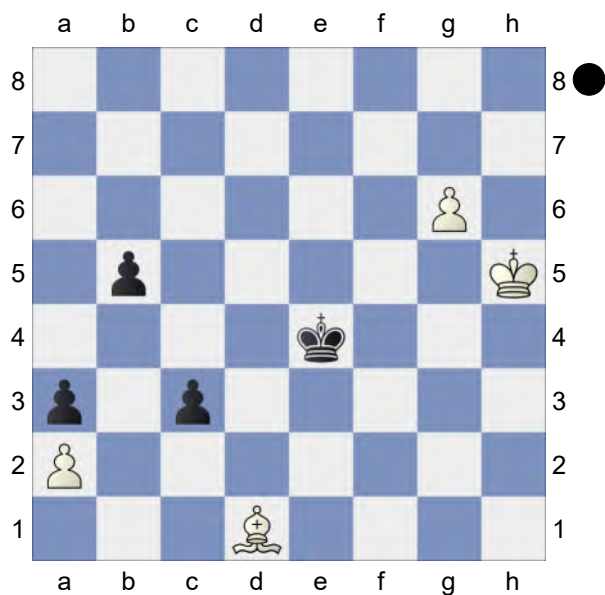


51.Kxh4 a4 52.g4 c4 53.g5 a3 54.Be2 Kf5 55.Kh5 Ke4

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56.g6 c3 57.Bd1



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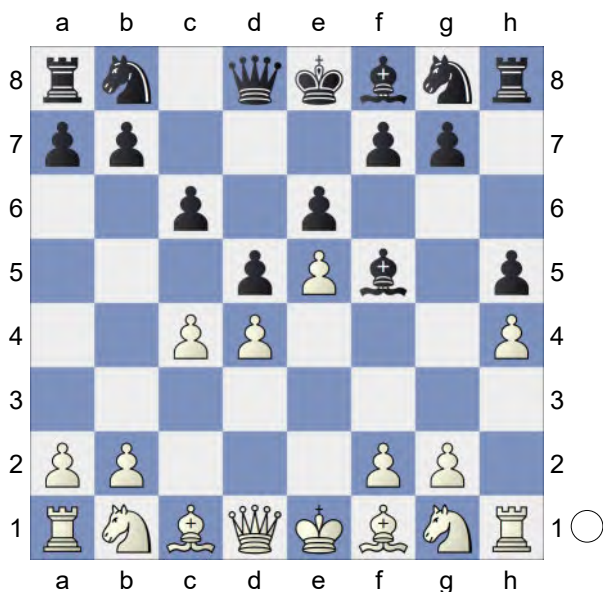
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1.e4 GM Ioannis Papaioannou 1...c6

2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.c4

GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'Even though my main suggestion would be 5.Bd3, this move does not change the character of the game. Sooner or later White will exchange on d5. When Black recaptures with the c-pawn, we get the same structure as when Black plays ...c6-c5 followed by ...cxd4.' 5...e6



6.Nc3 Be7

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7.cxd5

[7.Bd3 probably forces Black to transpose into the 9...Bxh4 line from the game continuation. probably forces Black to transpose into the 9...

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7...cxd5 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Nc6

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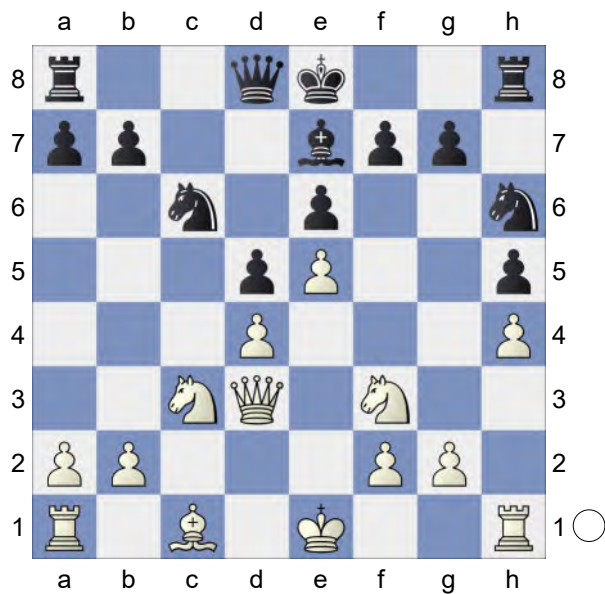
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B) 13.Qa6 Qb6 14.Qd3 Nh6 15.Bxh6 Rxh6 16.0-0 Kf8 17.Rfc1 Unlike in the game continuation, White doesn't have a bind on the kingside. That said, his queenside majority probably gives him a very slight pull. Unlike in the game continuation, White doesn't have a bind on the kingside. That said, his queenside majority probably gives him a very slight pull.]

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[10...Rc8 11.0-0 Nh6 12.Bxh6 Rxh6 13.g3 a6 14.Kg2 Nb4 15.Qd2 Rg6 16.Rac1 Nc6 17.Qd3 Qb6 18.Ne2 Qb5 19.Qc2 Kf8 20.Rfd1 Kg8 21.Rd3 Qb6 22.Nf4 Rh6 23.a3↑ 1-0 (53) Pohlig, B (2485)-Doderer, H (2440) corr RSLE-2013 - 2013 1-0 (53) Pohlig, B (2485)-Doderer, H (2440) corr RSLE-2013 - 2013]

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GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'The first important moment. Black is planning to proceed with ...Nf5 in this position. When you see the move ...Nh6, you can either ignore it or play Bxh6. That's what Dubov did in the game.' **11.Bxh6!** Of course, you must remove this knight otherwise it fixes its position on f5. GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'Note that we will give our bishop for the knight only on the h6-square. The idea is that Black will waste a lot of time in order to secure the safety of his king and bring the h6-rook back into play. The only constructive plan for Black in such positions is the maneuver ...Rg6-g4. In this concrete case, however, the rook maneuver does not work.' Of course, you must remove this knight otherwise it fixes its position on f5. **11...Rxh6 12.Rc1** GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'White is preparing active actions on the queenside. The maneuver Na4-c5 is the main positional ideal. Once Black gives his bishop for the knight, White will immediately establish a knight on g5. In this case, the kingside attack based on the advance g3-g4 will be very difficult

to deal with.'

[12.g3]

12...Kf8 13.g3 g6 14.0-0± GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'Before playing such a move, we obviously need to calculate the advance ... g6-g5. Probably, Dubov did it.'

[A bit more cautious would have been 14.Kf1 GM Ioannis Papaioannou Kg7 15.Kg2 Rh8 16.Na4 with the same idea as in the game.]

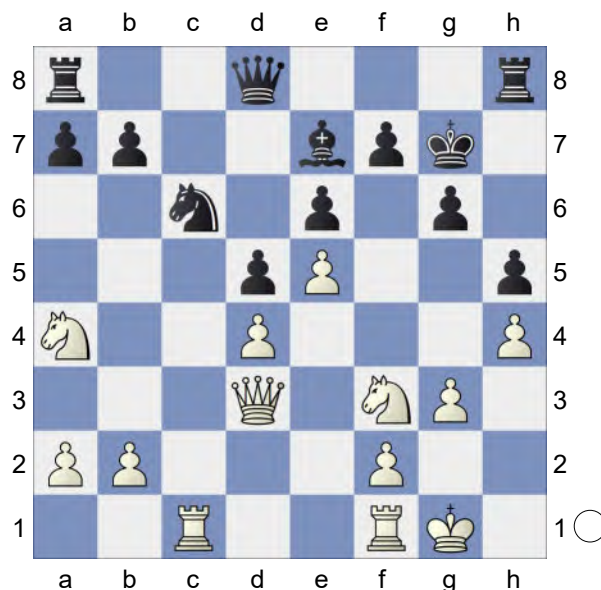
14...Kg7

[Black should have seriously considered 14...g5 GM Ioannis Papaioannou]

15.Na4

[15.Ne2!? to f4 is another thematic plan.]

15...Rh8



16.Nc5 GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'The c5-knight is very annoying. Therefore, Artemiev played' **16...Bxc5?!**

[It was a difficult choice to make, but Black had the opportunity to play very concretely here with GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'In case of' It was a difficult choice to make, but Black had the opportunity to play very concretely

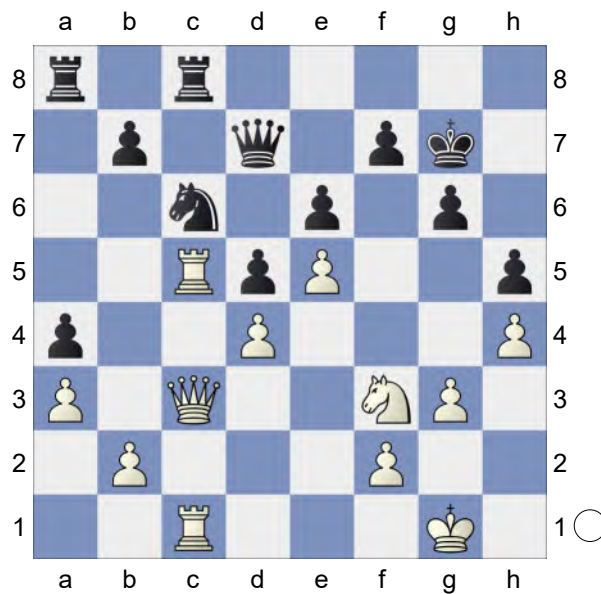
here with 16...Qb6 GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'White could play' 17.a3 (17.Rc3 Bxc5 18.Rxc5 Rhc8=; 17.Qd2 (GM Ioannis Papaioannou) with possibilities to play on both wings.) 17...Rhc8 18.b4 a5! 19.Na4 Qd8 20.b5 Na7 In spite of the awkward placement of the knight on a7, Black equalises on account of the mass exchanges which will ensue on the c-file. In spite of the awkward placement of the knight on a7, Black equalises on account of the mass exchanges which will ensue on the c-file.]

17.Rxc5 GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'White will combine his queenside pressure with a kingside attack. Under favourable circumstances, he will establish a knight on g5 and will follow with g3-g4.' 17...Qd7 18.Rfc1 Rhc8 19.Qc3 a5?! The game continuation shows that the a-pawn becomes a liability the further it is extended. Then again, it is hard to suggest a constructive plan here. The game continuation shows that the a-pawn becomes a liability the further it is extended. Then again, it is hard to suggest a constructive plan here. **20.a3**

[White probably did not need the preparatory move. White probably did not need the preparatory move. 20.Ng5]

20...a4

(Diagram)



21.Ne1?!

[21.Ng5 maintains the pressure. Now if maintains the pressure. Now if Ne7 22.Rc7 Rxc7 23.Qxc7 Rd8 24.Rc5! Nc6 White can avoid the queen trade with White can avoid the queen trade with 25.Qb6! Ra8 26.Rc3 Ra6 27.Qb5 A sort of convoluted way to force the Black rook to the sub-optimal a6-square. White also relies on the fact that A sort of convoluted way to force the Black rook to the sub-optimal a6-square. White also relies on the fact that Nxe5 28.Qxd7 Nxd7 29.Rc7 Rd6 30.Rxb7 is an unfavourable liquidation for Black. is an unfavourable liquidation for Black. e5 31.dxe5 Nxe5 32.Re7 Kf6 33.Ra7±]

21...Qe7

[21...Ne7 equalises for Black. 22.Qb4 (22.Rc7 Rxc7 23.Qxc7 Qc8! followed by Nc6 is a neat defensive trick.) 22...Rxc5 23.Rxc5 Rc8 Moreover, Black was low on time, so he should have opted for a simple continuation. Moreover, Black was low on time, so he should have opted for

a simple continuation.]

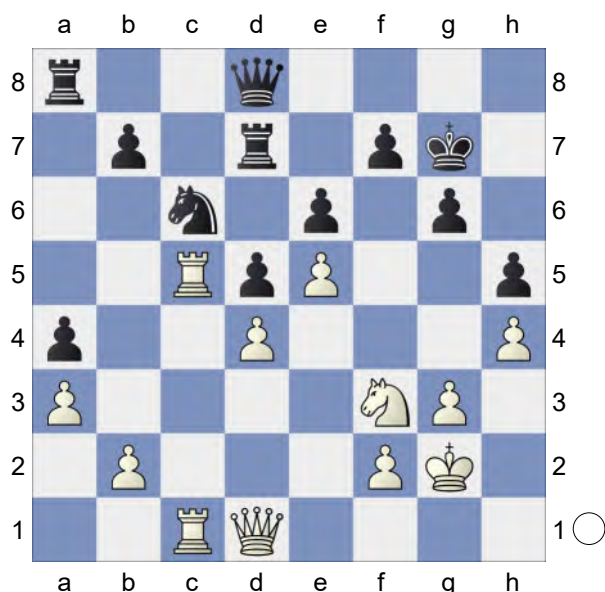
22.Nf3 Qd7 23.Kg2 Rc7? Probably aiming for Rac8 followed by mass exchanges, not realising that the pawn on a4 will always cause him headaches. Probably aiming for Rac8 followed by mass exchanges, not realising that the pawn on a4 will always cause him headaches.

[23...Ne7 24.Rc7 Rxc7 25.Qxc7 Rd8! 26.Rc5 Nc6 Should have been tried again, although keep in mind the same motif as above: Should have been tried again, although keep in mind the same motif as above: 27.Qb6! (27.Qxd7 Rxd7)]

24.Qc2 White took his time in this game shuffling his pieces. This is not a bad strategy when your opponent is under time pressure. White took his time in this game shuffling his pieces. This is not a bad strategy when your opponent is under time pressure.

[24.Ng5!]

24...Qd8 25.Qd1 Rd7



26.Ng5 Finally, Dubov starts to initiate an attack. GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'Finally, White is ready to execute his

main plan.' **26...Ra6** The rook is poorly placed here, especially because there was a tactical flaw to his ...Rb6 idea. Then again, the position was tough and he needed to find counterplay. The rook is poorly placed here, especially because there was a tactical flaw to his ...Rb6 idea. Then again, the position was tough and he needed to find counterplay.

[26...Qb6 27.Qf3

A) 27...Qxb2? loses spectacularly to loses spectacularly to 28.Qf6+ Kg8 29.Rxd5!! exd5 30.e6 Nd8 (30...Qxc1 leads to mate: 31.exf7+ Kf8 32.Ne6#) 31.exf7+! Rxf7 (31...Nxf7 32.Qxg6+ Kf8 33.Nh7+ Ke8 34.Qg8+ Ke7 35.Re1+ Kd6 36.Qxa8+-) 32.Qxg6+ Kf8 (Also resignable is 32...Kh8 33.Rc2 Qxd4 34.Re2+-) 33.Qh6+

A1) 33...Ke8 34.Nxf7 Nxf7 35.Qe6+ Kf8 (35...Kd8 36.Qf6+-) 36.Rc7+-;

A2) 33...Kg8;

B) 27...Kg8 28.Qf6 Rf8 29.R1c3 (29.g4!? is also strong although it allows Black to stir up some complications. Qd8 30.Qf4 Qe7 31.gxh5 f6! 32.exf6 Rxf6 33.Qg3 gxh5 34.R5c3) 29...Qd8 (29...Qxb2 30.Rf3 Nd8 31.Rc8+-) 30.Qf4 Ne7 (30...Qe7 31.Rf3+-) 31.Rc2! Giving the c5-rook some breathing space before proceeding with the attack. Nf5 32.f3+-]

27.g4! GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'The attack is unstoppable.' **27...Qh8 28.Qf3 Rb6?**

The position was already lost, however White finds a devastating tactic to immediately refute this move. The position was already lost, however White finds a devastating tactic to

immediately refute this move.

[28...Ra8 29.R1c3 Rf8 30.Qf4 hxg4
31.Rg3+-]

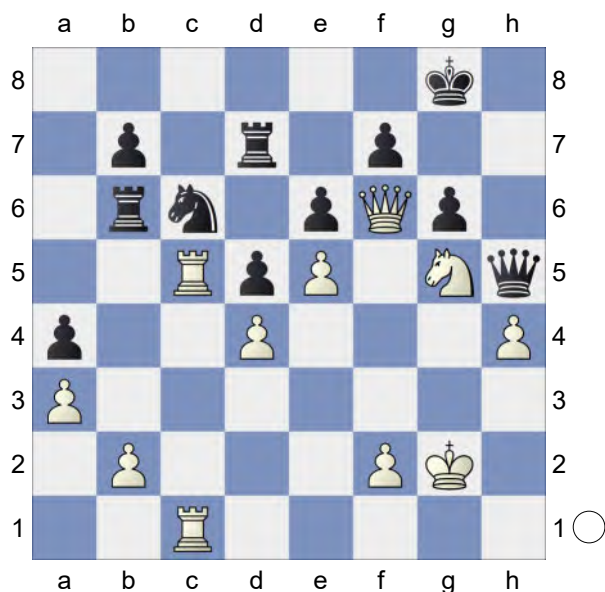
29.gxh5

[29.Ra5! Qd8 30.Rxa4+-]

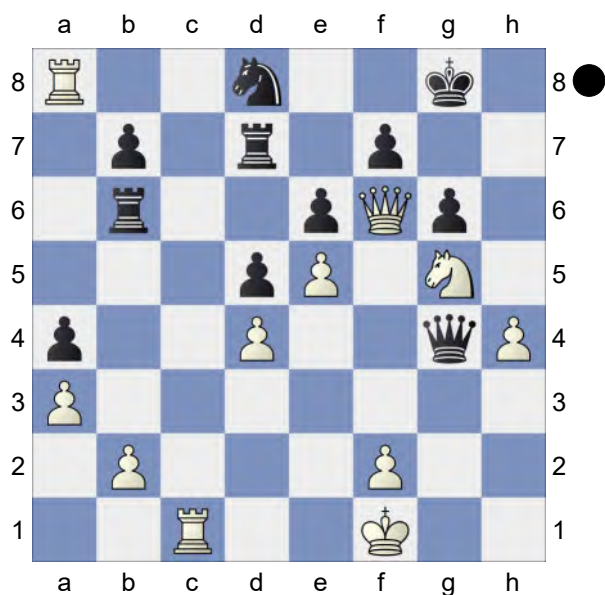
29...Qxh5

[29...gxh5 30.Ra5!+-]

30.Qf6+ Kg8



31.Ra5! Black is defenceless against the back-rank threats. GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'Well-calculated final blow!' 31...Qg4+ 32.Kf1 Nd8 33.Ra8



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□ Kantor, Gergely

■ Motylev, Alexander

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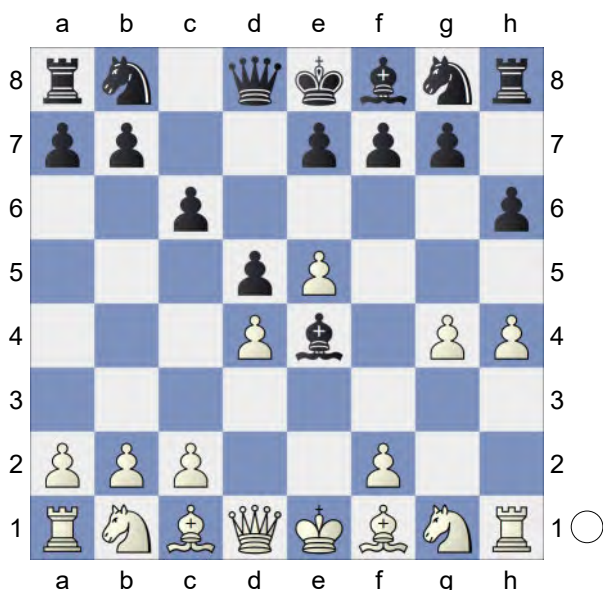
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[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Be4



6.f3 Bh7 7.e6 c5! 0.65/21 7...Nf6 is setting a new trend. Leaves trodden paths. 7...Sf6 setzt einen neuen Trend. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.

[7...Qd6!= 0.12/20 8.exf7+ Kxf7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nd7 11.h5 e5 12.f4 exd4 13.Qf5+ Ngf6 14.g5 hxg5 15.fxg5 Qg3+ 16.Kf1 Re8 17.Nf3 Re2 18.Kxe2 Qg2+ 19.Kd3 Qf2 20.Nxd4 Nc5+ 21.Kc3 Nce4+ 22.Kd3 Nc5+ 0-1 (40) Rojas Keim, L (2724)-Uzhva, A (2577) Lee Cup 3rd Beijing 1996 (6)]

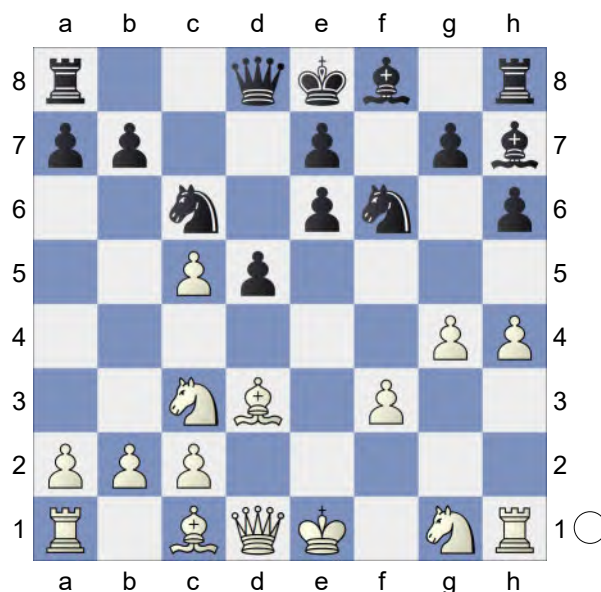
[7...Nf6 8.exf7+ Kxf7 9.Bd3 Qd6 10.Bxh7 Rxh7 11.Ne2 Nbd7 12.Bf4 e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.0-0 g5 15.Bg3 gxh4 16.Bxh4 Be7 17.Nd4 Rg8 18.Qe2 h5 19.g5 Ng6 20.Nf5 Qf4

21.Nxe7 Nxe7 22.Qh2 1-0 (35) Rey Malde, H (2207)-Torres Rebolledo, A (2113) Benidorm op-A 2023 (7)]

8.Nc3N

[8.Bb5+ Nc6 9.Ne2 fxe6 10.Bf4 Nf6 11.dxc5 Nd7 12.Nd4 Bg8 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Bxc6 Rc8 15.Bxd7+ Qxd7 16.Qd4 Bh7 17.Be5 Rg8 18.Nc3 g5 19.0-0-0 gxh4 20.Rxh4 a5 21.a3 Qa7 22.Na4 Qa6 1-0 (41) 7.a4 ♗bd7 8. ♕e3 (2629)-Kulygina, U (2656) USSR (ch) 46/10 1988 (5)]

8...Nc6 9.dxc5 fxe6 White is slightly better. 10.Bd3 Nf6



11.Nh3 0.14/21

[11.Bxh7± 0.59/19 should be considered. Nxh7 12.Qd3]

11...Qa5N

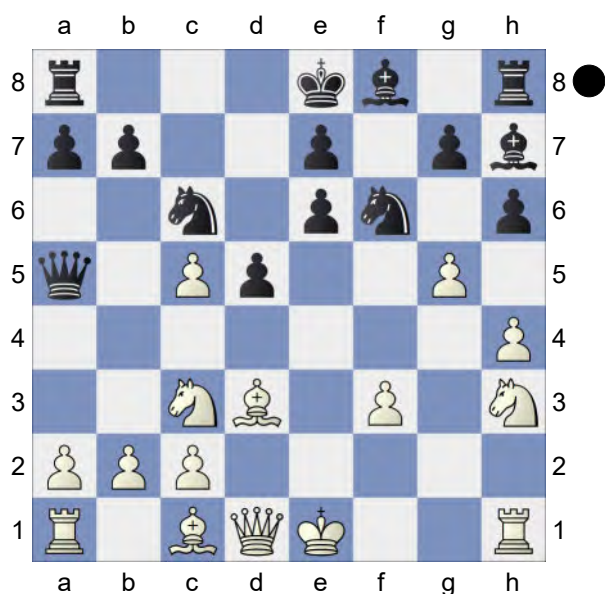
[Vorgänger: 11...Nd7 1.38/20 11...Qd7 0.11 12.Bxh7 Rxh7 13.Qd3 g6 14.Bf4 0.51/21 Repels Nde5 (14.Qxg6± 1.14/20 Rf7 15.f4) 14...Rf7 15.0-0-0 0.00/18 (15.Qxg6± 0.65/23 Nce5 16.Bxe5 Nxe5 17.Qh5) 15...Bg7= Hoping for ...Qa5. 16.Rhe1 Nde5 17.Bxe5 Nxe5 18.Rxe5 Bxe5 19.Qxg6 Threatens to win with g5. Bxc3 0.56/22

(19...Qa5!= 0.00/21 20.Qxh6 Bxc3
21.bxc3 Qxc3) 20.bxc3 1-0 Maiwald,
J (2438)-Pubantz,J (2299) Bundesliga
2324 2023 (9.7)]

[11...Qd7 simplifies 12.Bxh7 Nxh7
13.h5 e5]

12.g5 -0.83/19

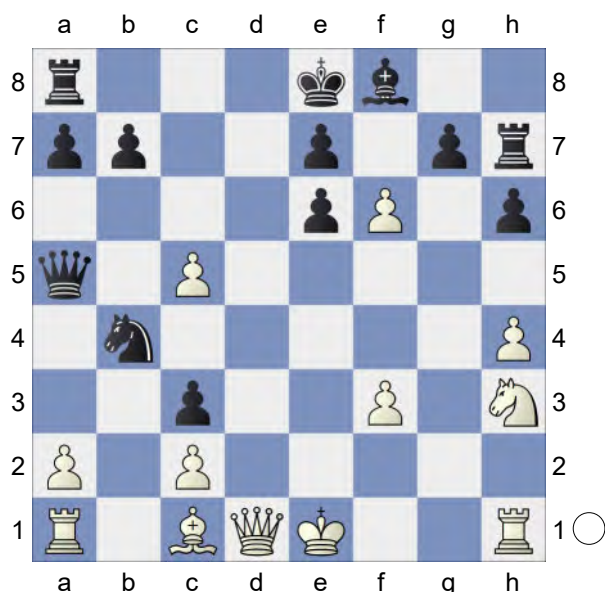
[12.Bd2= 0.27/20]



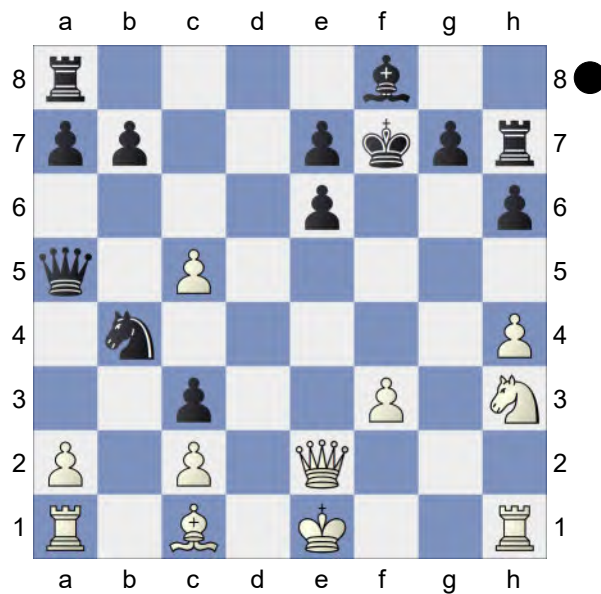
12...d4!? ...hxg5 would now be deadly.

Pin. Black is more active. **13.gxf6 dxc3**

14.b4 Nxb4 15.Bxh7 Rxh7



16.f7+ Kxf7 17.Qe2



Qe4 is the strong threat. 17...Qa4!

18.Nf4 -1.87/24

[18.Rh2? -0.80/20 Qc6 (18...Nxa2?
19.Nf4+-) 19.Rb1]

18...Nxc2+-+

[18...Nxa2? 19.Qxe6+ (19.Nxe6
Nxc1 20.Rxa4 Nxe2?) 19...Ke8
20.Qg6+ (20.Rxa2 Qc6+-; 20.Qxa2
Qxa2 21.Rxa2 e5+-) 20...Kd7
21.Qd3+ (21.Qxh7 e6+-) 21...Kc8
22.Qxh7+-]

19.Kf2 e5 -1.10/17

[19...Nxa1 20.Qxe6+ Ke8 21.Qg6+
Kd7 22.Qd3+ Ke8 23.Qg6+ Kd8
24.Ne6+ Kc8 25.Rd1±]

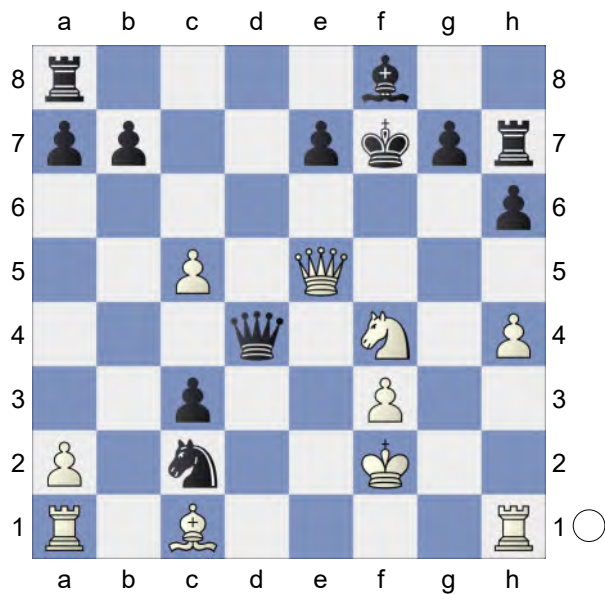
[Better is 19...Nd4+- -1.72/23 20.Qe4
Qc2+ 21.Qxc2 Remove Defender
Nxc2]

20.Qxe5? Intending Qh5+ and mate.

20...Qd4+

[20...Nxa1 21.Qh5+ Kg8 22.Qd5+
e6 23.Qxe6+ Kh8 24.Ng6#]

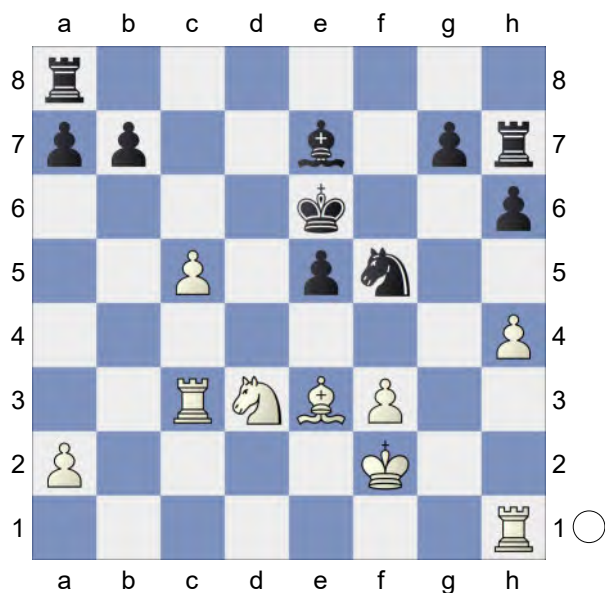
(Diagram)



21.Qxd4 Nxd4 22.Be3 e5 And now ...
Nc2 would win. **23.Nd3 Ke6**
 White must now prevent ...Rd8. **24.Rac1**
Nf5 -0.52/21

[Black should play 24...g6 $\mp$ **-0.89/18**
 Strongly threatening ...Rf7. 25.f4 e4
 26.Bxd4 Rd7 (26...exd3 27.Rxc3
 Rd7 28.Be3 $\mp$)]

25.Rxc3 Be7 $\uparrow$



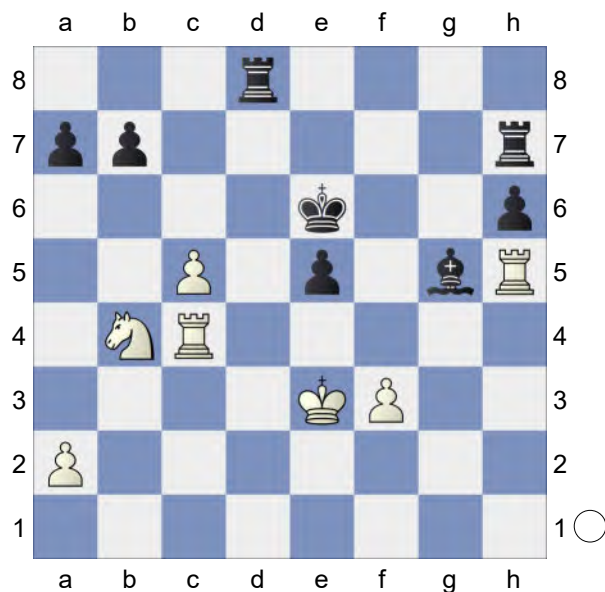
Black has strong initiative. **26.Rc4 Rd8**
27.Nb4 -2.81/21 This move loses the
 game for White.

[27.c6 $\mp$ **-0.81/18** Rxd3 28.cxb7]

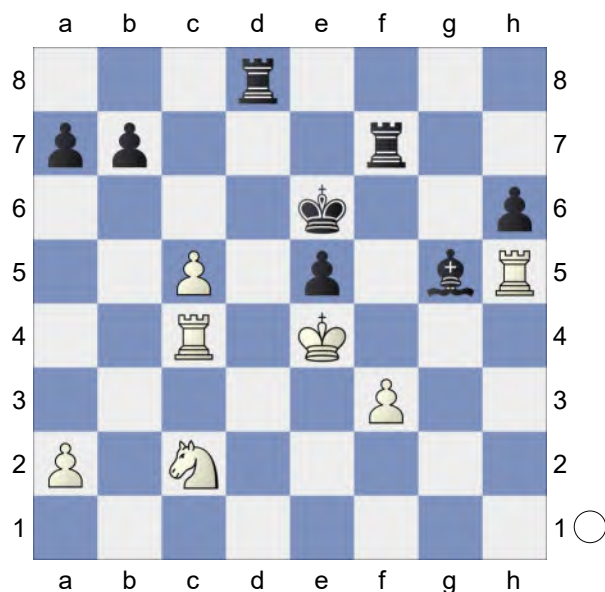
27...g6 28.h5? -3.92/21

[28.c6 **-2.12/17** is a better defense.
 Bxb4 Deflection 29.Rxb4 bxc6
 30.Rg1]

28...gxh5 29.Rxh5 Nxe3 30.Kxe3
Bg5+



31.Ke4 Rhd7 Inhibits Nd3. **32.Nc2**
 Prevents Rd4+. **32...Rf7**



Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/
 Black=0.17 (very precise)

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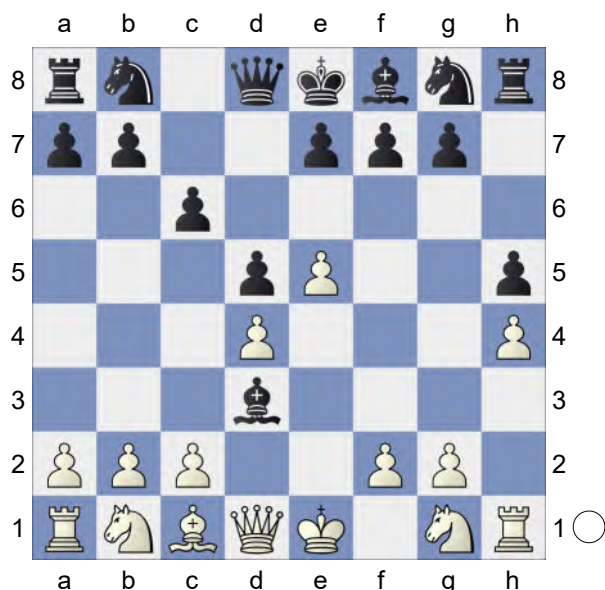
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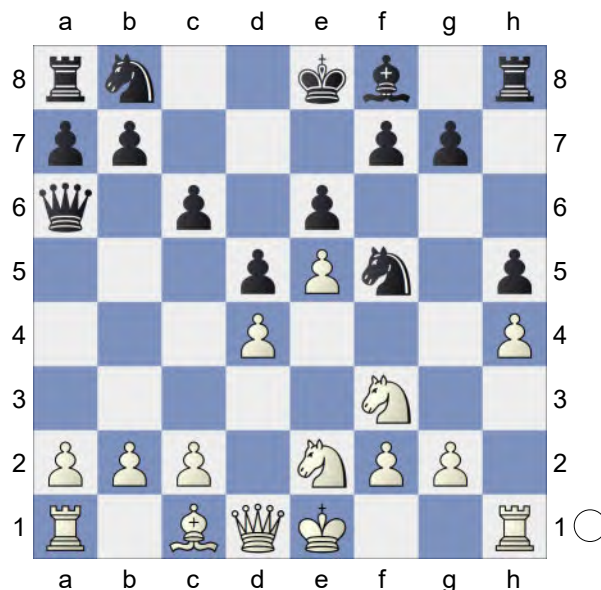
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[MH]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation 1.e4
c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3
Bxd3



6.Qxd3 e6 7.Nf3 Qa5+! 7...Qa5+ is better than 7...Ne7. 7...Da5+ ist besser als 7...Se7. 7...Qa5+ is better than 7...Ne7. 7...Da5+ ist besser als 7...Se7.
8.Nc3 Qa6 9.Qd1 Ne7 10.Ne2 Nf5

(Diagram)



11.0-0 c5 12.c3 Nc6 13.Bg5 cxd4N

[13...Qb6 14.Rb1 cxd4 15.cxd4 Be7 16.Bxe7 Nfxe7 17.Qd2 Nf5 18.b4 a6 19.Rfd1 Qd8 20.g3 0-0 21.Kh2 Rc8 22.a3 Nce7 23.Nf4 g6 24.Rbc1 Qd7 25.Qd3 Kg7 26.Rc5 b6 27.Rxc8 Qxc8 28.Qd2 Martinez Alcantara, J (2619)-Donchenko, A (2684) Speed Chess Q1 Sw blitz 2023 (5) 0-1]

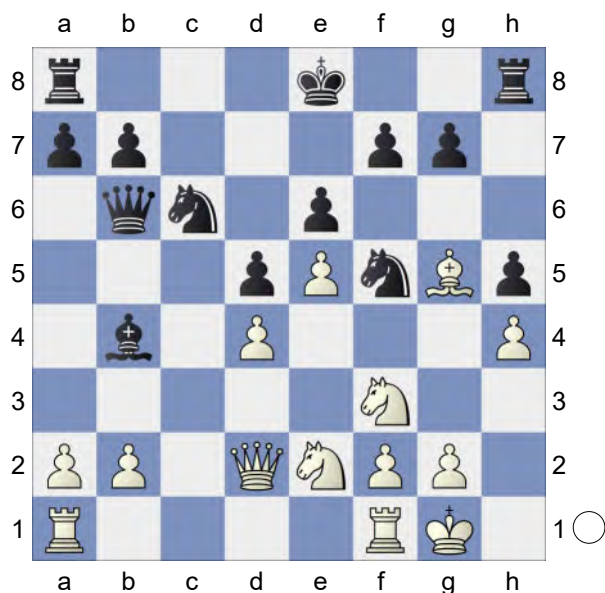
14.cxd4 -0.01/22

[14.Nexd4± 0.59/21 Nfxd4 15.cxd4]

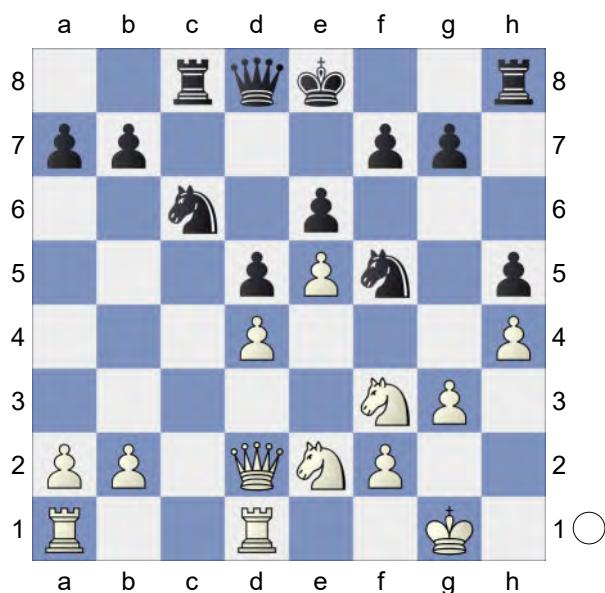
14...Qb6= 15.Qd2 Bb4N

[Predecessor: 15...Be7 0.29/16 15...Bb4 -0.08 16.Rac1 0-0 0.72/21 (16...Bxg5= -0.01/20 17.hxg5 0-0) 17.Bxe7± Ncxe7 18.Qg5! Black must now prevent Nf4. g6 1.43/20 (18...Rac8!± 0.53/20) 19.Nf4± Kh7 20.Qf6 0.17/20 Wards off Rac8 (20.Nxh5± 1.50/20 gxh5 21.Qxh5+ Nh6 22.g4) 20...Kg8 1.17/21 (20...Qd8= 0.17/20) 21.Qg5 -0.01/20 (21.Rc3!± 1.17/21) 21...Kh7 Perez Ponsa, F (2577)-Leiva Rodriguez, J (2404) Titled Tuesday intern op 7th March blitz 2017 (9) 1-0 1-0 Perez Ponsa, F (2577)-Leiva

Rodriguez,J (2404) Titled Tuesday
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16.Qf4 Be7 17.Bxe7 Ncxe7 18.Qd2
Rc8 19.g3 Nc6 20.Rfd1 Qd8



21.Rac1 Qe7 22.Nf4 g6 23.Kh2 Kd7
0.78/21

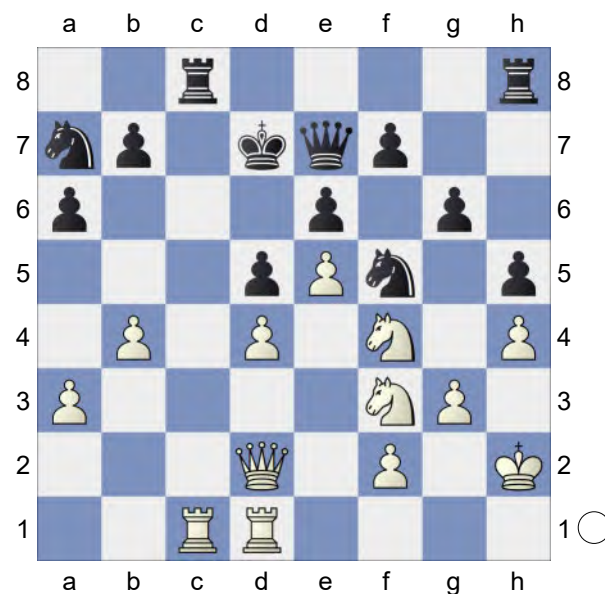
[23...0-0= 0.08/20]

24.a3 a6 25.b4 0.27/20

[25.Ng2± 0.90/20]

25...Na7 0.86/21

[25...Rc7= 0.27/20 keeps the
balance.]



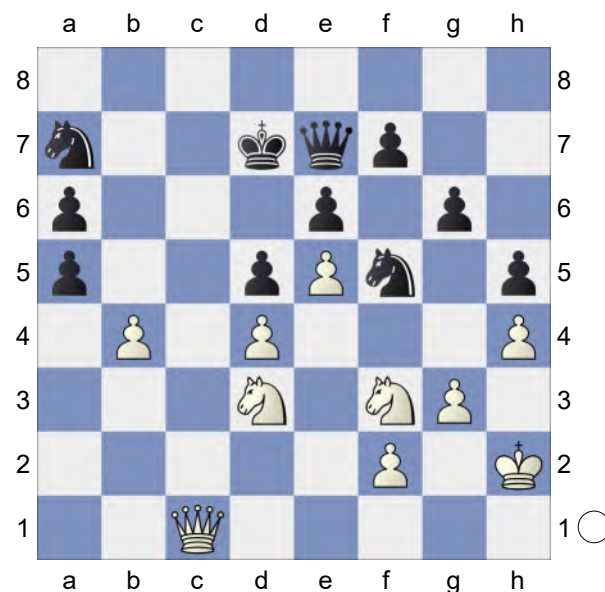
26.Nd3 0.29/23

[White should try 26.Rc5± 0.86/21]

26...b6 27.a4 0.19/23

[27.Nb2± 0.61/21]

27...Rxc1!= 28.Rxc1 Rc8 29.a5 Rxc1
30.Qxc1 bxa5



31.bxa5 Nc5+ would now be deadly.

31...Qd8 1.26/23

[31...Ke8= -0.01/24]

32.Nc5± Ke8 33.Qb2↑ White is on the
roll.

[33.Nxa6 Qxa5 34.Nc5 Nb5=]

33...Nc6 34.Qb7!

[34.Nxa6?! Qxa5 35.Qb7 Nfxd4
 (35...Ncxd4 36.Ng5±) 36.Nc7+ Kd8
 37.Nxd4 Nxd4 (37...Qxc7?
 38.Nxc6+ Kd7 39.Qxc7+ Kxc7
 40.Nd4+-) 38.Qb8+ Kd7=]

34...Nfe7 1.31/25

[34...Nfxd4± 0.61/25 35.Nxd4 Nxd4]

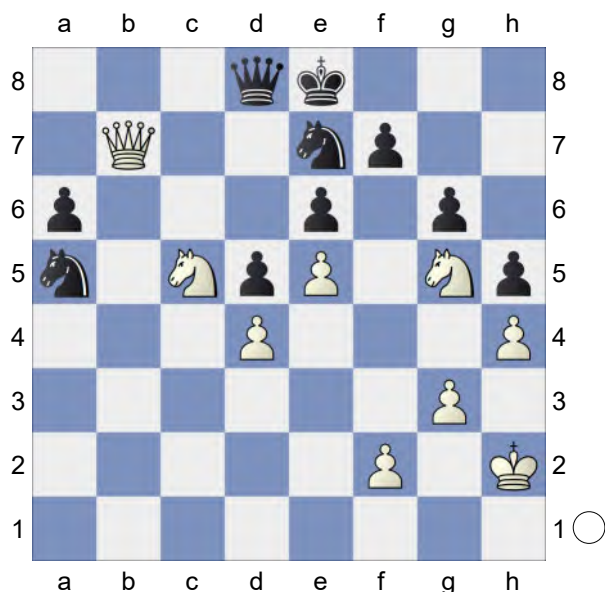
35.Ng5 White has more active pieces.

[35.Nxa6?! Nxa5 36.Qb5+ Nac6=]

[35.Qxa6?! Qxa5 36.Qb7 Qa7=]

35...Nxa5? 3.41/24

[35...Qc8± 0.95/24]

**36.Qxa6+- Nec6 5.04/27**

[36...Nac6 3.15/27 37.Nb7 Qb8]

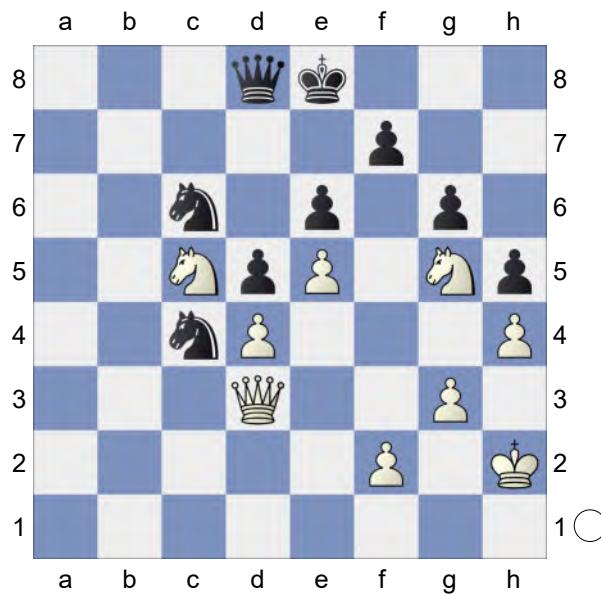
37.Qd3? 0.36/23

[37.Nb3+- 5.04/27]

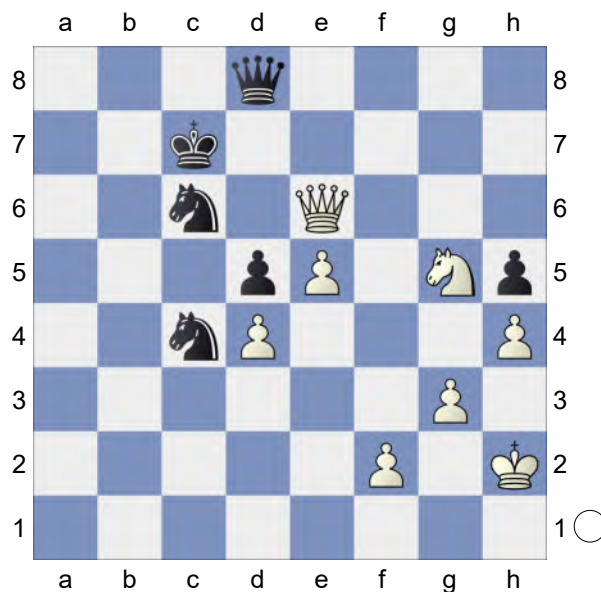
37...Nc4 1.57/23

[37...Qe7± 0.36/23]

(Diagram)

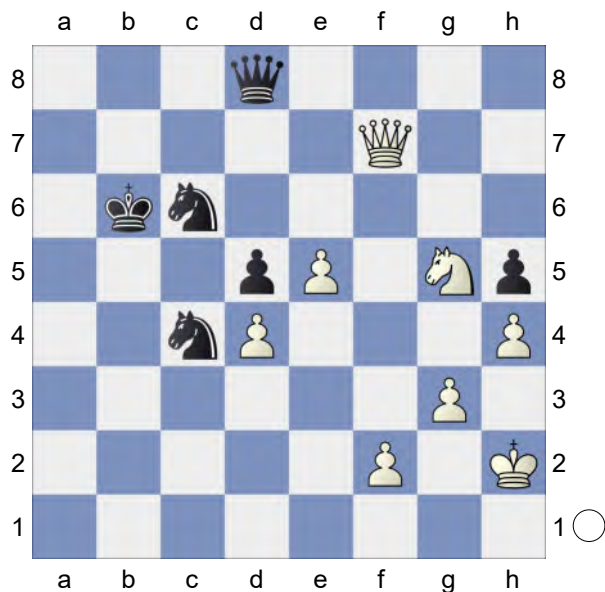
**38.Ncxe6!± Deflection 38...fxe6**

[38...Qe7 39.Nf4]

39.Qxg6+ Kd7 40.Qxe6+ Kc7**41.Qf7+ White has strong compensation. 41...Kb6 2.26/22**

[41...Kb8 1.88/22 42.Ne6
 (42.Qxh5 Nxd4 43.e6 Kc7±; 42.Nf3
 Qa5±) 42...Qe7 43.Qg8+ (43.Qxh5?
 Qxe6 44.Qh8+ Kb7+-) 43...Ka7]

(Diagram)



42.e6? 0.66/22

[42.Qxh5 Nxd4 43.Qg6+ Nc6]

[Better is 42.Nf3!+- 2.26/22]

42...Nd6± 43.Qf3 0.39/20

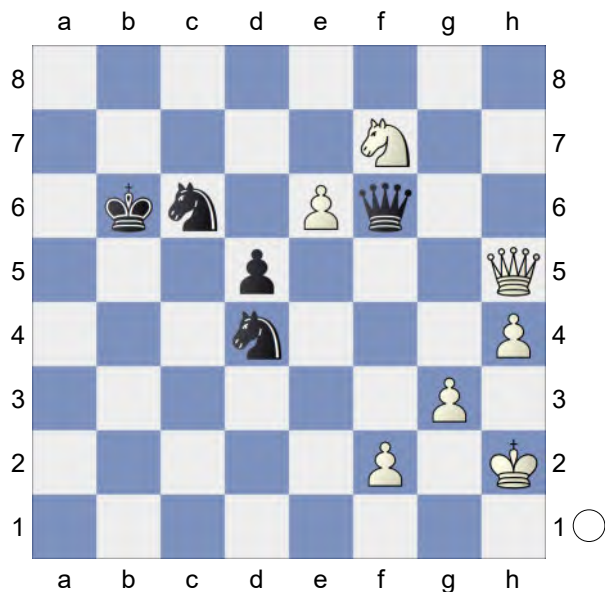
[White should play 43.Qxh5± 1.08/23

Threatens to win with Nf7. Qf6 44.Qf3 Qxd4 45.h5]

43...Nb5 44.Nf7 -0.01/24

[44.Qxh5± 0.70/22 Nbxid4 45.Qf7]

44...Nbxid4= 45.Qxh5 Qf6



46.Qxd5 Qxf2+ 47.Kh3 Qf1+ 48.Kg4 Qe2+

[48...Qe1 is more complex. 49.Nd6

Nxe6 50.Nc4+ Kc7]

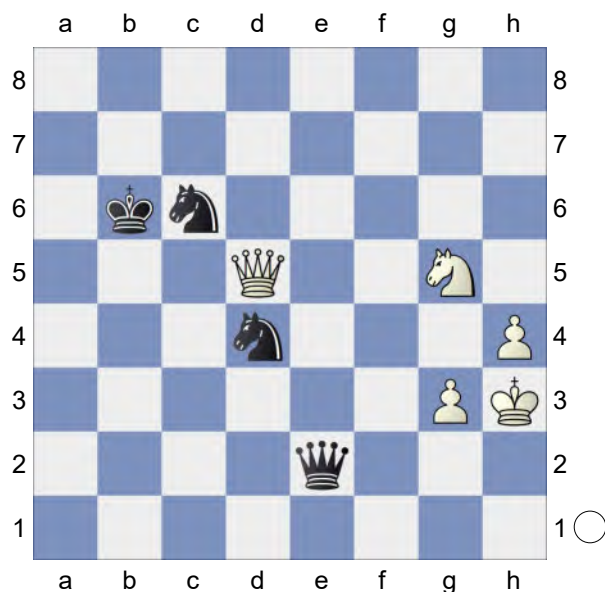
49.Kh3 Nxe6 Strongly threatening ... Qf1+.

[49...Nf3 is interesting. 50.h5 Ng1+ 51.Kh4 Nf3+]

50.Ng5

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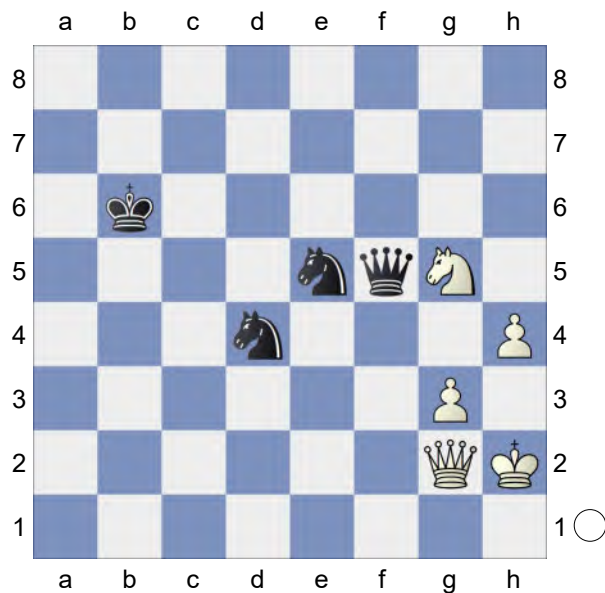


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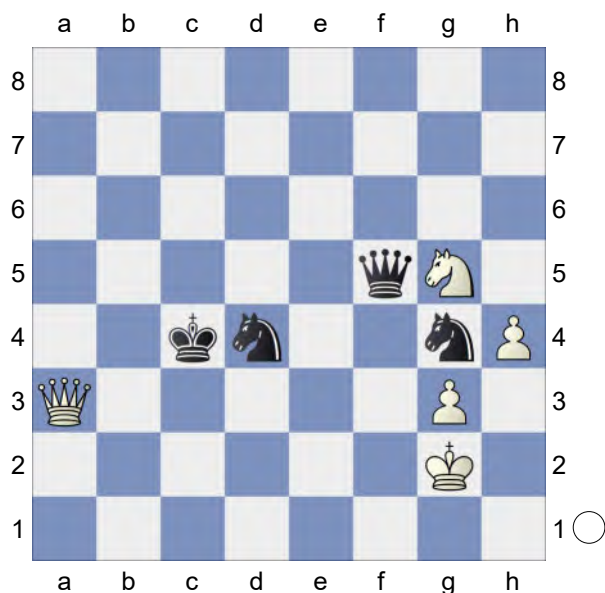
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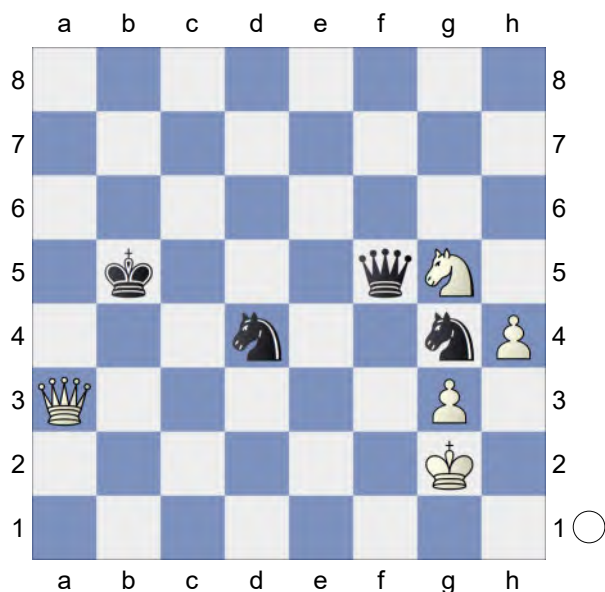
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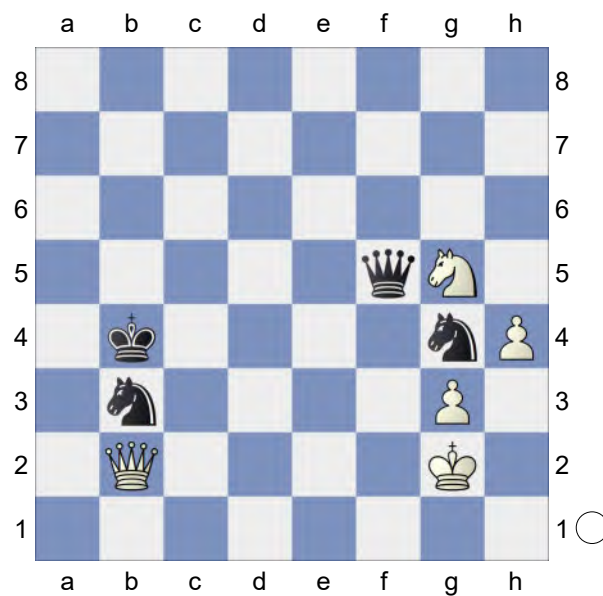


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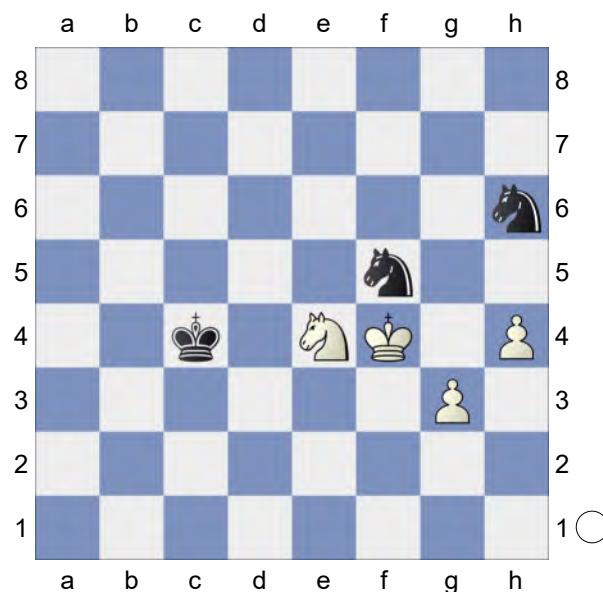
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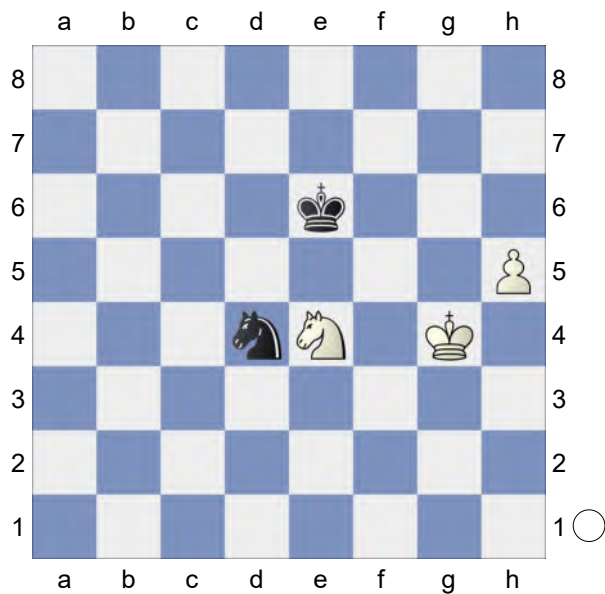
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 [72...Qf2+= -0.01/25 73.Kh3 Nf6
 74.Qb7+ Kc4]

73.Nxe4± Nf5 The position is equal.
 74.Kf3 Ngh6 75.Kf4 Kc4

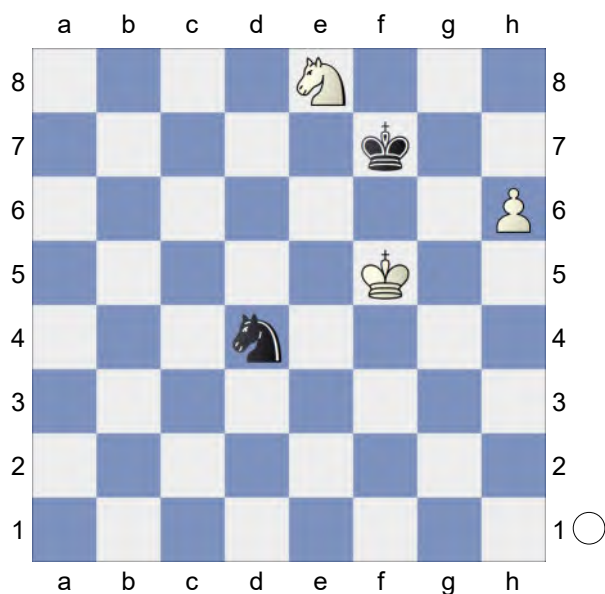


76.Nf6 Kc5 77.h5 Kd6 78.g4 Ke6
 79.Ne4 Nxg4 80.Kxg4= Endgame. KN-
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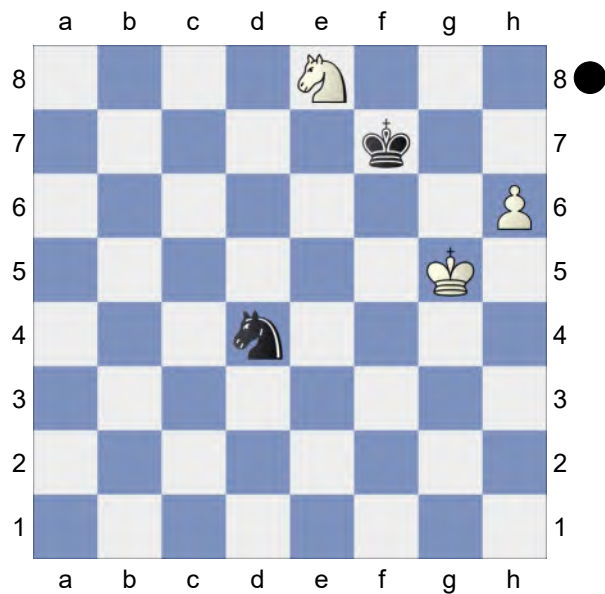


81.Kg5 Kf7 82.Nd6+ Kg7 83.Ne8+ Kf7 84.h6 Ne6+ 85.Kf5 Intending h7 and mate. **85...Nd4+**



86.Kg5 h7 would kill now. **86...Ne6+**
87.Kf5 White wants to mate with h7.
87...Nd4+ 88.Kg5

(Diagram)



White really could win this. Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) / Black=0.24 (precise) . Loses game: --- Black=1 Missed win: White=1 -
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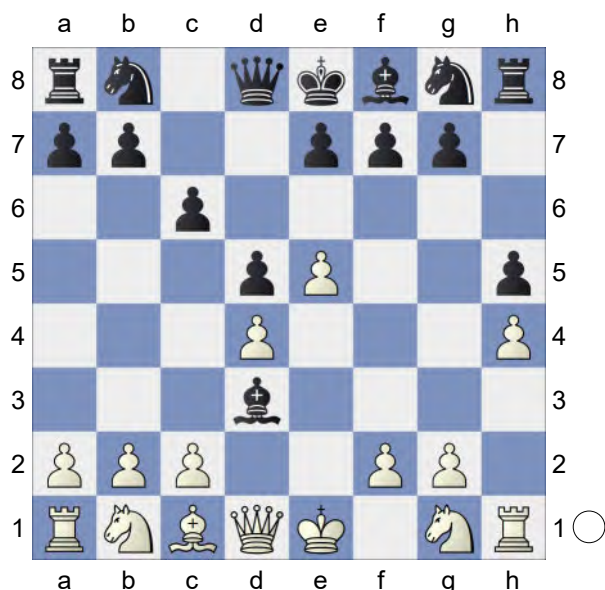
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

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5.Bd3 Bxd3

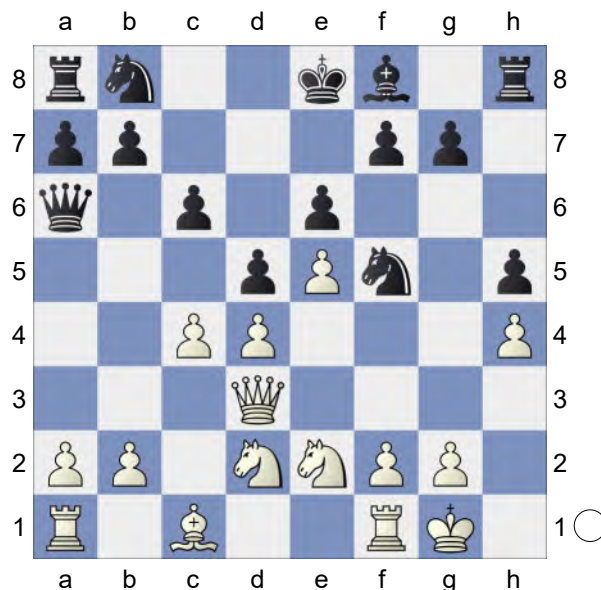


6.Qxd3 Hoping for e6! 6...Qa5+ 7.Nd2
Threatens to win with e6! 7...e6 8.Ne2
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[8.Ngf3± 0.55/20]

8...Qa6 9.c4 Ne7 10.0-0 Nf5

(Diagram)



11.Rb1N Theoretisch interessant.

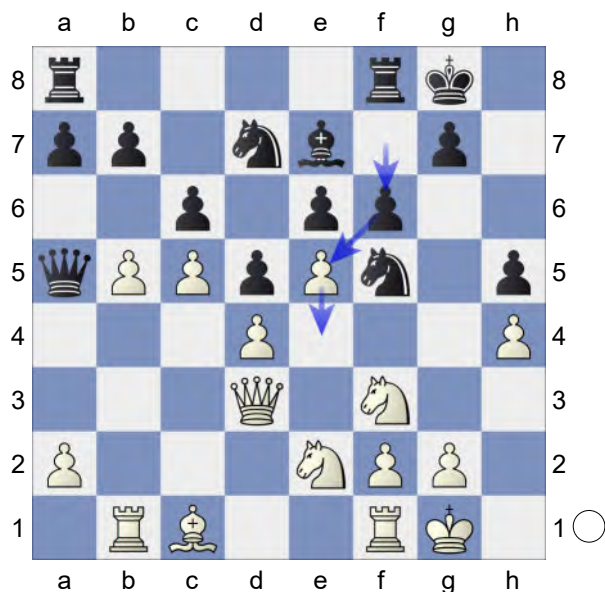
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 14.bxc4 Rd8 15.Bg5 Rd7 16.Nc3
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 19.Nfd2 Qc2 20.Qe1 Qd3 21.Rc1
 Ne2+ 22.Kg2 Nxc1 23.Qxc1 Qd5
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11...Nd7 12.b4! Be7 13.b5 Qa5 14.c5
 0-0 1.30/20

[14...Qc7± 0.40/20]

15.Nf3± f6



16.bxc6 bxc6 17.Rb7↑ White is in
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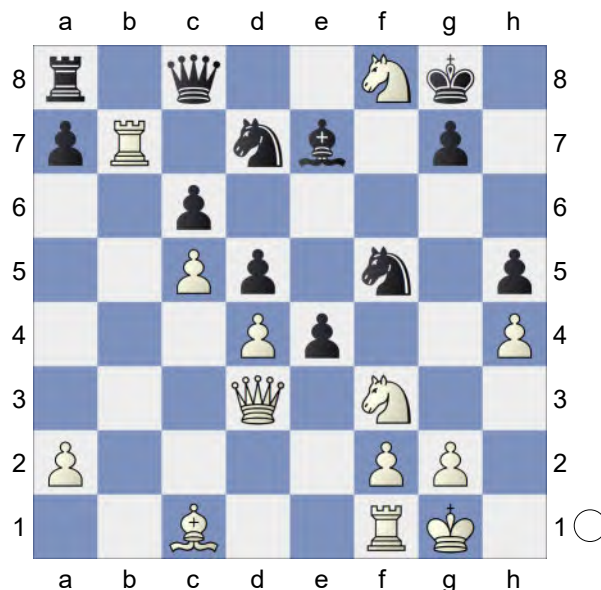
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19...fxe5!± 20.Nxf8 0.00/21

[20.Qb3± 0.56/24 e4 21.Nfg5
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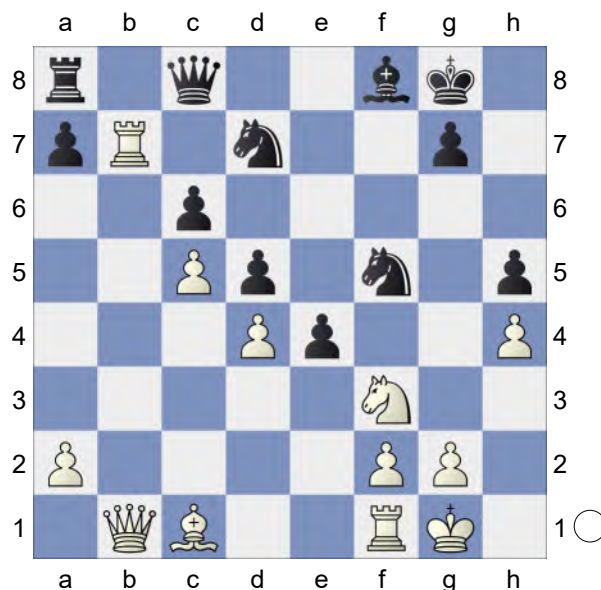
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21.Qb1 Bxf8 2.11/19

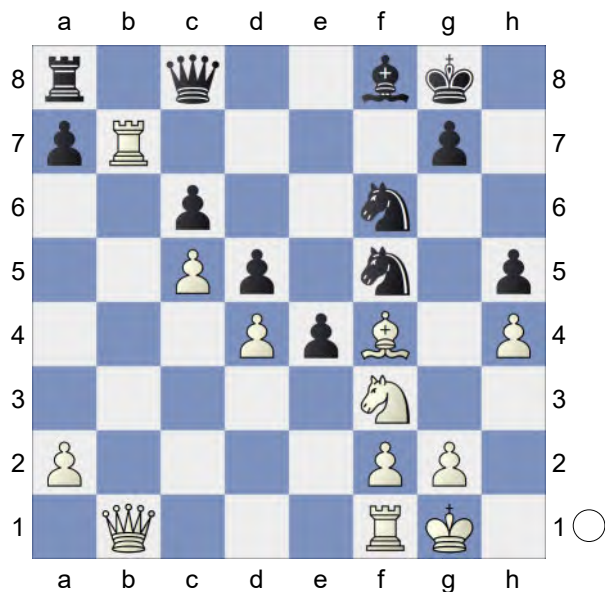
[21...Nxf8= 0.00/20 and Black stays
 safe. 22.Ng5 Bf6]



22.Bf4!+- Nf6

[22...exf3? 23.Rc7+-]

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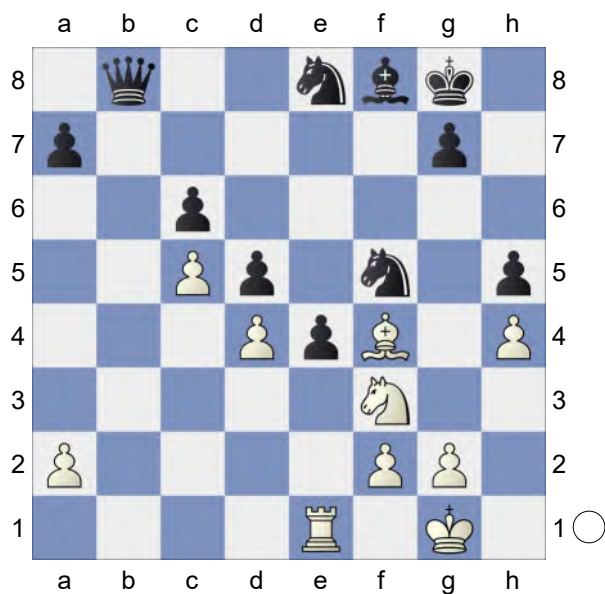


23.Re1! Ne8 2.82/19

[23...exf3? 24.Rc7 Nxd4 25.Rxc8
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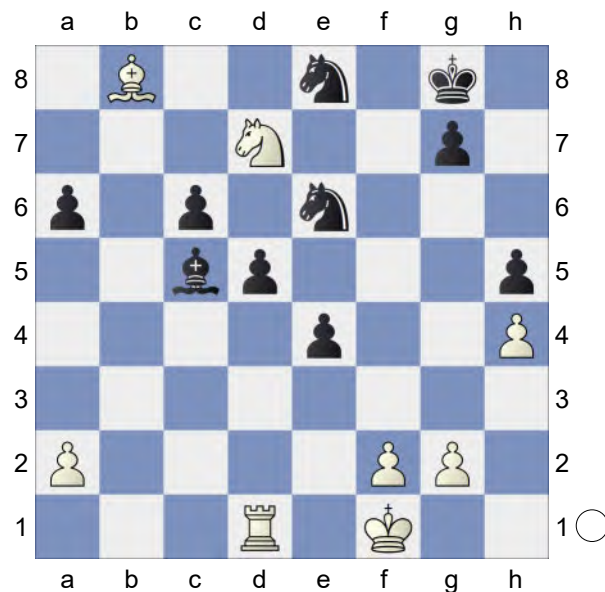
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24.Rb8 Rxb8 25.Qxb8 Qxb8



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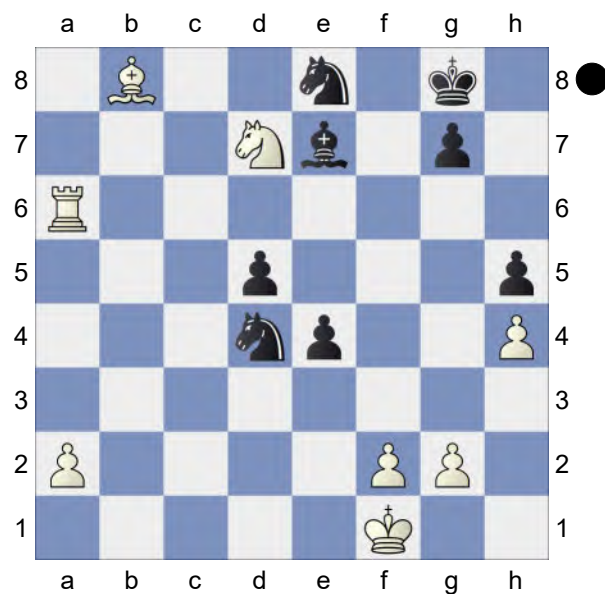
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31.Rc1 White is winning. 31...Be7

32.Rxc6 Nd4 33.Rxa6

[33.Rc8 Kf7 34.Nb6 (34.Ne5+
Kf8+-) 34...Bxh4 35.Nxd5 Nf6
36.Rc7+ Ke8+-]



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5.h5! I quite like this move. Compared to 5.g4 it gives Black a lot less clarity and cuts out any future ... h5 pushes.

[5.c4 is worth checking, though I don't think it's the right way to try and get an edge. Compare the line 3...a6 4.c4 Bf5, which I've played before as Black. I highly doubt White would play 5. h4 in that position. e6 (5...h5?! 6.Nc3 e6 7.Nge2!? Be7 8.Ng3 Bg4 9.Qb3± Here in Morozovich, A-Krupenski, Y Puhajarve 2021, Black failed to withstand the pressure and lost after 10 more moves. The awkward thing is that Black's queen can't leave d8, which leaves an awkward choice between moving the b-pawn (practically anathema in this sort of Slav-esque structure) and playing the humbled ...Ra7.) 6.Nc3

A) When I checked my reference tab I found a game played by ...

myself, which I didn't even recall in the slightest. It continued 6...h6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 dxc4 9.Qxc4 Ne7 10.Nge2 Nd5 11.a3 Nd7?! 12.Qd3?! Okhotnik, V-Fernandez, D INT 2020 (12.Nxd5! is principled, now that the knight can no longer access c6.) 12...Nxc3! 13.Qxc3 Nb6=;

B) 6...dxc4 7.Bxc4 The most obvious move, but Black has resources so it may not actually be best. (Another plausible continuation is 7.g4 Bd3 8.Bxd3 cxd3 9.Qxd3 Bb4± , when White stands objectively better but definitely also runs a small risk of overextension. Black wants ...c5 next.) 7...Bb4 8.Nge2 (8.g4 Be4!=) 8...c5! 9.Ng3 Qxd4 10.Nxf5 exf5 11.Qb3 Qxe5+ 12.Be3 Nh6 13.0-0-0 0-0∞ White has easily enough compensation for the pawn, but in spite of a potentially horrific kingside structure Black doesn't actually appear to be suffering too badly.]

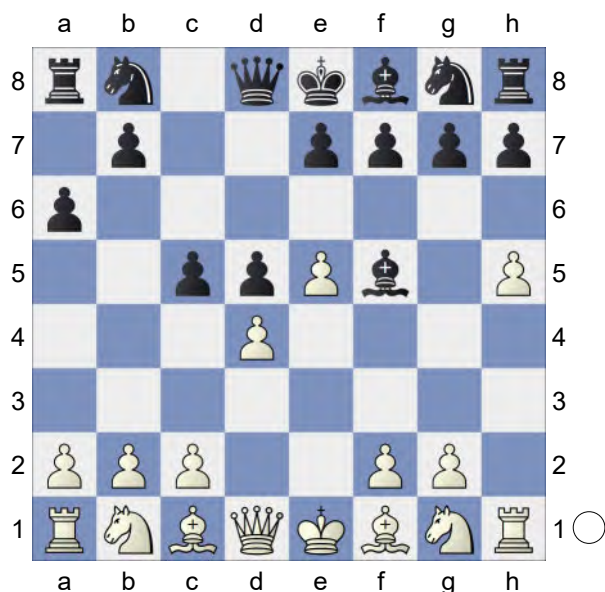
[5.g4 Bd7 6.Nc3! This precise reaction seems enough for an advantage. (6.h5 c5 7.dxc5 Nc6= The absence of Nf3 is enough to make sure Black gets off in this position. Perez Ponsa, F-Yuffa, D INT 2018)

A) In case of the vanilla 6...e6 7.Be3 Qc7 8.f4 c5 White will always get a pleasant French-type position. 9.dxc5 (9.Nf3!?) 9...Bxc5 10.Bxc5 Qxc5 11.Qd2±;

B) 6...h5!? The principled reaction. I like Black's long-term chances in this line. 7.gxh5 (7.g5 g6!

followed by ...Bf5 and ...e6, forming a visually appealing pawn chain.)
 7...c5 8.dxc5 e6 9.Be3 Nc6
 10.Nf3 Rxh5 11.Qd2 Nxe5
 12.Nxe5 Rxe5 13.0-0-0 Bc6±
 The position is strategically complicated but in a large number of lines Black is going to sacrifice an exchange and win back the c5-pawn. My feeling is that those positions don't deserve the +0.6-type numbers given by the machine.]

5...c5



6.Bd3?! An odd decision: White is giving up the centre.

[6.g4 was tried before, but Black is OK here: Be6 obfuscates Black's plans to the point of impracticality, since the f8-bishop can't actually get out now. Manea,A-Vajda, A Alba Iulia 2021. Nevertheless the machine finds ways to make it work. (6...Bd7! transposes to Perez-Yuffa above.)
 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.Bf4! (8.f4 Nh6∞)
 8...f6! 9.Qe2 Qa5+ 10.c3 Nh6±
 with an acceptable mess quotient.]
 [In my opinion, 6.dxc5 makes the

most sense for White. There is no option of ...e6 and so Black has to make other, more committal decisions first. Qc7 (6...Nc6 7.Bd3! Bxd3 8.cxd3!± Black regains the pawn, but has lost an incredible amount of time in so doing, while White has gained space with their pawns.) 7.Bf4! (7.Nc3 Nc6 8.f4 is initially given by the machine but I don't mind Black's position after either ...e6 or ..0-0-0.) 7...Qxc5 8.Nd2→ White will play c4 (unless Black takes the hot pawn) and lever open the centre. I think this kind of advantage is much more understandable to Advance players.]

6...Bxd3 7.Qxd3 cxd4 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.Bf4 e6

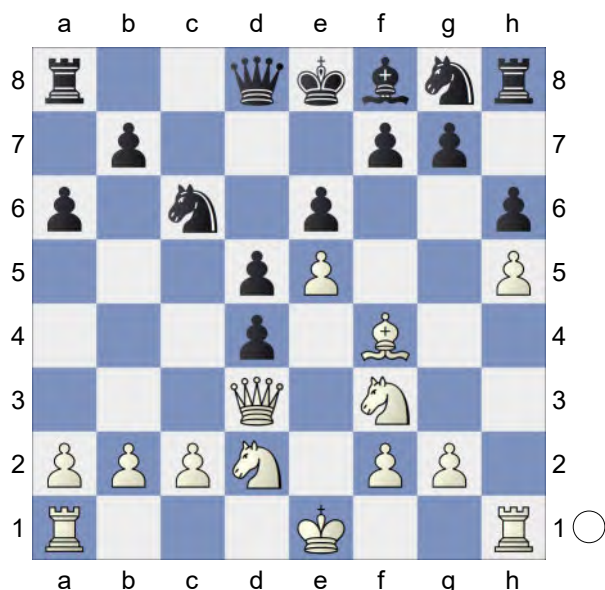
[The cleanest way to maintain equality seems to be 9...Qc7, either forcing White to spend a tempo just to deal with ...Nb4, or reaching a position with a queen rather than knight being on d4 at the end. 10.a3 (10.Nxd4 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 e6 12.Nc3 0-0-0!?↑) 10...e6 11.Nbd2 Nf6!∞ Another detail set up by ..Qc7. Now Black wants ...Nd7, threatening to jump to c5 or take on e5.]

10.Nbd2 Whichever way White spins it, at some point they will need to take on d4 with a knight and then play a long game with a worse bishop. Their chances come from dynamic factors.

10...h6

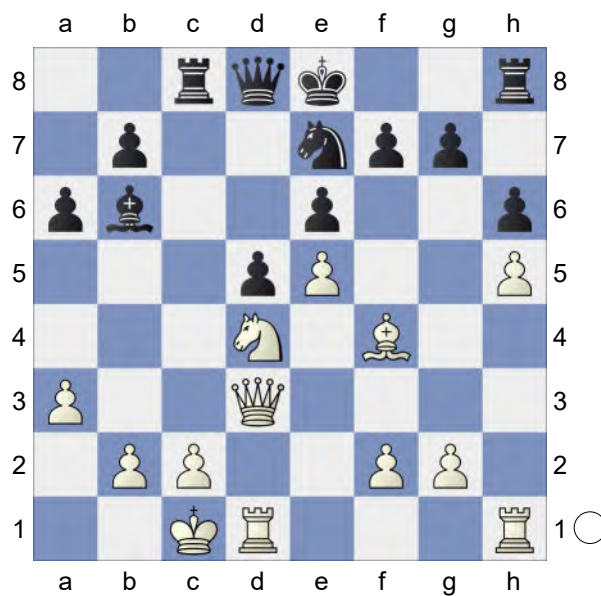
[Another, rather positionally pure concept is to play something like 10...Nge7 11.Nb3 Qc7 waiting for White to take on d4, and then trying to exchange both pairs of knights. The problem arises if White doesn't oblige at this stage, leaving the e7-

knight at a loss. 12.Nbxd4 (12.Qe2!?) 12...Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Nc6 (13...g5!? is a surprising tactical possibility.) 14.Nxc6 Qxc6 In the long run it is hard not to like Black's chances here. However, it's possible that White can drum up some kingside play, possibly starting with 15.h6!?∞]



A sensible precaution. 11.a3 White responds in kind with a useful pawn move. If not for ...h6, I guess the Uzbek GM would have tried to economise on this. 11...Bc5 It's still possible to play for instance ...Nge7, but I guess Black worried about the knight getting stuck there without an onward route to c6. 12.Nb3 Bb6 13.0-0-0 Nge7 14.Nfxd4 This releases some of the pent-up tension in Black's position.

[Less peaceable was 14.Rh3 with ideas of supporting a pawn storm or in some cases just playing Rg3. However, I'm also reasonably sure that Black doesn't stand worse here.] 14...Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Rc8



16.Kb1 Black has removed any short-term problems and therefore now has marginally the more enjoyable side of equality. **16...Bxd4**

[I guess a bit more principled was 16...Rc4 to keep the bishop alive, at least until giving it up causes White slightly more tangible confusion. 17.Be3 (17.c3?! Bxd4 18.cxd4 Qb6 with annoying pressure on the d4-pawn.) 17...Bxd4 18.Bxd4 Nc6 19.c3 (19.Bc3 Qg5!?!?) 19...Nxd4 20.cxd4 0-0 21.f4 Qb6∞]

[The human move 16...Nc6? fails in this instance, because of 17.Nxc6 Rxc6 18.Qg3± and the g7-pawn is too weak.]

17.Qxd4 Qc7

[Also possible is 17...Rc4 18.Qxc4 dxc4 19.Rxd8+ Kxd8 20.Bd2∞ with a difficult endgame to assess. Black's minor piece is better but White has the standard e5/h5 Caro bind.]

18.Qd2 Qc4 19.Rh4!?

[I am sure White correctly assessed something like 19.Rh3 0-0 20.g4± as being slightly better (Black's

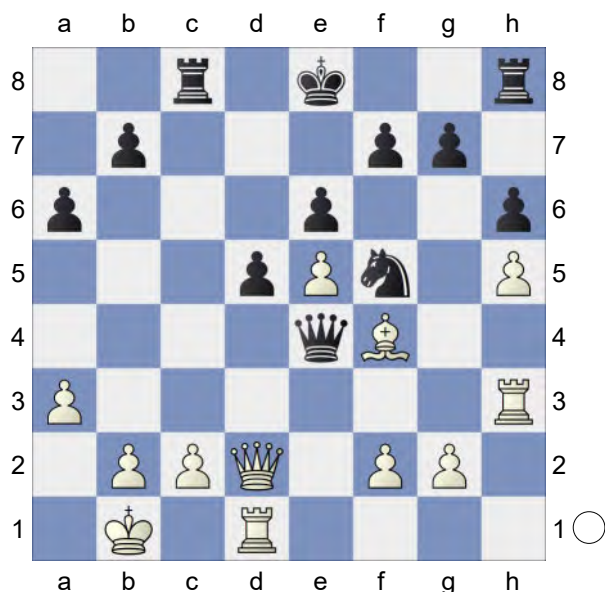
counterplay will not be as fast as the g-pawn thrust) but wanted to gain one further tempo on top of that.]

19...Nf5? Now it will be unsafe for Black to castle and White starts to press in earnest.

[After 19...0-0 White wasn't really intending anything like 20.Bg5 Qc7 followed by taking on h6, because the queen is still tied down to c2.]

20.Rh3 Qe4

[20...0-0?! 21.g4 Ne7 22.g5+- is probably a death sentence.]



21.g4

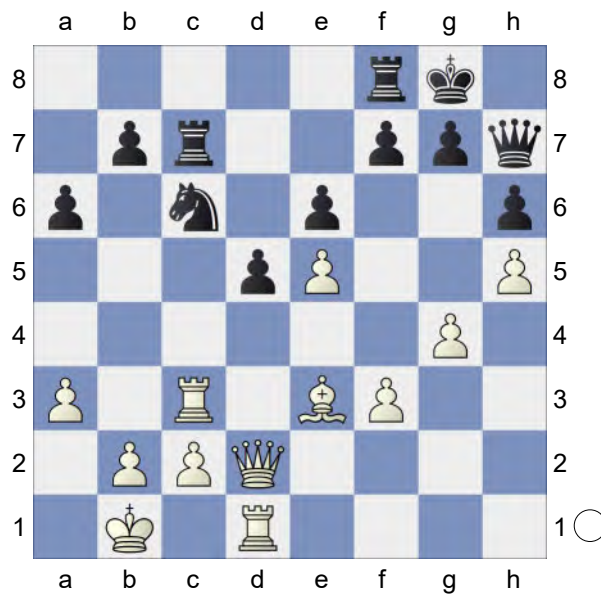
[21.f3 first is stronger, because of the next note.]

21...Ne7

[Both sides missed the clever 21...Rc4! and Black is right back in it.]

22.Rb3 Rc7 23.f3 Qh7 24.Rc3 Nc6 25.Be3 0-0

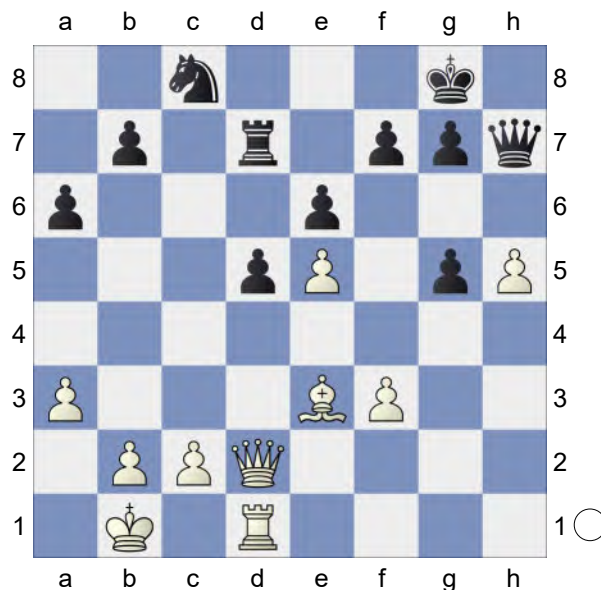
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26.Bc5+- Black has been rather outplayed over the last 10 moves, but to his credit comes back with some robust defence. **26...Rfc8 27.Bb6 Rd7 28.g5 Ne7**

[Even stronger seems to be 28...d4, creating a bit of space for the rooks.]

29.Rxc8+ Nxc8 30.Be3 hxg5



31.Rh1 d4

[31...f6 may be objectively the best move, but I think it would make White quite happy and with the trivial fork 32.exf6 gxf6 33.Qc3+- we reach an

ending that in practice must be won 19 times out of 20.]

32.h6?!

[The text is a bit too clever and after the normal 32.Bxg5 White keeps a +2 advantage.]

32...Nb6 Threatening ...Nc4 and asking White to please take their bishop away from the threatening angle towards h6.

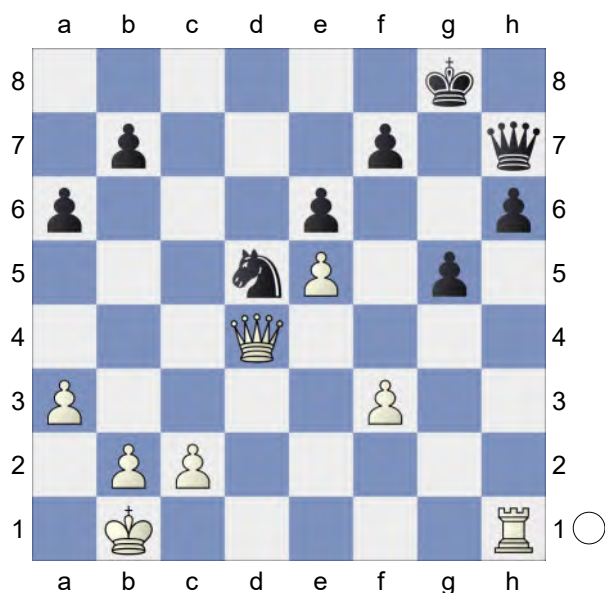
[Also interesting is 32...f6±, inviting various piece sacrifices. Bernadskiy does something which in time trouble we would have to consider as being safer.]

33.Bxd4

[33.Bxg5 d3∞]

33...gxh6?! A small defensive mistake, but not as large as the machines might have you believe. **34.Qc3 Rxd4**

35.Qxd4 Nd5



It is honestly looking quite difficult for White to make progress here. If Black gets a couple more moves like ...Kg7, ...b5 then the knight on d5 will be fully entrenched and probably worth a rook.

36.Ka2? The moment passes, and now in some circumstances you might even regard the knight as being the more

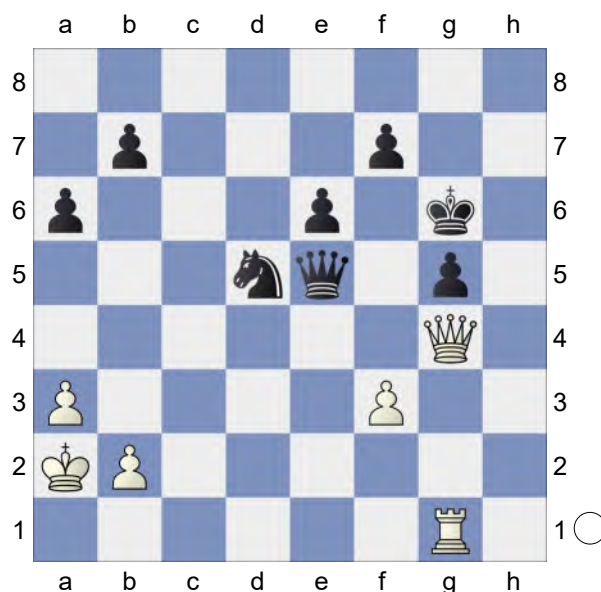
practical side to take here.

[The chance to break through was very fleeting and White had to proceed with 36.f4! g4 (36...Nxf4?? 37.Qd8+ Kg7 38.Qf6+ Kg8 39.Rxh6+- is resignable) 37.f5! Qxf5 38.Rxh6± Black still maintains a pawn for the exchange and White's technical task is not trivial. I remember drawing something extremely similar against Jonathan Westerberg in 2016.]

36...Qxc2

[36...Kg7 Clearly White wanted to push c4, but this is nothing too terrible. 37.c4 Nf4∞]

37.Rxh6 Kg7 38.Rh1 Qf5 39.Qg4 Qxe5 40.Rg1 Kg6

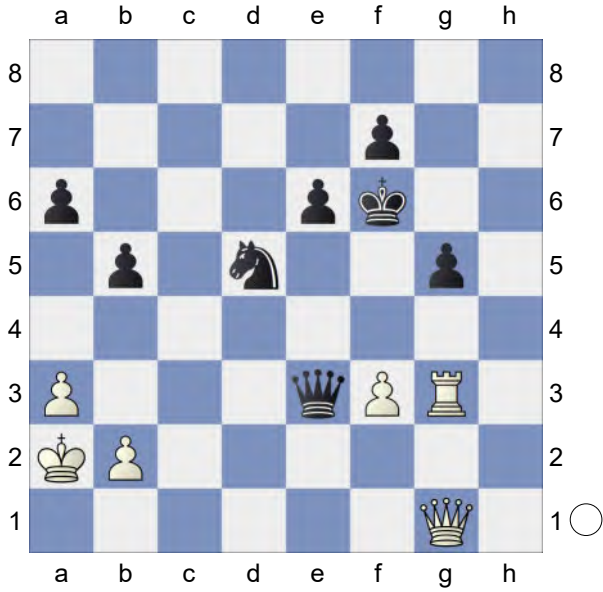


41.Qc4 Qe3 42.Qc2+ Kf6 43.Rg3 b5 44.Qh2 Ke7

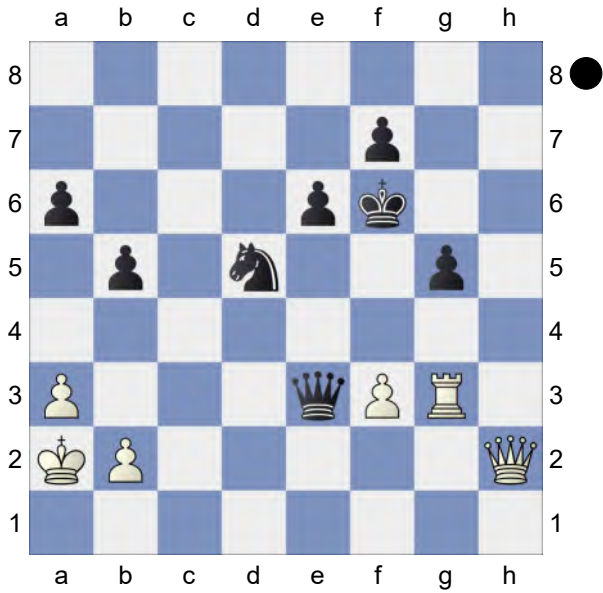
[With the brave 44...b4!? it looks like Black could actually have started playing for a win as well.]

45.Qg1 Kf6

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46.Qh2 Ke7 47.Qg1 Kf6 48.Qh2



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[The ideologically similar 4...c5 was covered in Vucinic-Miladinovic back in October. Readers may recall that the problem revolves around White having access to Bb5.]

5.h5! I quite like this move. Compared to 5.g4 it gives Black a lot less clarity and cuts out any future ... h5 pushes.

[5.c4 is worth checking, though I don't think it's the right way to try and get an edge. Compare the line 3...a6 4.c4 Bf5, which I've played before as Black. I highly doubt White would play 5. h4 in that position. e6 (5...h5?! 6.Nc3 e6 7.Nge2!? Be7 8.Ng3 Bg4 9.Qb3± Here in Morozevich, A-Krupenski, Y Puhajarve 2021, Black failed to withstand the pressure and lost after 10 more moves. The awkward thing is that Black's queen can't leave d8, which leaves an awkward choice between moving the b-pawn (practically anathema in this

sort of Slav-esque structure) and playing the humbled ...Ra7.) 6.Nc3

A) When I checked my reference tab I found a game played by ... myself, which I didn't even recall in the slightest. It continued 6...h6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 dxc4 9.Qxc4 Ne7 10.Nge2 Nd5 11.a3 Nd7?! 12.Qd3?! Okhotnik, V-Fernandez, D INT 2020 (12.Nxd5! is principled, now that the knight can no longer access c6.) 12...Nxc3! 13.Qxc3 Nb6=;

B) 6...dxc4 7.Bxc4 The most obvious move, but Black has resources so it may not actually be best. (Another plausible continuation is 7.g4 Bd3 8.Bxd3 cxd3 9.Qxd3 Bb4± , when White stands objectively better but definitely also runs a small risk of overextension. Black wants ...c5 next.) 7...Bb4 8.Nge2 (8.g4 Be4!=) 8...c5! 9.Ng3 Qxd4 10.Nxf5 exf5 11.Qb3 Qxe5+ 12.Be3 Nh6 13.0-0-0 0-0∞ White has easily enough compensation for the pawn, but in spite of a potentially horrific kingside structure Black doesn't actually appear to be suffering too badly.]

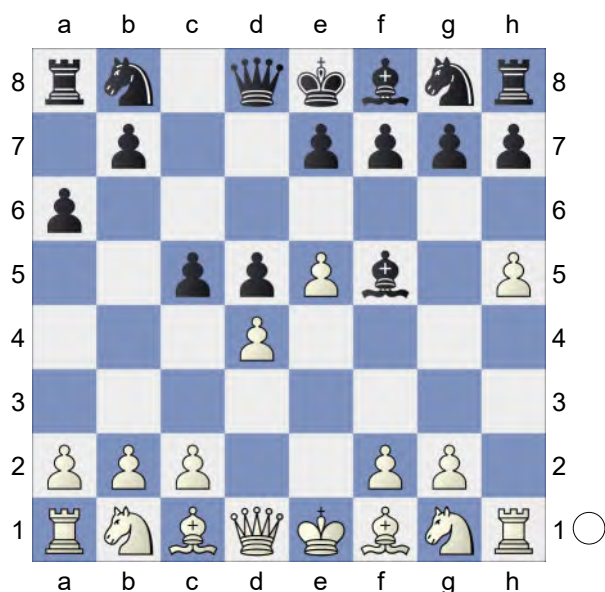
[5.g4 Bd7 6.Nc3! This precise reaction seems enough for an advantage. (6.h5 c5 7.dxc5 Nc6= The absence of Nf3 is enough to make sure Black gets off in this position. Perez Ponsa, F-Yuffa, D INT 2018)

A) In case of the vanilla 6...e6 7.Be3 Qc7 8.f4 c5 White will always get a pleasant French-type position. 9.dxc5 (9.Nf3!?) 9...Bxc5

10.Bxc5 Qxc5 11.Qd2±;

B) 6...h5!? The principled reaction. I like Black's long-term chances in this line. 7.gxh5 (7.g5 g6! followed by ...Bf5 and ...e6, forming a visually appealing pawn chain.) 7...c5 8.dxc5 e6 9.Be3 Nc6 10.Nf3 Rxh5 11.Qd2 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Rxe5 13.0-0-0 Bc6± The position is strategically complicated but in a large number of lines Black is going to sacrifice an exchange and win back the c5-pawn. My feeling is that those positions don't deserve the +0.6-type numbers given by the machine.]

5...c5



6.Bd3?! An odd decision: White is giving up the centre. GM Pier Luigi Basso, GM Jobava: 'This is a sign that the young Uzbekistan talent was not prepared for this sideline, as this move is not principled; Black gets excellent play.'

[6.g4 was tried before, but Black is OK here: Be6 obfuscates Black's plans to the point of impracticality, since the f8-bishop can't actually get

out now. Manea,A-Vajda, A Alba Iulia 2021. Nevertheless the machine finds ways to make it work. (6...Bd7! transposes to Perez-Yuffa above.) 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.Bf4! (8.f4 Nh6∞) 8...f6! 9.Qe2 Qa5+ 10.c3 Nh6± with an acceptable mess quotient.]

[In my opinion, 6.dxc5 makes the most sense for White. There is no option of ...e6 and so Black has to make other, more committal decisions first. Qc7 (6...Nc6 7.Bd3! Bxd3 8.cxd3!± Black regains the pawn, but has lost an incredible amount of time in so doing, while White has gained space with their pawns.) 7.Bf4! (7.Nc3 Nc6 8.f4 is initially given by the machine but I don't mind Black's position after either ...e6 or ..0-0-0.) 7...Qxc5 8.Nd2→ White will play c4 (unless Black takes the hot pawn) and lever open the centre. I think this kind of advantage is much more understandable to Advance players.]

6...Bxd3 7.Qxd3 cxd4 GM Pier Luigi Basso, GM Jobava: 'We get a pleasant version of the French Defence, as we already traded the bishop on c8, the usual problem.' **8.Nf3 Nc6 9.Bf4**

[9.a3 (GM Pier Luigi Basso, GM Jobava) This move is too slow. e6 10.Nbd2 Qc7 And White has problems defending the pawn. 11.Qe2 f6 12.exf6 e5! With beautiful pawn center.]

[9.Nbd2 (GM Pier Luigi Basso, GM Jobava) Was needed, to get in time to the b3 square. Rc8 (9...e6 10.Nb3 Qc7 11.Qe2 And ...f6 now is a mistake due to Bf4 and Black needs to be careful.) 10.a3 e6 11.Nb3 Qc7 12.Qe2 h6 With a balanced game.]

9...e6

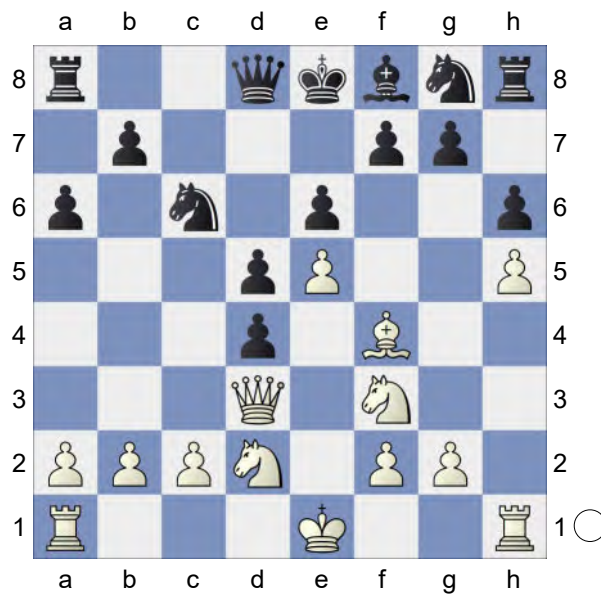
[The cleanest way to maintain equality seems to be 9...Qc7 , either forcing White to spend a tempo just to deal with ...Nb4, or reaching a position with a queen rather than knight being on d4 at the end. 10.a3 (10.Nxd4 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 e6 12.Nc3 0-0-0!?) 10...e6 11.Nbd2 Nf6!∞ Another detail set up by ..Qc7. Now Black wants ...Nd7, threatening to jump to c5 or take on e5. GM Pier Luigi Basso, GM Jobava: '!' GM Pier Luigi Basso, GM Jobava: 'Using the pin, and rotating the knight to the useful d7 square.']

10.Nbd2 Whichever way White spins it, at some point they will need to take on d4 with a knight and then play a long game with a worse bishop. Their chances come from dynamic factors.

10...h6

[Another, rather positionally pure concept is to play something like 10...Nge7 11.Nb3 Qc7 waiting for White to take on d4, and then trying to exchange both pairs of knights. The problem arises if White doesn't oblige at this stage, leaving the e7-knight at a loss. 12.Nbxd4 (12.Qe2!?) 12...Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Nc6 (13...g5!? is a surprising tactical possibility.) 14.Nxc6 Qxc6 In the long run it is hard not to like Black's chances here. However, it's possible that White can drum up some kingside play, possibly starting with 15.h6!?!]

(Diagram)



A sensible precaution. GM Pier Luigi Basso, GM Jobava: 'A waste of time, Black had an unusual resource now.'

11.a3 White responds in kind with a useful pawn move. If not for ...h6, I guess the Uzbek GM would have tried to economise on this. GM Pier Luigi Basso, GM Jobava: 'Nodirbek starts collecting the d4 pawn with the knight.'

11...Bc5 It's still possible to play for instance ...Nge7, but I guess Black worried about the knight getting stuck there without an onward route to c6.

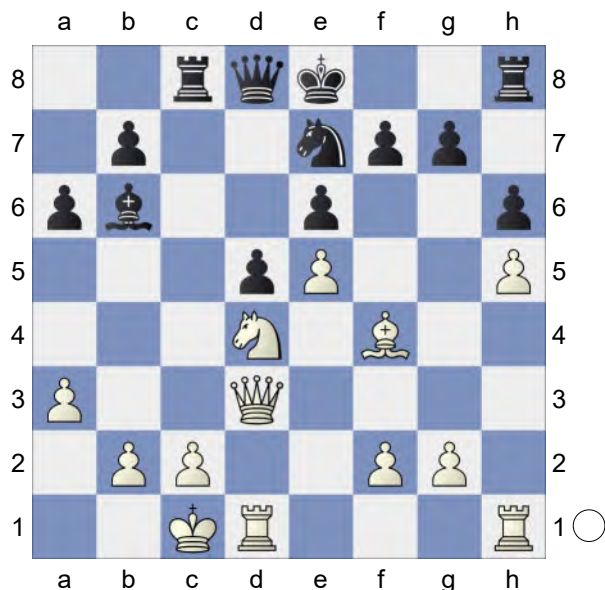
12.Nb3 Bb6 13.0-0-0 Nge7 14.Nfxd4 This releases some of the pent-up tension in Black's position. GM Pier Luigi Basso, GM Jobava: 'This frees up a bit Black's position.'

[Less peaceable was 14.Rh3 with ideas of supporting a pawn storm or in some cases just playing Rg3. However, I'm also reasonably sure that Black doesn't stand worse here.]

[14.Kb1 (GM Pier Luigi Basso, GM Jobava) White is in no hurry! Rc8 15.g4 Was more in the spirit.]

14...Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Rc8

(Diagram)



16.Kb1 Black has removed any short-term problems and therefore now has marginally the more enjoyable side of equality. **16...Bxd4**

[I guess a bit more principled was 16...Rc4 to keep the bishop alive, at least until giving it up causes White slightly more tangible confusion. GM Pier Luigi Basso, GM Jobava: '!' GM Pier Luigi Basso, GM Jobava: 'It is a mystery why this logical move with tempo was not played.' 17.Be3 (17.c3?! Bxd4 18.cxd4 GM Pier Luigi Basso, GM Jobava: 'This is just a dream outcome for Black.' Qb6 with annoying pressure on the d4-pawn.) 17...Bxd4 18.Bxd4 Nc6 GM Pier Luigi Basso, GM Jobava: 'And White runs into some concrete ideas, and it is best to just give up the bishop on d4 with around equal position.' 19.c3 (19.Bc3 Qg5!?) 19...Nxd4 20.cxd4 0-0 21.f4 Qb6]

[The human move 16...Nc6? fails in this instance, because of 17.Nxc6 Rxc6 18.Qg3± and the g7-pawn is too weak.]

17.Qxd4 Qc7 GM Pier Luigi Basso, GM Jobava: 'Quite dubious, the file was needed for the rook to come to c4 at some point.'

[Also possible is 17...Rc4 18.Qxc4 dxc4 19.Rxd8+ Kxd8 20.Bd2∞ with a difficult endgame to assess. Black's minor piece is better but White has the standard e5/h5 Caro bind.]

18.Qd2 Qc4 19.Rh4!? GM Pier Luigi Basso, GM Jobava: 'Nice trick by Nodirbek, provoking Nf5 so that g2-g4 comes with tempo.'

[I am sure White correctly assessed something like 19.Rh3 0-0 20.g4± as being slightly better (Black's counterplay will not be as fast as the g-pawn thrust) but wanted to gain one further tempo on top of that.]

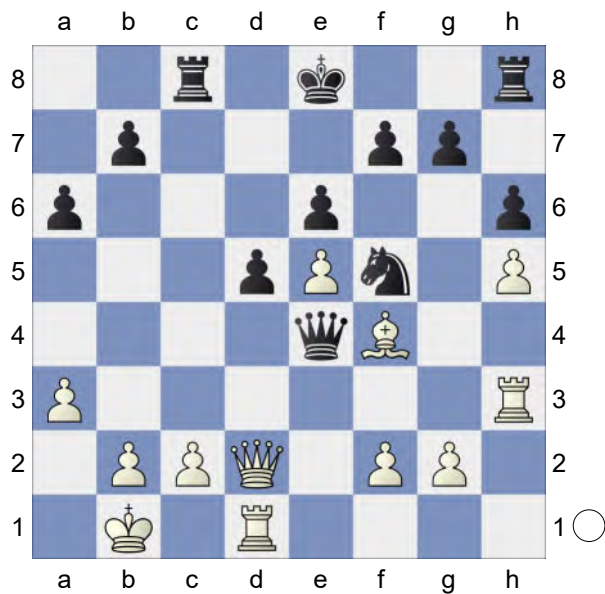
19...Nf5? Now it will be unsafe for Black to castle and White starts to press in earnest.

[After 19...0-0 White wasn't really intending anything like GM Pier Luigi Basso, GM Jobava: 'Was possible, as White has no good discoveries.' 20.Bg5 Qc7 followed by taking on h6, because the queen is still tied down to c2. (20...Qc5 (GM Pier Luigi Basso, GM Jobava) With balanced position.)]

20.Rh3 GM Pier Luigi Basso, GM Jobava: 'And now it becomes quite unpleasant for Black, as g4 comes with tempo, and Black is yet to solve the problem with his king on e8. You can check how Bernadsky managed to save the game by yourself.' **20...Qe4**

[20...0-0?! 21.g4 Ne7 22.g5+- is probably a death sentence.]

(Diagram)



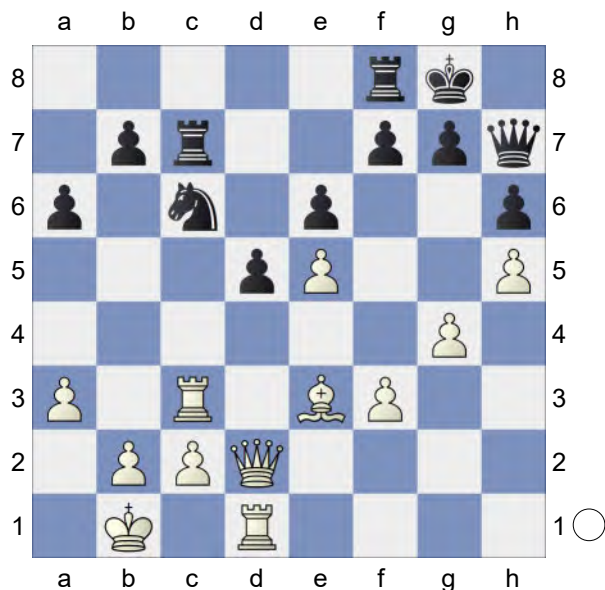
21.g4

[21.f3 first is stronger, because of the next note.]

21...Ne7

[Both sides missed the clever 21...Rc4! and Black is right back in it.]

22.Rb3 Rc7 23.f3 Qh7 24.Rc3 Nc6 25.Be3 0-0

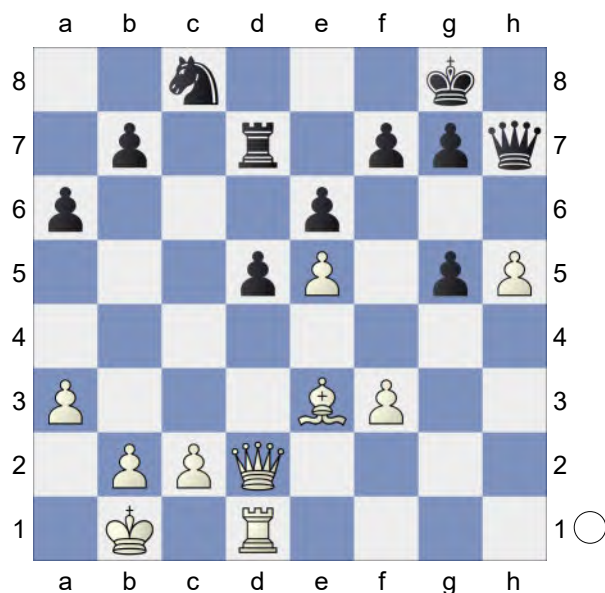


26.Bc5+-

Black has been rather outplayed over the last 10 moves, but to his credit comes back with some robust defence. **26...Rfc8 27.Bb6 Rd7 28.g5 Ne7**

[Even stronger seems to be 28...d4 , creating a bit of space for the rooks.]

29.Rxc8+ Nxc8 30.Be3 hxg5



31.Rh1 d4

[31...f6 may be objectively the best move, but I think it would make White quite happy and with the trivial fork 32.exf6 gxf6 33.Qc3+- we reach an ending that in practice must be won 19 times out of 20.]

32.h6?!

[The text is a bit too clever and after the normal 32.Bxg5 White keeps a +2 advantage.]

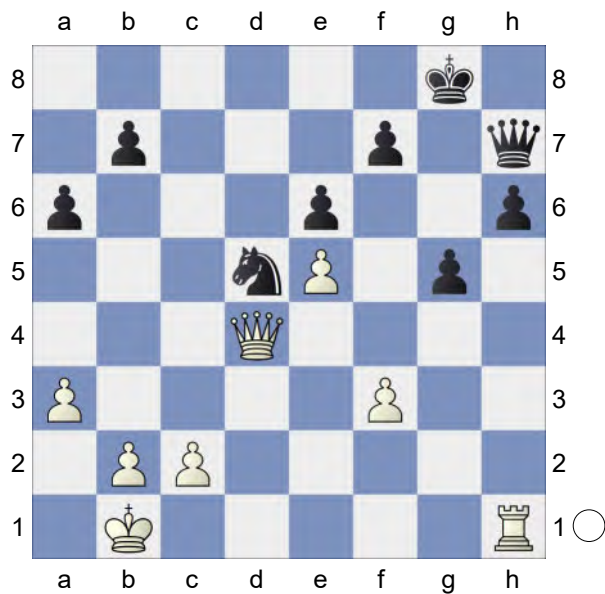
32...Nb6 Threatening ...Nc4 and asking White to please take their bishop away from the threatening angle towards h6.

[Also interesting is 32...f6± , inviting various piece sacrifices. Bernadskiy does something which in time trouble we would have to consider as being safer.]

33.Bxd4

[33.Bxg5 d3∞]

33...gxh6?! A small defensive mistake, but not as large as the machines might have you believe. **34.Qc3 Rxd4 35.Qxd4 Nd5**



It is honestly looking quite difficult for White to make progress here. If Black gets a couple more moves like ...Kg7, ...b5 then the knight on d5 will be fully entrenched and probably worth a rook. **36.Ka2?** The moment passes, and now in some circumstances you might even regard the knight as being the more practical side to take here.

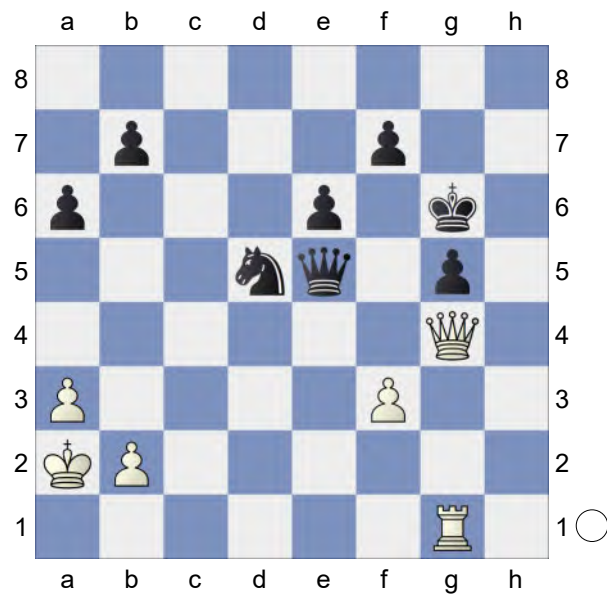
[The chance to break through was very fleeting and White had to proceed with 36.f4! g4 (36...Nxf4?? 37.Qd8+ Kg7 38.Qf6+ Kg8 39.Rxh6+- is resignable) 37.f5! Qxf5 38.Rxh6± Black still maintains a pawn for the exchange and White's technical task is not trivial. I remember drawing something extremely similar against Jonathan Westerberg in 2016.]

36...Qxc2

[36...Kg7 Clearly White wanted to push c4, but this is nothing too terrible. 37.c4 Nf4∞]

37.Rxh6 Kg7 38.Rh1 Qf5 39.Qg4 Qxe5 40.Rg1 Kg6

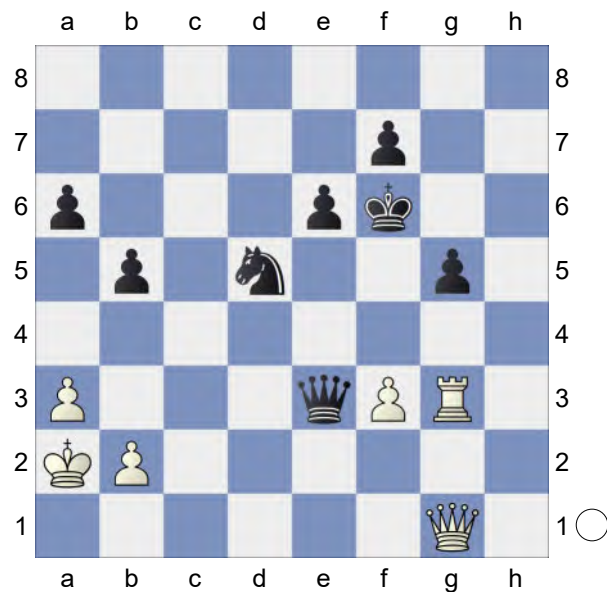
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41.Qc4 Qe3 42.Qc2+ Kf6 43.Rg3 b5 44.Qh2 Ke7

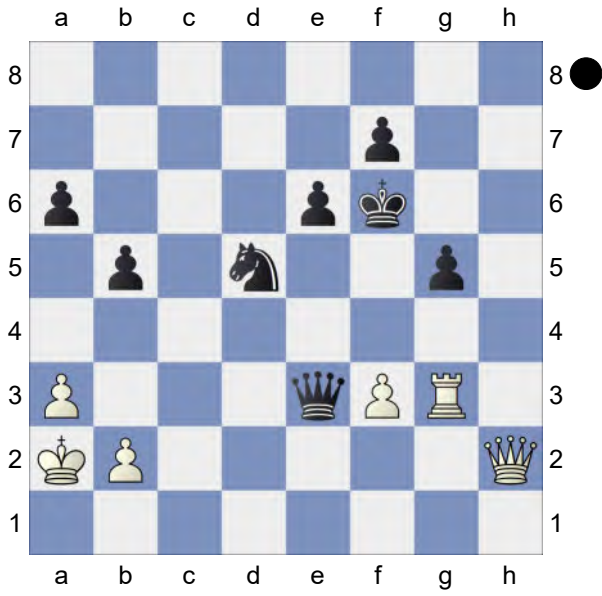
[With the brave 44...b4!? it looks like Black could actually have started playing for a win as well.]

45.Qg1 Kf6



46.Qh2 Ke7 47.Qg1 Kf6 48.Qh2

(Diagram)

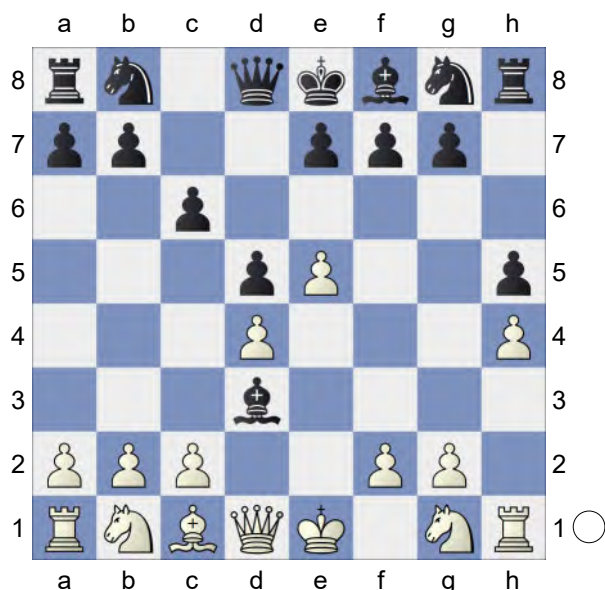


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 □ **L'Ami,Erwin** **2645**
 ■ **Pultinevicius,Paulius** **2530**
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



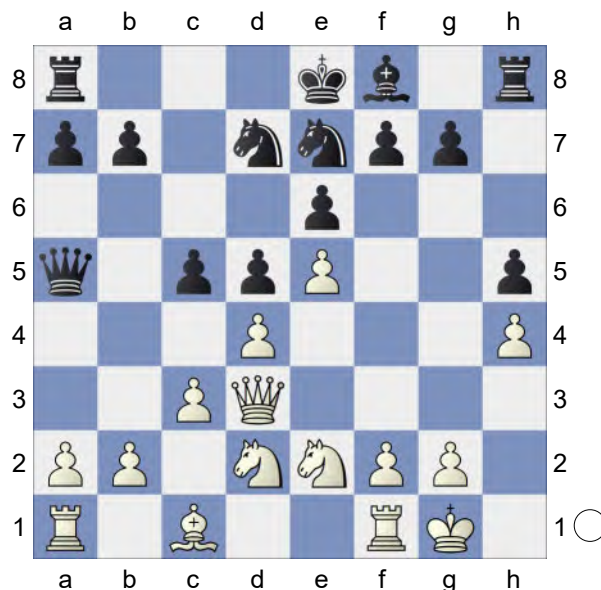
6.Qxd3 e6! is the strong threat. **6...Qa5+**
7.Nd2 And now e6! would win. **7...e6**
8.c3N White is slightly better.
 Exploring less charted territory.
 Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.

[8.Ne2 Ne7 9.b4 Qa6 10.Qb3 Nf5
 11.Nf3 Nd7 12.a4 Qc4 13.Bd2
 Qxb3 14.cxb3 f6 15.0-0 Be7 16.g3
 Kf7 17.Rfe1 fxe5 18.dxe5 Rac8
 19.Nf4 d4 20.Rac1 c5 21.Nd5 cxb4
 22.Nxe7 Nxe7 (54) Chapter-Games
 Chapter 11 Game 3]

[8.Ng3 Nh6 9.0-0 Nf5 10.Nb3
 (10.a4 Nd7 11.Nb3 Qc7 12.Bg5
 Rc8 13.Rac1 Nb6 14.Nc5 Bxc5
 15.dxc5 Nd7 16.b4 0-0 17.Rfe1 b6
 18.Qc3 a5 19.cxb6 Nxb6 20.bxa5
 Nc4 21.Bd2 Ra8 22.Nd4 Nxh4

23.Bg5 Ng6 24.Qh3 Ncxe5
 ½-½ (67) Kantane, A (2248)-
 Kliashtornyi, A (2132) Rilton Cup 52nd
 2024 (9)) 10...Qa6 11.Qd1 Nd7
 12.Bg5 c5 13.c3 c4 14.Nc1 f6
 15.Bd2 fxe5 16.dxe5 Be7 17.Ne2
 0-0-0 18.Nf4 Nf8 19.b3 Nxh4
 20.Nd4 Nhg6 21.Ndxe6 Nxf4
 22.Nxd8 Nxg2 1-0 (32) Abdusattorov,
 N (2634)-Murzin, V (2505) Kramnik
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8...Nd7 9.Ne2 c5 10.0-0 Ne7 0.93/19
 [10...Qa6!± 0.42/19 11.Qxa6 bxa6]

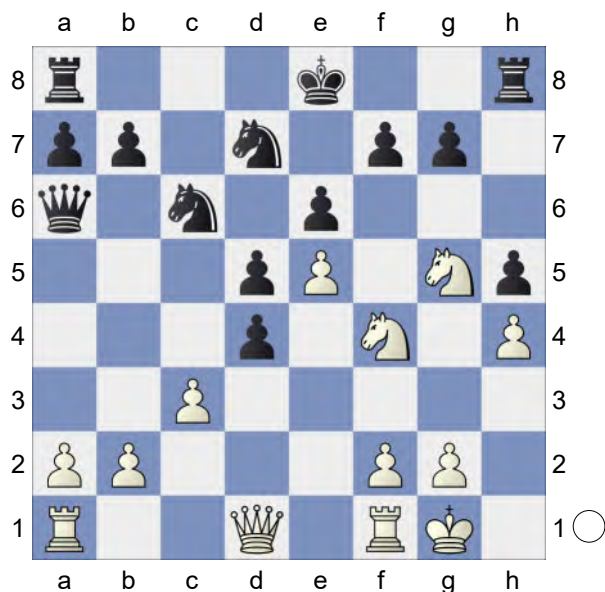


11.Nf3± Qa6N

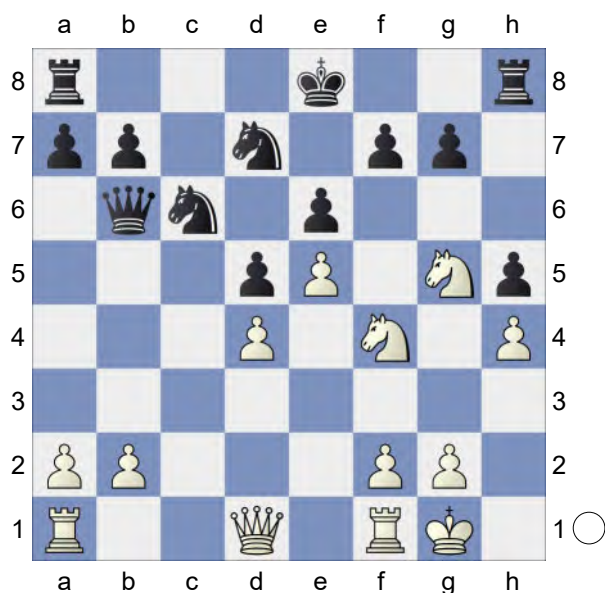
[Predecessor: 11...Nf5 1.33/18
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 Nxg3 13.fxg3) 12...Qb6 0.87/17
 (12...Qa6± 0.49/23
 is more appropriate. 13.Qxa6 bxa6)
 13.Kg2 Be7 14.Bg5 Bxg5 15.Nxg5
 0-0 0.72/19 (15...cxd4!± 0.33/20
 feels stronger. 16.cxd4 Nb8) 16.Nf4
 -0.53/21 (Better is 16.Rfe1± 0.72/19)
 16...cxd4 17.Qe2! g6 18.Nxh5?
 -2.29/18 0-1 Laursen, N (2214)-Iskos, L
 (2034) Copenhagen GoAudit op 2021

(7) (18.Rad1!± -0.51/19)]

12.Qd1 Nc6 13.Bg5 Be7 14.Nf4 Bxg5
15.Nxg5 Threatens to win with Qf3.
15...cxd4



16.cxd4 Qb6

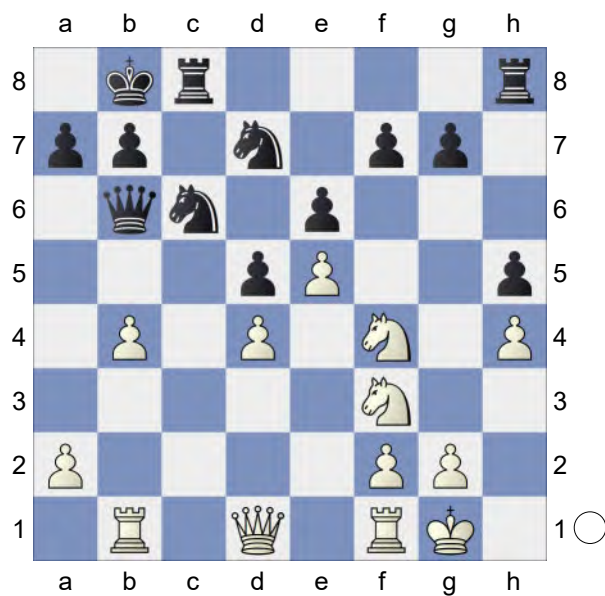


17.Nf3 0.96/21 White is more active.

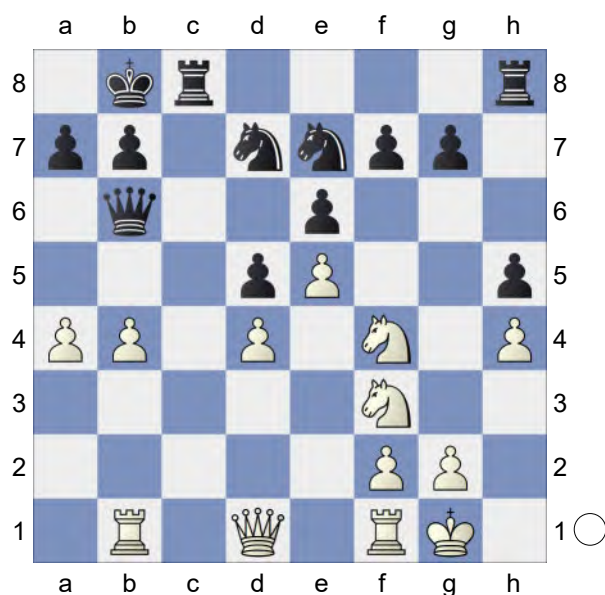
[17.Nxh5 Qxd4 18.Nxg7+ Ke7
19.Qxd4 Nxd4+-]
[♠17.Ne2! 1.37/21]

17...0-0-0 18.Rb1 Kb8 19.b4 Rc8
1.57/19

[♠19...Qc7 0.97/21]



20.a4!± Ne7



21.a5 Qb5 2.74/19

[21...Qc7± 1.53/19 22.Ng5 Qc2]

22.Ng5+- Rcf8 23.g3

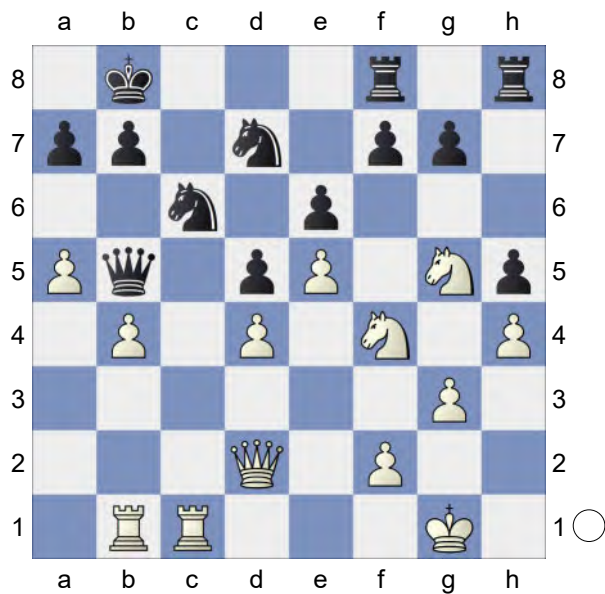
[23.Nxh5 Qc4±]

23...Nf5 24.Qd2

[Not 24.Nxh5 Qc4±]

24...Ne7 25.Rfc1 Nc6

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26.Kg2 Ne7 27.Rb2 Nc6 28.Ne2

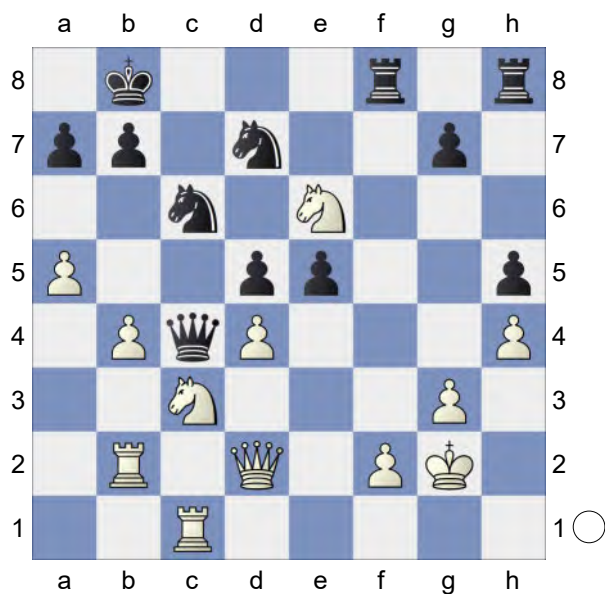
[Don't do 28.a6 bxa6 29.Ne2 Ka8]

28...f6? 5.48/19

[28...g6 3.18/20 was necessary.
29.Qd1 Ka8]

29.Nxe6 White is clearly winning.

29...fxe5 30.Nc3 Qc4

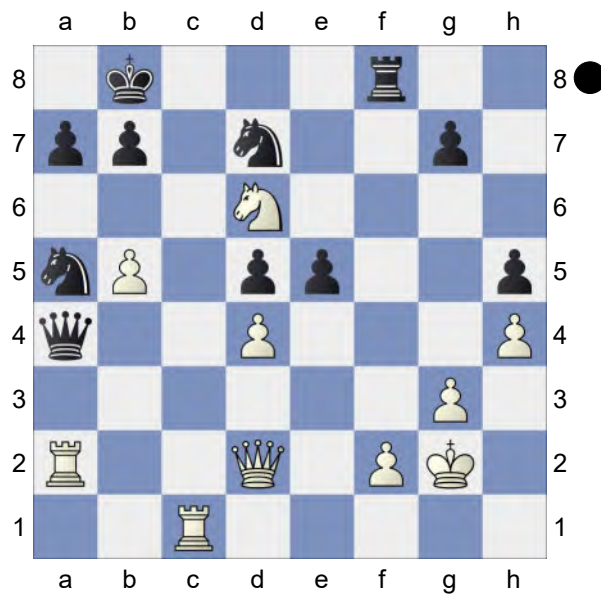


31.Ne4! Qb5

[31...Nf6 32.Nxf6]

**32.Nd6 Qa4 33.Nxf8 Rxf8 34.b5
Nxa5 35.Ra2**

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.08
(flawless) /Black=0.35

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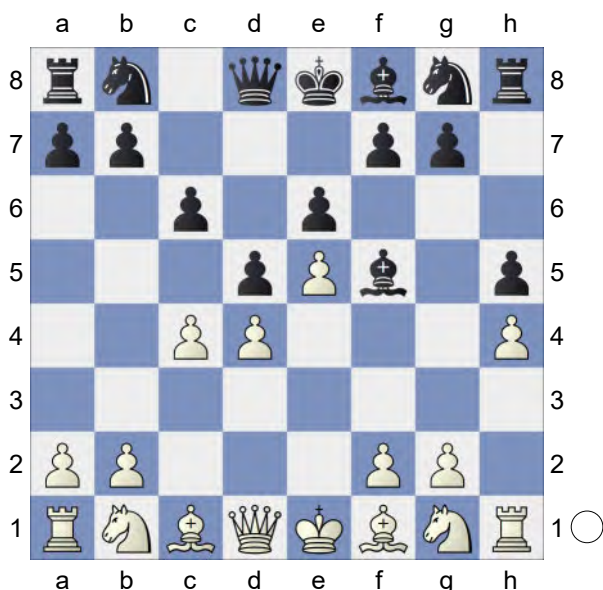
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.c4 e6



6.Nc3 dxc4! is now more promising than 6...Ne7. im Vergleich zu 6...Se7 vielversprechender. 7.Bxc4 Nd7 8.Nf3 Ne7 0.53/24

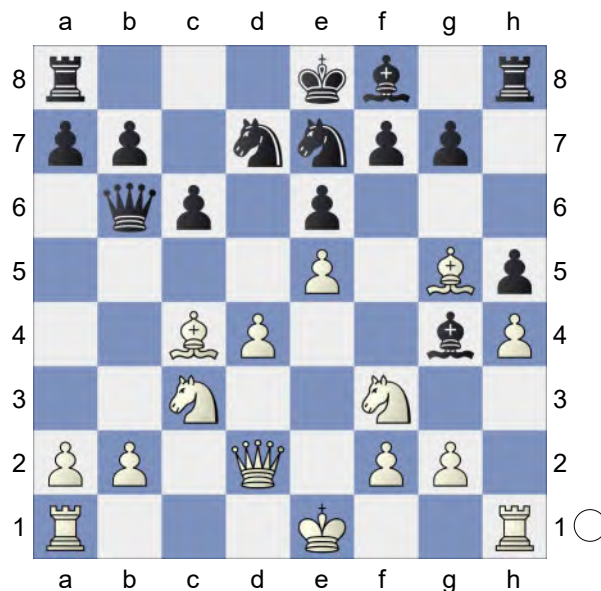
[8...Bg4= 0.12/22]

[8...Nb6 9.Bd3 Bg4 10.Bg5 Qd7 11.Ne4 Bb4+ 12.Kf1 Nh6 13.Bf6 Kf8 14.Qb3 Nd5 15.Bc4 a5 16.a3 b5 17.Be2 gxf6 18.axb4 a4 19.exf6 Nf5 20.Qd3 Nf4 21.Qd2 Nxe2 22.Qxe2 Rd8 23.Rd1 0-1 (36) Kausar, D (2670)-10.Ba3 b6 11.ba5 Nh5 1525 (2757) Togliatti 86/(399) 2002 (8.1)]

9.Bg5± Qb6 10.Qd2 White is slightly better. 10...Bg4N

[10...Nd5 11.0-0 f6 12.Be3 Nxe3 13.Qxe3 0-0-0 14.a4 fxe5 15.a5

Qb4 16.Ra4 Qxb2 17.a6 b6 18.Nxe5 Nxe5 19.Qxe5 Rh6 20.Be2 Bd6 21.Qe3 Bb4 22.Rc1 Kb8 23.Na2 Bd6 24.Qf3 Rc8 25.Rxc6 1-0 (54) Dc5 (2639)-Raines, D (2400) Wch14 3/4F-2 1987 (5) Qb1+ 26.Bf1 Be4 27.Rxc8+ Kxc8 28.Rc4+ Kd8 29.Qe3 Rf6 30.Nc3 Bh2+ 31.Kxh2 Qxf1 32.Nxe4 Qxc4 33.Nxf6 gxf6 34.Qf3 f5 35.Qxh5 Qxd4 36.Qg5+ Ke8 37.h5 Qg4 38.Qxg4 fxe4 39.Kg3 b5 40.Kf4 1-0 (54) Sethuraman, S (2639)-Kushagra, M (2400) Fagernes op-A 2023 (5)]



11.Nh2 Bf5N 0.80/18

[Predecessor: 11...0-0-0 aiming for ... Nxe5! 12.Nxg4 hxg4 13.Qf4 -1.11/21 (13.0-0-0± 0.37/23 stays ahead.) 13...f6!± 14.exf6 gxf6 15.Bxf6 Bh6! 16.Qg3 -1.42/20 (White should try 16.Bg5 -0.95/19 Qxb2 17.0-0 Qxc3 18.Bxe6) 16...Bd2+± 17.Kd1 -2.33/19 (17.Kf1± -1.17/20 Nxf6 18.Bxe6+ Nd7 19.Ne4 Qxd4 20.Qxg4) 17...Bxc3!-+ 18.bxc3 Nxf6 19.Bxe6+ 0-1 Gongora Reyes, M (2427)-Bellon Lopez, J (2447) Guillermo Garcia

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[11...0-0-0± 0.38/22 12.Nxg4 hxg4]

12.0-0± Nd5 1.14/19

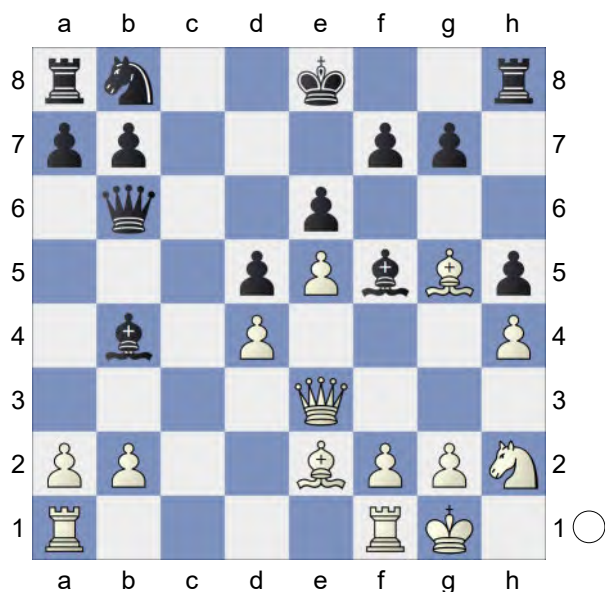
[12...0-0-0± 0.58/19]

13.Nxd5 0.44/19

[13.Rfe1± 1.14/19]

13...cxd5± 14.Be2 Bb4 15.Qe3 Nb8 1.22/21

[15...f6± 0.66/19]



16.a3± Bf8 1.48/21

[16...Be7 1.08/20]

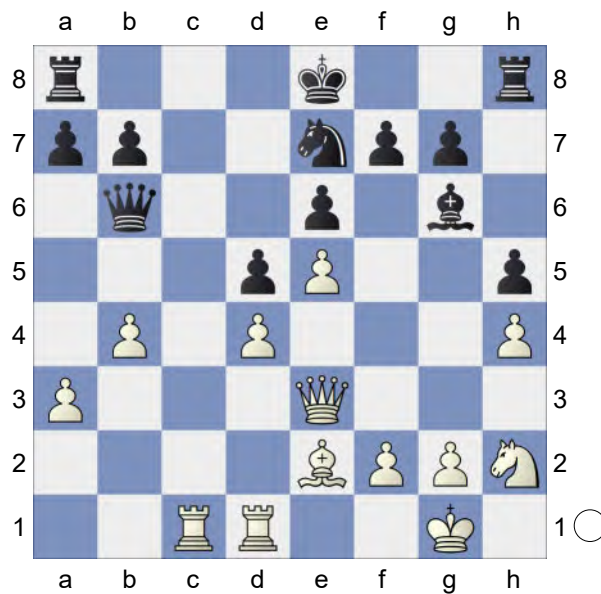
17.b4 1.07/20

[17.Rfc1 1.48/21 Hoping for Rc8+. Nc6 18.b4]

17...Nc6 18.Rfd1 Be7 19.Bxe7 Nxe7

20.Rac1 Bg6

(Diagram)



21.Rc5 0-0 22.Qg5 f6 1.47/18

[Black should play 22...Nf5 1.10/20]

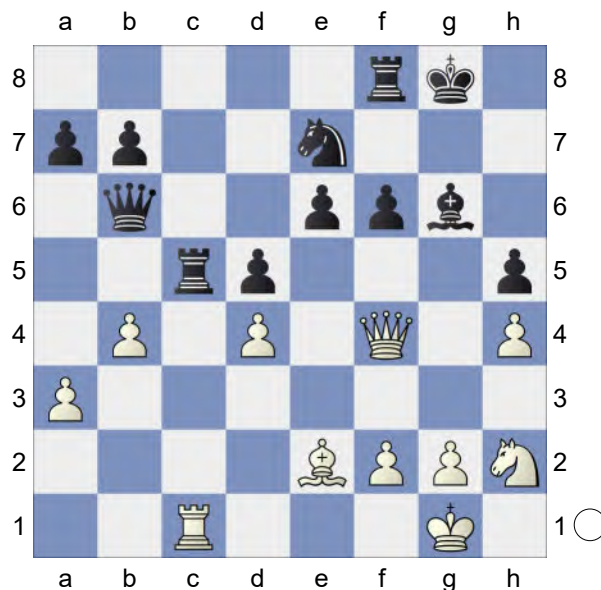
23.exf6 gxf6 24.Qf4

[24.Qh6 Rf7±]

24...Rac8 2.35/18

[24...Rad8± 1.46/19 25.Nf1 (25.Qh6 Rf7±) 25...Rf7]

25.Rdc1 Rxc5



26.Rxc5

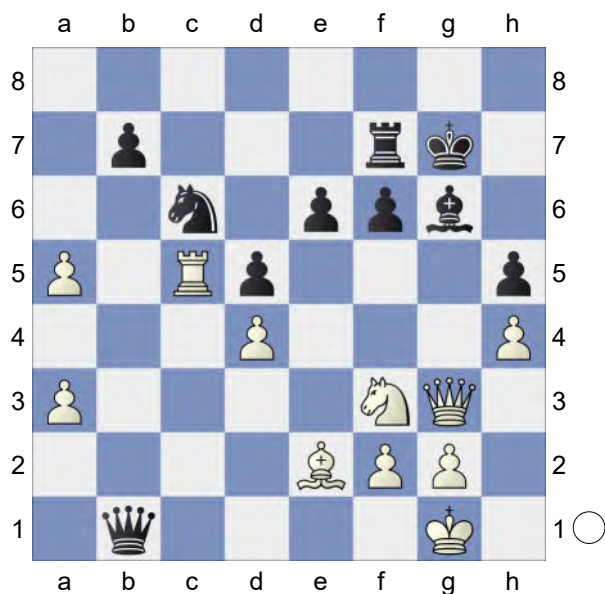
[26.dxc5?! Qd8±]

26...Kg7 2.38/19

[26...Qd8± 1.55/20 27.Nf1 Nf5]

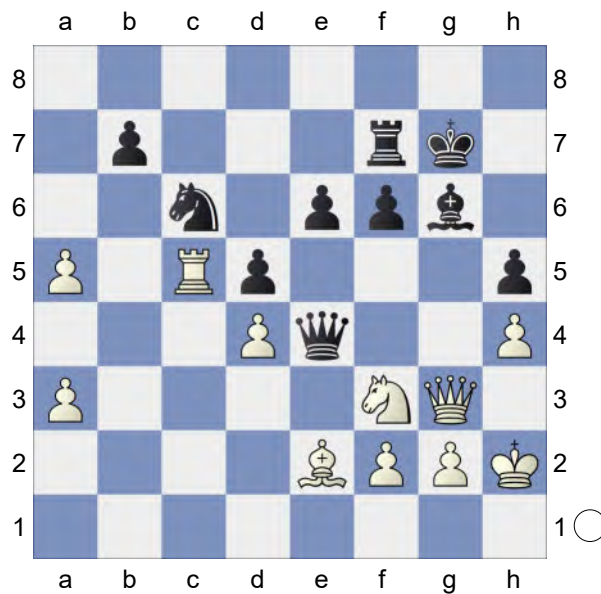
27.Nf3? 0.52/25

[27.Nf1!+- 2.38/19]
27...Rf7± 28.Qb8 Nc6 1.10/19
 [28...Rf8± 0.45/20 29.Qf4 Rc8]
29.Qg3!± a5? 3.71/23
 [29...Kh7± 1.18/22 was necessary.
 30.Bb5 Ne7]
30.bxa5
 [30.Bd3 Ne7 31.bxa5 (31.Rxa5
 Qc6+-) 31...Qb3+-]
30...Qb1+ 3.85/23
 [30...Qc7 2.50/19 was called for.
 31.Kh2 Qxg3+ 32.Kxg3 Ne7]

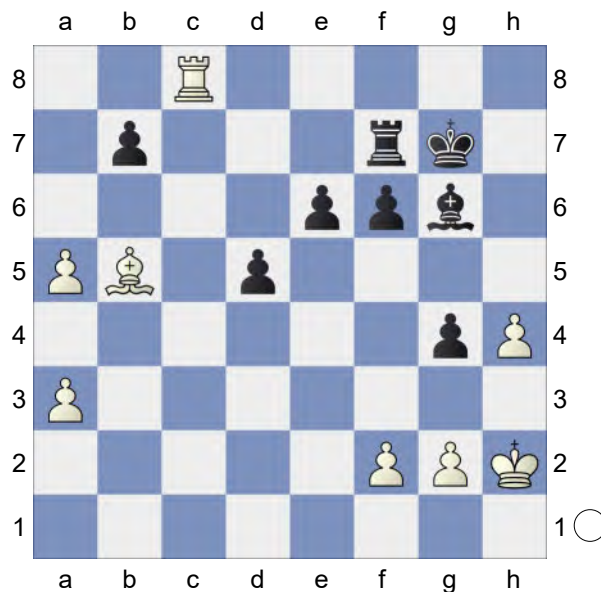


31.Kh2 1.96/24
 [Δ31.Bf1 3.85/23]
31...Qe4

(Diagram)



32.Bb5 0.07/21
 [32.a6!+- 2.03/21 And now axb7
 would win. bxa6 33.Rxc6 (33.Bxa6
 Nxd4 34.Nxd4 Qxd4=) 33...Qxe2
 34.Ng1]
32...Nxd4= 33.Nxd4 Qxd4 34.Rc8
Be8 is the strong threat. 34...Qg4
0.75/21
 [34...Kh7= 0.13/24 remains equal.]
35.Qxg4 0.12/18
 [35.Rd8± 0.75/21]
35...hxg4±



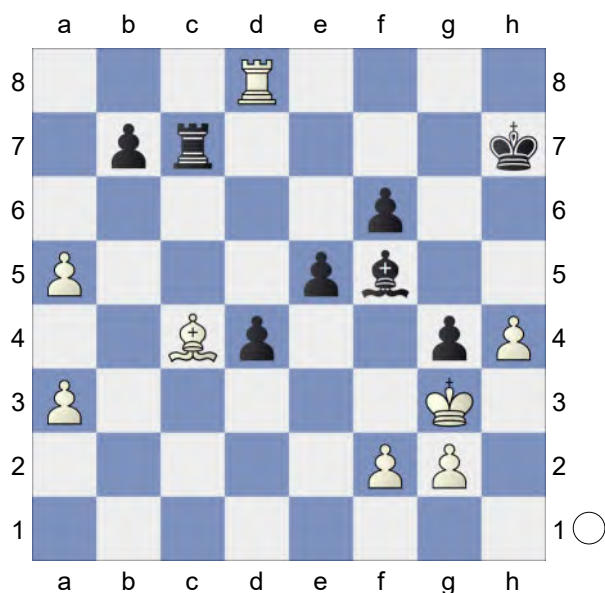
Endgame. KRB-KRB **36.Kg3 Bf5**

37.Rb8 e5 38.Be2 Kh7 39.Rd8 d4
 [Reject 39...Rc7?! 40.Bxg4 Rg7
 41.f3±]

40.Bc4? -1.89/19

[40.Bxg4= 0.11/23 and White is okay.
 Rg7 41.f3]

40...Rc7-+



41.Be2 -2.27/21

[⬇41.Bd5 -1.83/19]

41...Rc3+ 42.Kh2 -3.52/21

[⬇42.f3 -2.32/20]

42...Rxa3 43.Rf8? -3.95/24

[43.f3 -2.31/16]

43...Kg7

[43...Rxa5 44.Rxf6 d3 45.Bd1⌘]

44.Rb8 Be4 -0.66/17

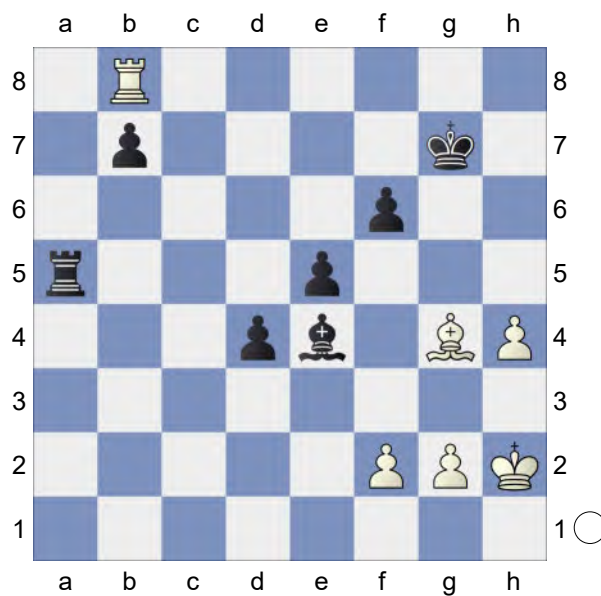
[Not 44...Rxa5 45.Rxb7+ Kh6
 46.Bb5-+]

[44...d3-+ -3.10/19 45.Bxd3 Bxd3
 46.Rxb7+ Kg6]

45.Bxg4⌘ Rxa5 -0.05/19

[Better is 45...d3⌘ -0.63/20 46.Bf3
 Bc6]

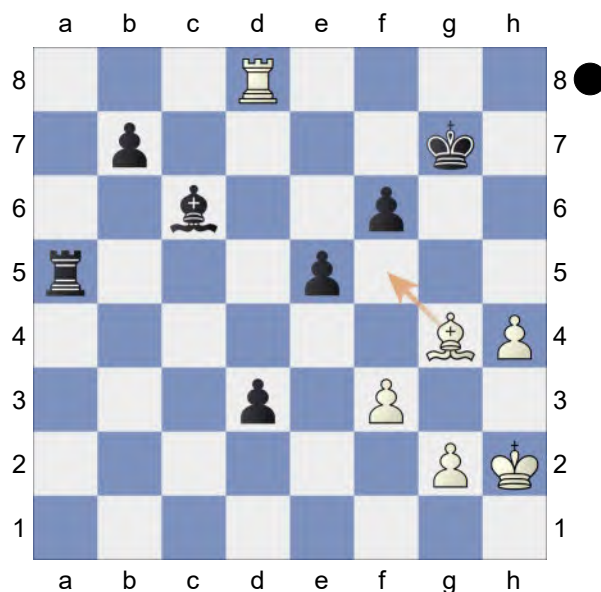
(Diagram)



Black is more active. **46.f3!= Bc6**
 ...d3 would now be deadly. **47.Rc8?**
 -3.45/21

[47.Be6!= -0.10/20 and White stays
 safe.]

47...d3-+ 48.Rd8

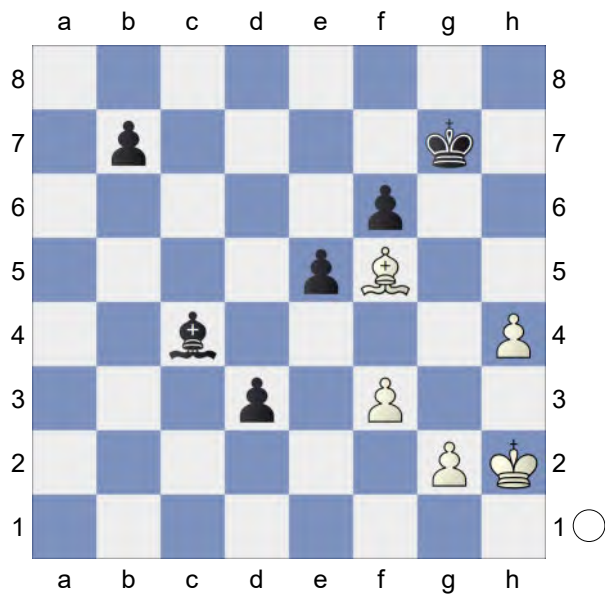


Rd5! 49.Rxd5 -7.09/17

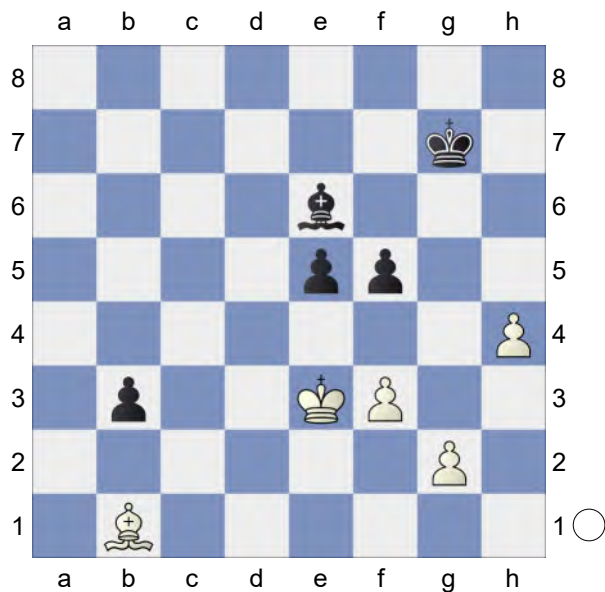
[⬇49.Rc8 -4.99/17]

49...Bxd5 KB-KB 50.Bf5 Bc4

(Diagram)



51.Kg1 b5 52.Kf2 b4? 0.00/36
 [52...d2-+ -8.15/26 53.Bc2 b4]
53.Ke3= b3 54.Bxd3 Be6 55.Bb1
 -0.61/35
 [55.Kd2= 0.00/39]
55...f5!



What a bad dream for Black.
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/
 Black=0.58
0-1

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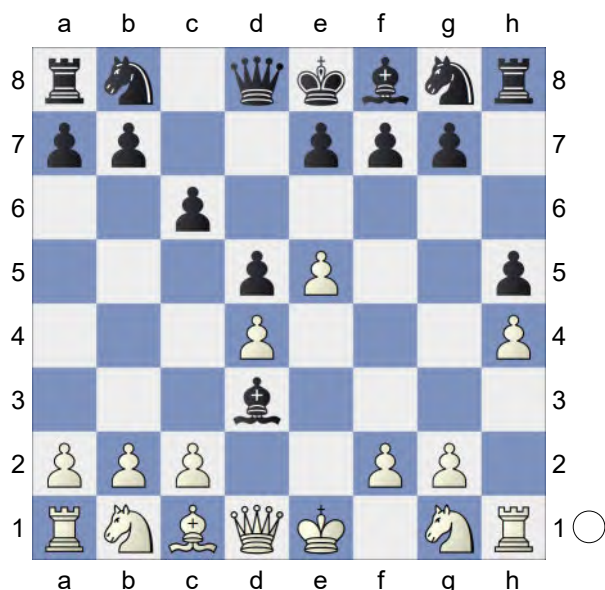
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation 1.e4
c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3
Bxd3



6.Qxd3 White wants to play e6! 6...Qa5+
7.Nd2 Threatens to win with e6! 7...e6
8.Ngf3 White has an edge. White has an
edge. 8...Nh6! The main line 8...Nh6
scores better than 8...Qa6. Die
Hauptvariante 8...Sh6 punktet besser als
8...Da6. 9.0-0 Nf5 10.c3N

[10.Nb3

A) 10...Qb5 11.Qd1 c5 12.a4
Qb6 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.a5
(14.Nxc5 Qxc5 15.Re1 Nc6
16.c3 40. Caro-Kann 4.h4 h5 – 7.N-
Caro-Kann 7. Nf3 Qa5 8.Nbd2 Nh
Repels Ncd4) 14...Qb5 15.Nxc5
Qxc5 16.c3 Nc6 Dodges Nd4
17.Re1 Rc8 18.a6 b5 19.Bg5 b4
0.36/22 (19...Qc4= -0.01/20
deserves consideration.) 20.Qe2

-0.01/23 (20.Be3± 0.36/22
is superior. Nxe3 21.Rxe3)
20...bxc3= 21.bxc3 0-0 22.Rec1
Rb8 23.Ra4 -0.64/21 (23.c4=
-0.23/23) 23...Rb3 -0.01/23
(23...Rfc8± -0.64/21) 24.Nd4!=
Rxc3 25.Rxc3 Motylev,A (2605)-
Rozen,E (2414) Brasov GP RO
2023 (8) 0-1 Qxc3 26.Nxf5 exf5
27.e6 f6 28.Bf4 Ne5 29.Qe3
Qxe3 30.Bxe3 Nc6 31.Bc5 Re8
32.e7 Kf7 33.Ra1 Rb8 34.Re1 d4
35.Kf1 d3 36.e8Q+ Rxe8 37.Rxe8
Kxe8 38.Ke1 Kf7 39.Kd2 Ke6
40.Kxd3 Motylev,A (2605)-Rozen,E
(2414) Brasov GP RO 2023 (8)
0-1;

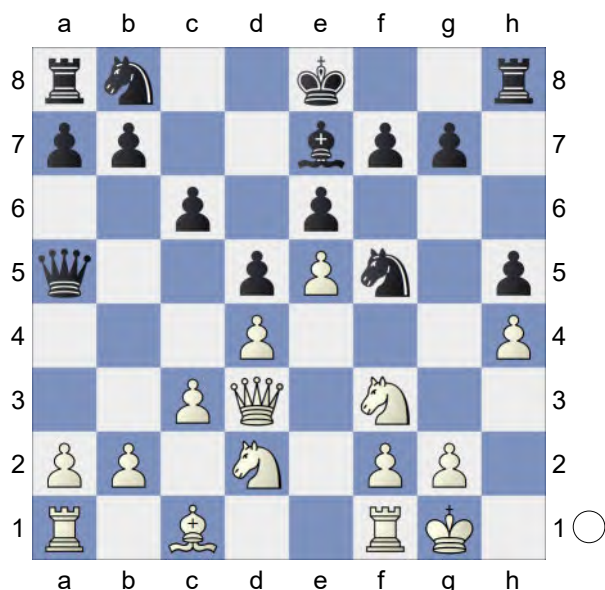
B) 10...Qa6 11.Qd1

B1) 11...c5 12.Bg5 cxd4
13.Nbxd4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Nc6
15.Nxc6 Qxc6 16.a4 Rc8 17.a5
Be7 18.Bxe7 Kxe7 19.c3 Qb5
20.Qd4 Qc5 0.56/22 (20...a6=
0.15/21) 21.Qf4± Rhd8 1.14/21
(Black should try 21...Kf8±
0.56/22) 22.Qg5± Kf8 23.Qxh5
Kg8 Repels Qh8+ 24.Qg5 d4
25.Rfd1 d3 1.87/22 (25...Rd5±
1.01/21) 26.Ra4 Ellithorpe,G
(2698)-7.Nc3 0-0 8.Be3
b6_59305 (2690) ARG-ch14 sf
corr 1989 1-0 Rd5 27.Rg4 g6
28.Re4 Qxa5 29.h5 Qd8
30.Qg3 g5 31.Rg4 Kh8
32.Rxg5 Rc4 33.h6 Qf8
34.Rxd3 Re4 35.Rh5 a5
36.Rxd5 exd5 37.h7 a4 38.Qg5
Ellithorpe,G (2698)-7.Nc3 0-0 8.
Be3 b6_59305 (2690) ARG-ch14
sf corr 1989 1-0;

B2) 11...Nd7 12.Bg5 c5
(12...Rc8 13.c3 c5 14.dxc5
Nxc5 15.Nfd4 And now Nxf5

would win. *Nxd4 16.cxd4 Nxb3 17.axb3 Qb6 18.Re1*
 40. Caro-Kann 4.h4 h5 – 7.N-
 Caro-Kann 7.Nf3 Qa5 8.Nbd2
 Nh) 13.c3 cxd4 **0.72/19**
 (13...c4± **0.31/21**) 14.Nbxd4±
Nxd4 1.07/21 (14...g6!± 0.64/21)
 15.cxd4 3...Bf4 4.h4 h5-6...Qa5+
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10...Be7



11.g3 Qa6 12.Qc2

[12.Qxa6 **simplifies** Nxa6 13.b4 b6
 14.a4]

[12.Qxa6 **simplifies** Nxa6 13.b4 b6
 14.a4]

12...c5 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.Nb3 -0.89/22

[14.b4= **0.06/20** **keeps the balance.**
 Be7! 15.c4]

[14.b4= **0.09/23** **keeps the balance.**
 Be7 15.c4]

14...Nxc3

[Vorgänger: 14...Nd7 **0.32/20**

14...Nxg3 -1.12 14...Nxc3 -0.89

15.Re1 Rc8 16.Nxc5 **-0.01/23**

(16.a4± **0.40/19**) 16...Nxc5= 17.Nd4

-0.52/24 (17.Be3= **-0.05/20**; 17.Be3=

-0.10/22 **should be considered.**)

17...Nd3 18.Nxf5 Nxe1 19.Nxc3+

Kf8 20.Qd1 Kxg7 21.Qxe1
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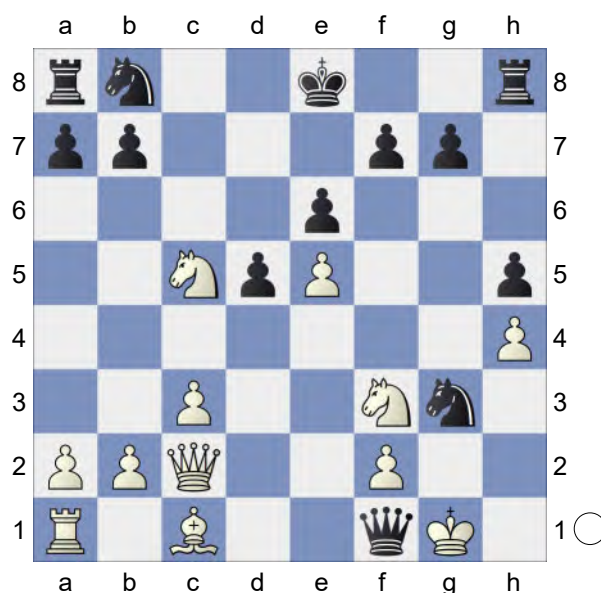
15.Nxc5? -3.04/21

[15.Re1± **-1.14/20** Bb6 16.c4
-1.69/20 (16.Nbd4± **-1.05/19**

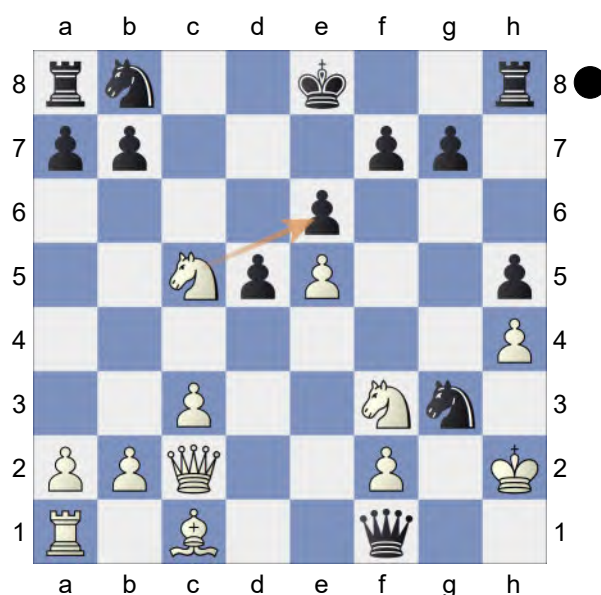
was called for. Ne4 17.Rxe4 dxe4
 18.Qxe4) 16...Qxc4+- 17.Qxc4 dxc4
 18.Nbd2]

[15.Rd1± **-1.11/21** Bb6 16.Nfd4]

15...Qxf1+-

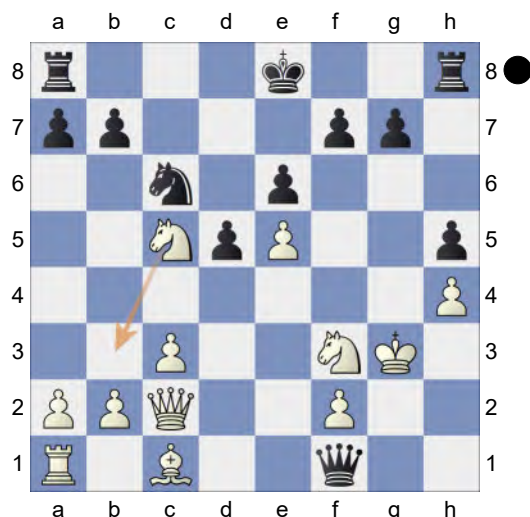


16.Kh2



Nxe6! is the strong threat. **16...Qc4?**
0.01/23

[16...Nc6-+ -3.00/21 White must now prevent ...Ne2. 17.Kxg3



Nb3! would now be deadly. **Qc4!**]

[Better is 16...Nc6-+ -3.09/24 17.Kxg3 Qc4]

17.Nxe6!= The position is equal. The position is equal. **17...Nf1+ 18.Kh1 Ng3+**

[18...fxe6!? 19.Qg6+□

A) 19...Kd8 0.92/22 19...Kf8 0.01 20.Qxg7 0.51/22 (20.Nd4± 0.92/22 aiming for b3! Ng3+ 21.Qxg3 Qf1+ 22.Kh2) 20...Re8± 21.Qxb7+- (21.Bg5+!? Kc8 22.Qf7±);

B) 19...Kf8!±]

[18...fxe6!? 19.Qg6+□ Kf8= (19...Kd8 20.Qxg7 Re8 21.Bg5+ Kc8 22.Qf7=)]

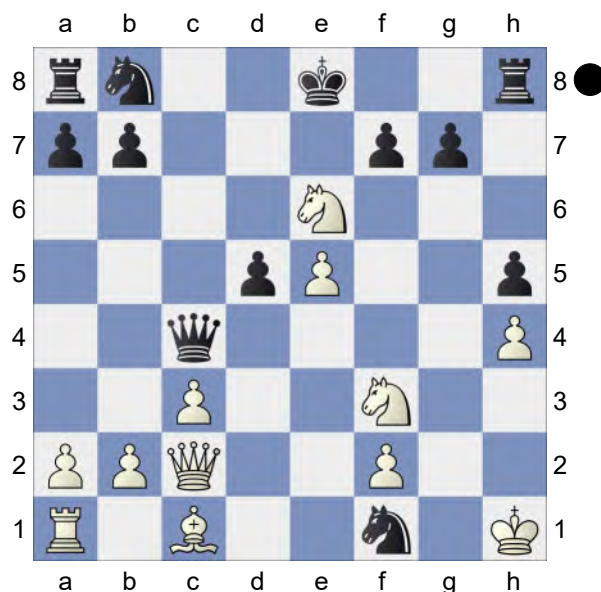
19.Kh2

[19.fxg3!? Qf1+□ (19...fxe6? 3.01/24 19...Qf1+ -0.01 too greedy. 20.Qg6+ Kf8 21.Be3!+-) 20.Kh2 fxe6 21.Qg6+ Kf8 22.Ng5 Qf2+ 23.Kh1 Bf4 would kill now. Qf1+ 24.Kh2 White wants to mate with Bf4! Qf2+ 25.Kh1 Intending Bf4 and mate. Qe1+ 26.Kg2 Qe2+ 27.Kh3 (27.Kg1!? Qe1+□ 28.Kg2 Qe2+ 29.Kg1 Qe1+

30.Kh2 Qf2+=) 27...Qf1+ (27...Qxe5? #1/6 27...Qf1+ -0.01 28.Qf7#) 28.Kh2=]

[19.fxg3!? Qf1+□ (19...fxe6? too greedy. 20.Qg6+ Kf8 21.Be3+-) 20.Kh2 fxe6 21.Qg6+ Kf8 22.Nd4 (22.Ng5 Qe2+ 23.Kg1 Qe1+ 24.Kg2 Qe2+ 25.Kh3 Qf1+ 26.Kh2 Qe2+ 27.Kg1 Qe1+ 28.Kg2 Qe2+ 29.Kh3 Qf1+ 30.Kh2=) 22...Qf2+ 23.Kh1 Qf1+ 24.Kh2 Qf2+ 25.Kh3 Qf1+ 26.Kh2=]

19...Nf1+ 20.Kh1

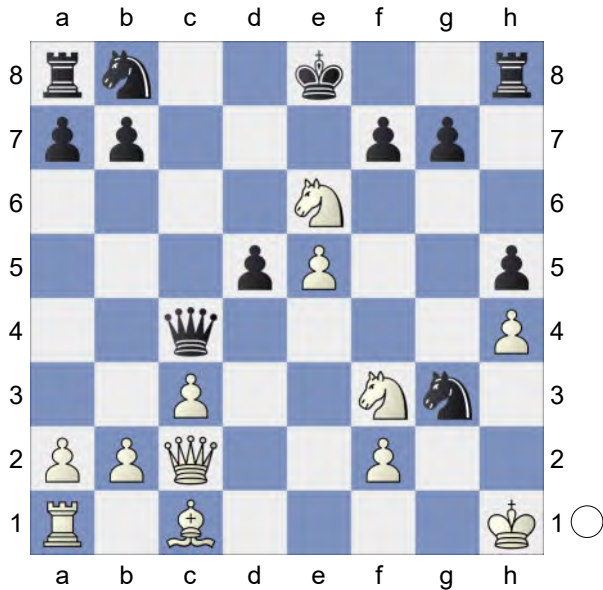


aiming for **Neg5**. Strongly threatening **Neg5. 20...Ng3+**

[20...fxe6!? 21.Qg6+□ Kf8!± (21...Kd8? 1.58/22 21...Kf8 0.01 22.Qxg7 Re8 Threatens to win with ... Nd7. 23.Qxb7±)]

[20...fxe6!? 21.Qg6+□ Kf8= (21...Kd8 22.Qxg7 Re8 23.Bg5+ Kc8 24.Qf7±)]

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/
 Black=0.36. Loses game: White=1
 --- Missed win: ---
 Black=1 Mistake: White=1 ---
 Inaccurate: White=1 --- OK:
 White=6 Black=6 Best:
 White=2 Black=3 . Weighted
 Error Value: White=0.39/Black=0.41.
 Loses game: White=1 ---
 Missed win: --- Black=1
 Mistake: White=1 --- OK:
 White=4 Black=6 Best:
 White=2 Black=2 Strong:
 White=1 ---
 1/2-1/2

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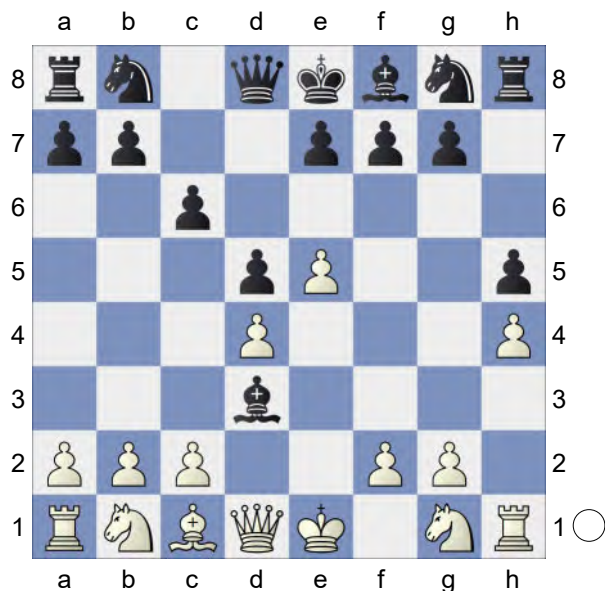
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation In this example, we are going to examine another interesting gambit line. The starting position of this variation arises after Kitty Kat: 'B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

' 1.e4 Kitty Kat Kitty Kat 1...c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 next e6! is good for White.
6...Qa5+ 7.c3N

[7.Nd2 e6 8.Ngf3 Ne7 9.0-0 Nf5 10.Nb3 (10.a4 Kitty Kat Nd7 11.Nb3 Qc7 12.Bg5 Rc8 13.Rac1 Nb6 14.Nc5 Bxc5 15.dxc5 Nd7 16.b4 0-0 17.Rfe1 b6 18.Qc3 a5 19.cxb6 Nxb6 20.bxa5 Nc4 21.Bd2 Ra8 ½-½ (67) Kantane,A (2248)-Kliashtorny,A (2132) Rilton Cup 52nd 2024 (9)) 10...Qa6 11.Qd1 Nd7 12.Bg5 c5 13.c3 cxd4 14.Nbxd4 Nxd4 15.cxd4 3...Bf4 4.h4 h5-6...

Qa5+ _2273 2022]

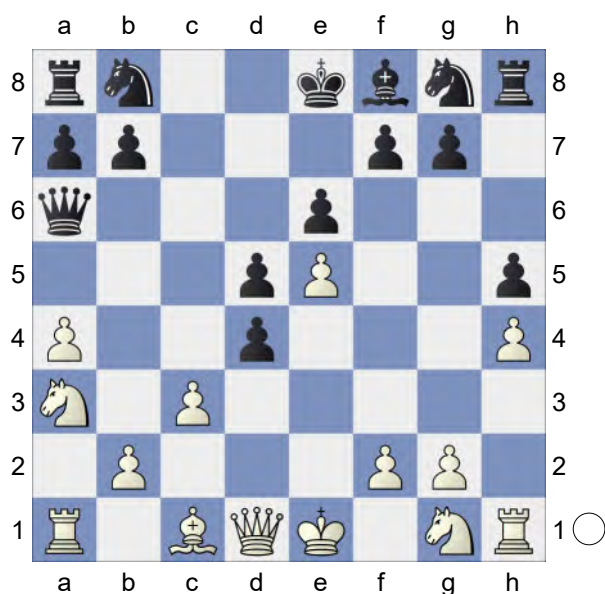
[7.b4 Qxb4+ 8.Nd2 e6 (8...Qb5 Kitty Kat 9.c4 dxc4 10.Nxc4 e6 11.a4 Qa6 12.Ba3 Nd7 13.Bxf8 Kxf8 14.Nf3 Ne7 15.0-0 Nb6 16.Rfc1 Rd8 17.Rab1 Rd7 18.Qb3 Nxc4 19.Rxc4 Nd5 20.g3 g6 21.Ng5 Kg7 1-0 (41) Chigaev,M (2632)-Cardoso Cardoso,J (2483) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Nov Late blitz 2022 (4)) 9.Rb1 Qe7 10.c4 Nh6 11.Ne2 Nf5 12.Ng3 Nxb4 13.Nde4 (13.Kf1 Ng6 14.Nxb5 b6 15.Nf3 Qd7 16.Rh3 c5 17.Ng5 dxc4 18.Qf3 Nc6 19.Nxf7 Nxd4 20.Qxa8+ Kxf7 Chapter Advance Variation-Caro-Kann Advance 4.h4 h5 5.B) 13...dxe4 14.Nxe4 Qd8 15.Bg5 Qa5+ 16.Bd2 Qd8 17.Bg5 Martinez Alcantara,J (2607)-Eljanov,P (2705) Titled Tuesday intern op 18th Apr Late blitz 2023 (8) 0-1] [7.Bd2 Qa6 8.e6 Qxd3 9.cxd3 f6 10.Nc3 Nh6 11.Nce2 Nf5 12.Nf4 Nxd4 13.0-0-0 g5 14.hxg5 fxg5 15.Nxb5 Rg8 16.Re1 Na6 17.Bc3 Nb5 18.Nf3 0-0-0 19.Ne5 Nxc3 20.bxc3 Nc7 21.Nf7 Re8 1 Part Chapter-Games Part 2 Chapter]

7...e6 8.a4 White is slightly better. Kitty Kat: 'White has an edge.' 8...Qa6 9.Qd1 c5 Kitty Kat: 'N' 'N'

[9...Ne7 Kitty Kat 10.b4 Nf5 11.Nf3 Nd7 12.Na3 Nb6 13.a5 Nc4 14.0-0 Be7 15.g3 b5 16.Nc2 0-0-0 17.Bg5 Qb7 18.Qe2 a6 19.Nce1 Bxg5 20.hxg5 Qe7 21.Nd3 Kb7 22.Kg2 Ka7 23.Rae1 g6 24.Rh1 1-0 (51) Adhiban,B (2598)-Kushagra,M (2426) Abu Dhabi 2022]

10.Na3 cxd4!?!N Kitty Kat: 'An interesting novelty.' Kitty Kat: 'Eine interessante Neuerung.'

[Vorgänger: 10...Qb6 11.Nc2 Nc6 12.Nf3 Nh6 13.0-0 Nf5 14.a5 Qc7 0.58/20 (14...Qb3= 0.14/22) 15.a6 b6 16.Bg5 0.19/19 (16.Ne3± 0.60/18 deserves consideration.) 16...Be7 Vokhidov,S (2578)-Donchenko,A (2676) FIDE Grand Swiss 2023 (10) 1-0]



An interesting novelty. Eine interessante Neuerung. **11.Nb5**

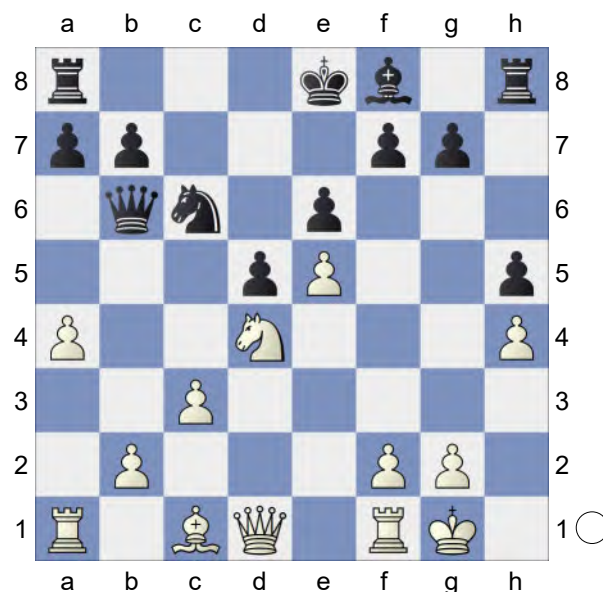
[11.Qxd4 Nc6 12.Qf4 Bxa3 13.Rxa3 Rc8 (13...Nge7 Kitty Kat)]

[11.cxd4 Bb4+ 12.Bd2 Bxd2+ 13.Qxd2 Qxa4]

11...Qb6 Repels Nc7+ Kitty Kat: 'Wards off Nc7+' **12.Nxd4 Nc6 13.Ngf3 Nge7 14.0-0 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Nc6 0.80/21**

[15...a6± 0.39/19]

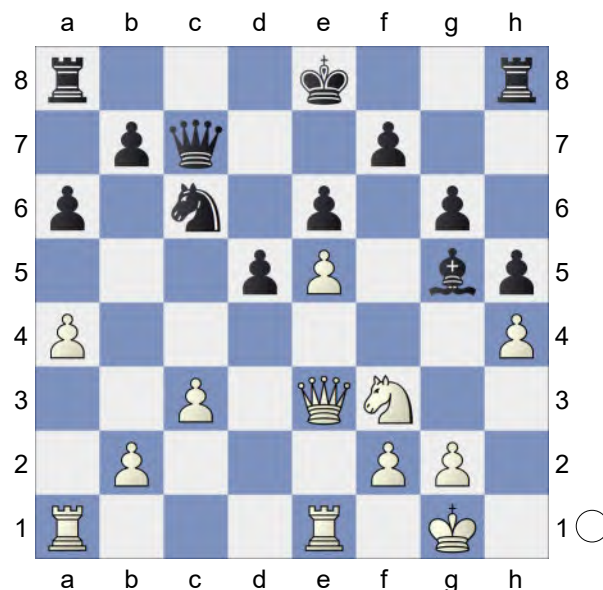
(Diagram)



16.Nf3 0.32/19

[16.a5± 0.80/21 Qc7 17.Re1]

16...a6 17.Re1 Be7 18.Qd3 Qc7 19.Bg5 g6 20.Qe3 Bxg5



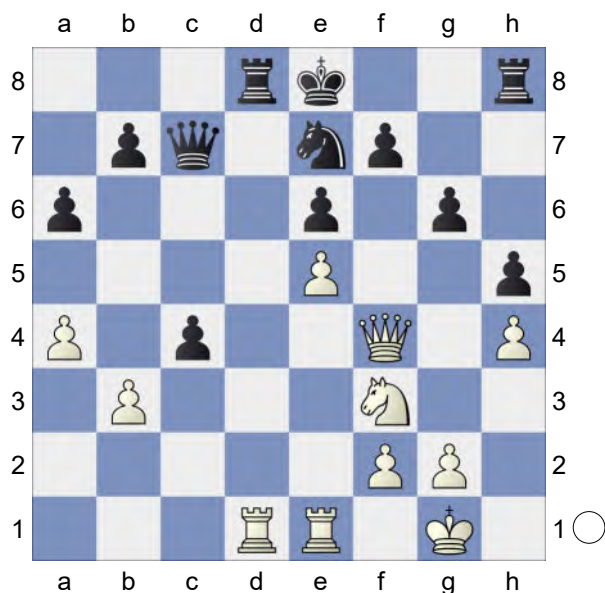
21.Qxg5 Qd8 22.Qf4 Ne7 23.Rad1 Black is weak on the dark squares Kitty Kat: 'Ng5 would now be deadly. Black is weak on the dark squares' **23...Qc7 24.c4 Rd8 0.97/21**

[24...Qxc4± 0.43/19 25.Qf6 Rf8]

[24...dxc4± 0.38/22 Kitty Kat 25.Nd2 0-0]

25.b3 0.32/22

[Better is 25.Rc1!± 0.97/21
Kitty Kat: '±' '±']
25...dxc4!±



aiming for ...Rxd1. Kitty Kat: '=!' '=!' Kitty Kat: ' aiming for ...Rxd1.' 26.bxc4

[26.Rxd8+ (Kitty Kat) simplifies Qxd8 27.bxc4 0-0 28.Nd2]

26...Nf5 0.39/22 Kitty Kat: ' Wards off Rd6'

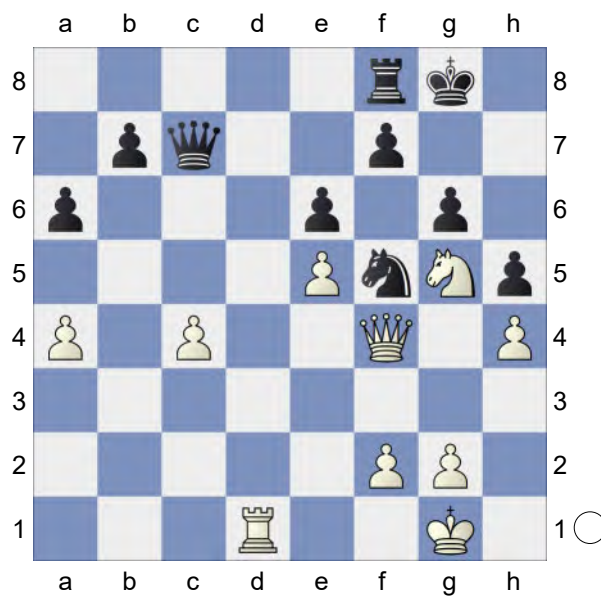
[26...Rxd1= -0.01/22 was preferable. 27.Rxd1 0-0]

27.Ng5 0.01/22

[27.Rxd8+± 0.39/22 is superior. Qxd8 28.Rb1]

27...Rxd1 28.Rxd1 0-0

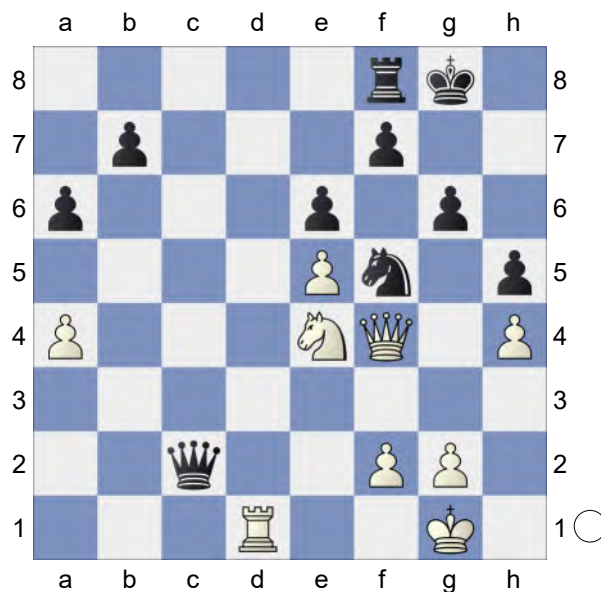
(Diagram)



29.c5! -0.01/22 Qxc5=

[29...Kg7 30.Ne4]

30.Ne4 Qc2



31.Rd7 b5 32.axb5 -0.46/23

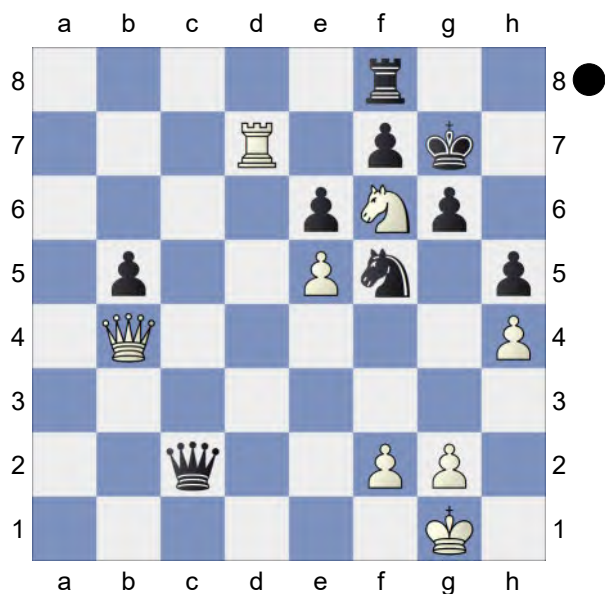
[32.g4= 0.01/19 hgx4 (32...Nxh4 33.gxh5 Discovered Attack Qb1+ 34.Kh2+-) 33.h5]

32...axb5 0.01/23

[32...Qb1+!± -0.46/23 might be stronger. 33.Kh2 Qxb5]

33.Nf6+ Kg7 34.Qb4 -1.45/22

[34.Qg5= 0.01/22 Kitty Kat: ' remains equal.']

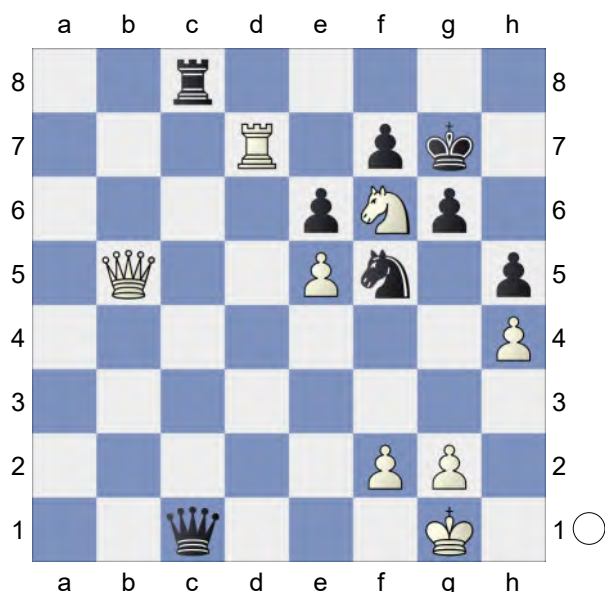


34...Rc8!# White must now prevent ... Qc1+. Some like it hot Kitty Kat: ' Strongly threatening ...Qc1+. Some like it hot' **35.Qxb5** -2.23/22

[35.Qf4# -1.21/23 only move. Kitty Kat: '𐌹! 𐌹!']

35...Qc1+--

[And not 35...Nxb4 36.Rxf7+ Kxf7 37.Qd7+ Kf8 38.Nh7+ Kg8 39.Nf6+ Kf8 40.Nh7+ Kg8 41.Nf6+ Kf8=]



36.Qf1 Qf4

[Inferior is Kitty Kat: ' Not' 36...Nxb4

A) 37.Ne8+_____ Kitty Kat Kf8
(37...Rxe8? perishes. 38.Qxc1 Nf5
39.Qg5+-) 38.Nd6 Qxf1+

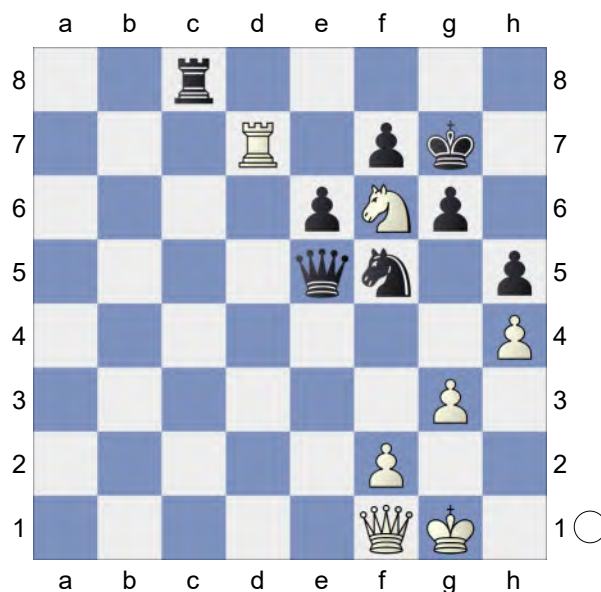
Remove Defender 39.Kxf1=;

B) 37.Qxc1 Rxc1+ 38.Kh2=]

37.g3? -6.97/26

[37.Rd1 -2.37/27 Kitty Kat: '𐌹 𐌹']

37...Qxe5



Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/
Black=0.11 (very precise) . Mistake:
White=8 Black=4 Inaccurate:
White=1 --- OK: White=7
Black=9 Best: White=3
Black=1 Strong: ---
Black=2 Kitty Kat: '

Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/
Black=0.04 (flawless) '

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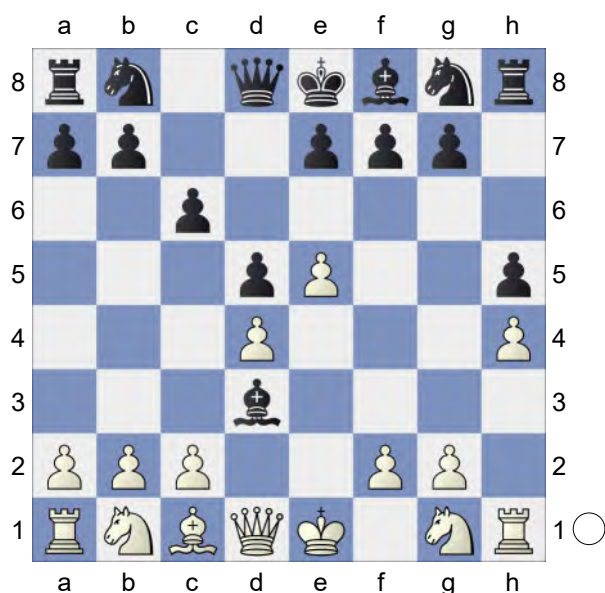
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation Kitty

Kat: 'B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

' 1.e4 Kitty Kat Kitty Kat 1...c6 2.d4 d5

3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3

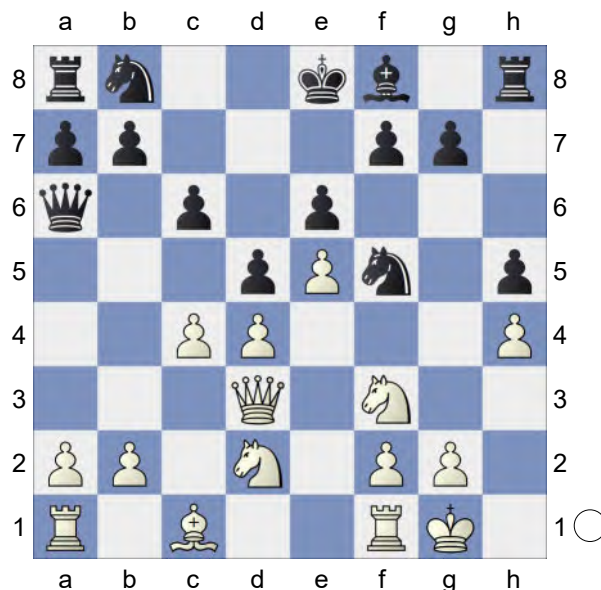


6.Qxd3 e6 7.Nf3 Qa5+ 8.Nbd2 Qa6

9.c4 Ne7 The position is equal. Kitty

Kat: 'White is slightly better.' 10.0-0 Nf5

(Diagram)



11.Rd1N An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. Kitty Kat: 'An interesting side line.' Kitty Kat: 'Eine interessante Nebenvariante.'

[11.b3

A) 11...c5 12.Qb1 Nxd4 (12...Qc6 Kitty Kat 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.cxd5 Qxd5 15.Ne4 0-0 16.Bf4 40. Caro-Kann 4.h4 h5 – 7. N-Caro-Kann 7.Nf3 Qa5 8.Nbd2 Qa) 13.Nxd4 cxd4 14.cxd5 exd5 15.e6 Qxe6 16.Nf3 Bb4 17.Ba3 Bc3 18.Qd3 Anderssen,A-Nikitin Aleksander,S URS-ch Soviet Union 1983;

B) 11...Nd7 12.a4 Be7 13.Ba3 (13.a5 Kitty Kat c5 14.Ba3 cxd4 15.Bxe7 Nxe7 16.Nxd4 Rd8 17.Qg3 dxc4 18.Nxc4 0-0 19.Qg5 Ng6 20.Nf3 Nc5 21.Qxh5 Nf4 22.Qg4 Ne2+ 23.Kh2 Nxb3 24.Rae1 Ned4 25.Nd6 Nxf3+ 26.gxf3 Rxd6 27.Rg1 g6 1-0 (56) Sinz,B (2308)-Seo,J (2130) Rilton Cup 52nd 2024 (8)) 13...c5 (13...Bxa3 Kitty Kat 14.Rxa3 Qa5 15.b4 Qd8 16.g3 0-0 17.Rb1 f6 18.Re1 fxe5 19.Nxe5 Nxe5

20.Rxe5 Qf6 21.Nf3 Nd6 22.Rxh5
Ne4 23.Re5 Rf7 24.b5 Raf8
25.Qe2 Qg6 1-0 (51) Simonian,H
(2431)-Sebag,M (2430) Titled
Tuesday intern op 28th Feb Late
blitz 2023 (10)) 14.Qb1 cxd4
15.cxd5 Chapter 14: Caro Kann-
Mainline 4...h5,6 Lifetime
Repertoires: Sethuraman's 1. e;

C) 11...Be7

C1) 12.g3 c5 (12...0-0
Kitty Kat 13.Rd1 Nd7 14.Nf1
Rfe8 15.Ne3 Nxe3 16.Bxe3
Nb6 17.Rac1 Rac8 18.c5 Qxd3
19.Rxd3 Nd7 20.b4 a6 21.a4
Ra8 22.Rb3 Rec8 23.Kg2 g6
24.Bg5 Kf8 25.Bxe7+ Kxe7
26.Ng5 1-0 (67) Gabrielian,A
(2472)-Sargsyan,A (2378) Titled
Tuesday intern op 27th Sep Late
blitz 2022 (9)) 13.Bb2 Nc6
14.Qb1 dxc4 15.d5 Ncd4
16.Bxd4 cxd4 17.Nxc4 0-0
18.d6 Bd8 19.Qe4 Qc6
20.Qxc6 bxc6 21.Rfd1 c5
22.Nfd2 f6 23.Ne4 Bb6 24.a4
Rac8 25.f4 fxe5 26.fxe5 Ne3
Neuhoff, L (2109)-Aniol,N (1592)
GER-ch U14 Willingen 2023 (2)
1/2-1/2;

C2) 12.a4 Bxh4 13.Ba3 Be7
14.Bxe7 Nxe7 15.a5 Nd7
16.Rfc1 Rd8 17.b4 dxc4
18.Nxc4 Nf5 19.Ng5 Nb8
20.Qf3 Qb5 21.Ne3 g6 22.Ne4
0-0 23.Nf6+ Kg7 24.Nxh5+
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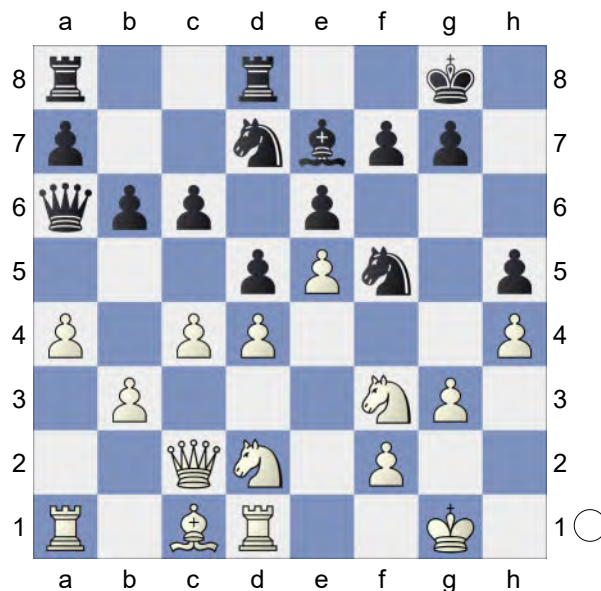
11...Be7 12.g3 Nd7 13.Qc2 0-0 14.b3
Rfd8N

[Vorgänger: 14...Rac8 15.Bb2 b6

16.a4 g6 17.Ba3 -0.43/20
(17.Nb1!= 0.00/14; 17.Nf1= 0.10/22
(Kitty Kat) should be considered.)
17...c5 Kitty Kat: ' ♖' ♗' 18.cxd5
And now d6 would win. cxd4 19.Qb1
Bxe7 is the strong threat. Kitty Kat: '
Threatens to win with Bxe7.' Bxa3
0.71/18 (19...exd5= -0.23/23
20.Bxe7 Nxe7) 20.dxe6± fxe6
21.Rxa3 Nasuta,G (2454)-Donchenko,
A (2583) Newcastle on Tyne op 2018
(2) 1/2-1/2]

15.a4 b6 0.42/21

[15...Bb4= 0.01/20]



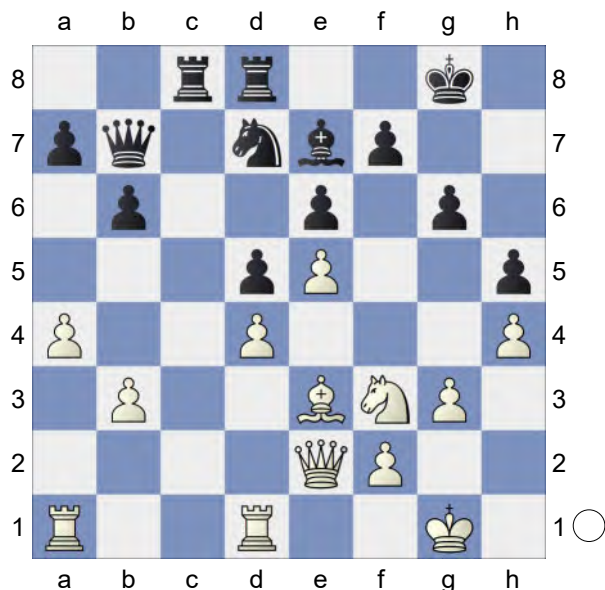
16.Nf1!± Kitty Kat: '!' '!' 16...Qb7
17.cxd5 cxd5 18.Ne3 Nxe3 19.Bxe3
Rac8 1.09/22

[19...Qa6± 0.64/20 feels stronger.]

20.Qe2± g6 1.23/20

[♞20...Rc3 0.84/22]

(Diagram)



21.Ng5 Kg7 1.31/20

[Δ 21...Rc3 0.95/20]

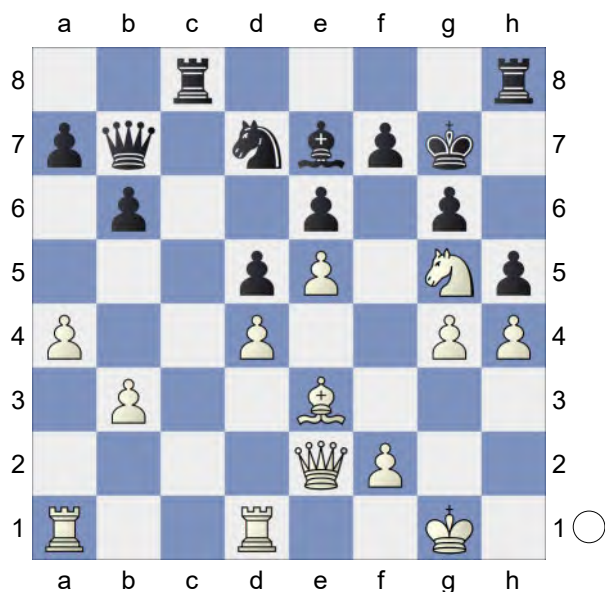
22.g4 0.42/23

[22.Qf3± 1.31/20 Kitty Kat: '+-' '+-'

Kitty Kat: ' has better winning chances.

' Rf8 23.Rac1 (23.Qf4 Kitty Kat)]

22...Rh8 Kitty Kat: '



' **23.Rac1** 0.62/20 Kitty Kat: ' White is more active.'

[White should play 23.Qf3!± 1.19/19

Kitty Kat Bxg5 24.Bxg5]

23...Rcf8 1.43/21 Kitty Kat: ' Loses the game.'

[Better is 23...Rxc1± 0.31/24 24.Rxc1 hxc4 Kitty Kat: '±' '±']

[23...hxc4± 0.62/20 Kitty Kat 24.Rxc8 (24.Qxc8 Rcf8=) 24...Qxc8 25.Qxc4 (25.Rc1 Qb7±) 25...Nf8]

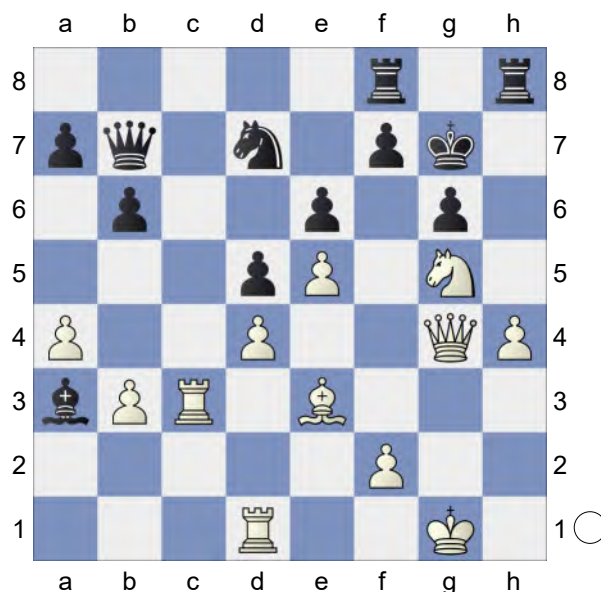
24.Rc3 White is much more active. Kitty Kat: '+-' '+-' **24...hxc4** 2.29/20

[Δ 24...a6 1.90/19 Kitty Kat 25.Rdc1 Bd8]

25.Qxc4 Ba3 3.39/21

[Δ 25...Bd8 2.06/22 26.Bd2 Re8]

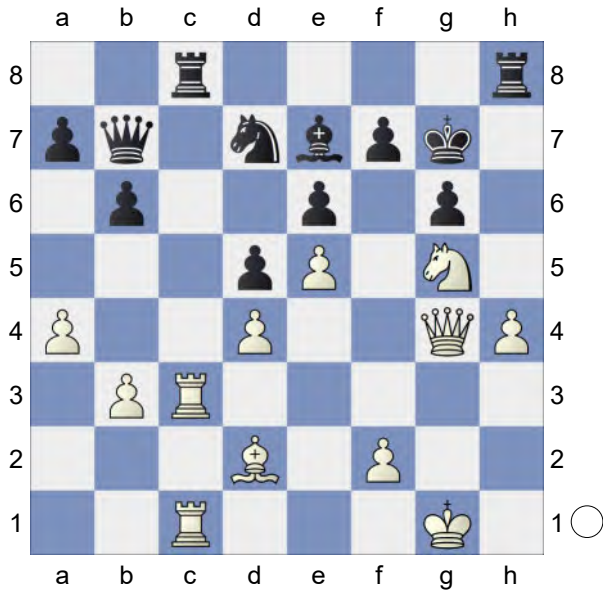
[25...b5 2.25/19 (Kitty Kat) might work better. 26.Rdc1 Bd8]



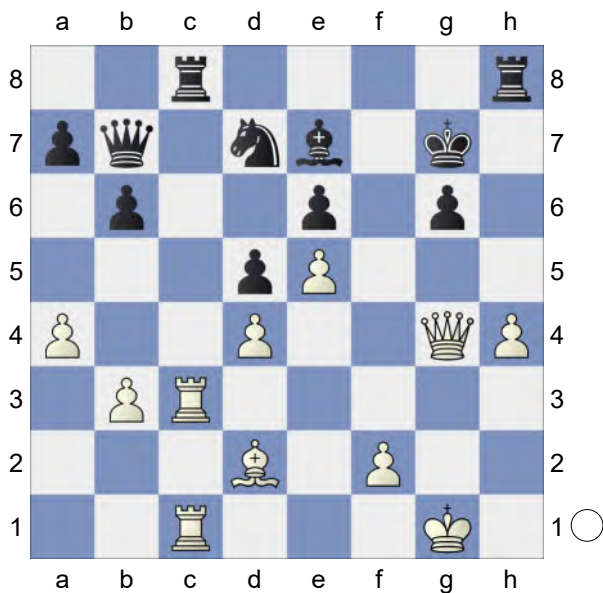
26.Bd2+- Be7 27.Rdc1 Kitty Kat: 'White is clearly winning.' **27...Rc8?** 7.90/24

[27...Bxg5 3.45/21 28.Bxg5 Rc8]

(Diagram)



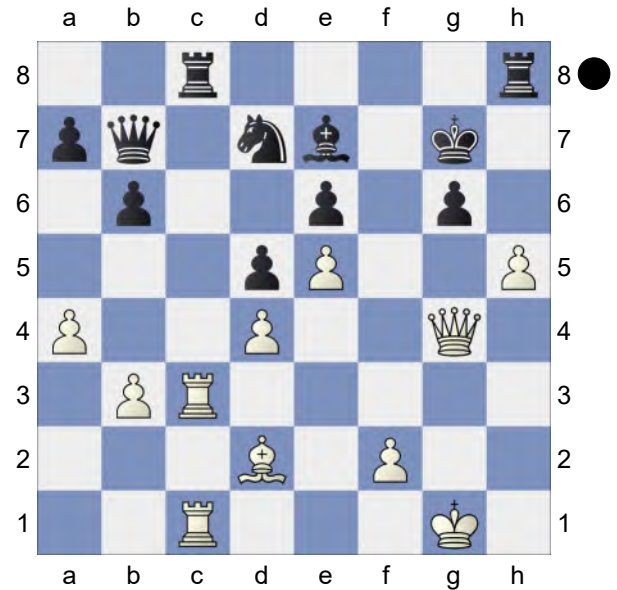
28.Nxe6+! fxe6



29.h5!

[Kitty Kat: 'Inferior is' 29.Qxe6 Bxh4
30.Bf4 (30.Rxc8 Rxc8 31.Rxc8
Qxc8=; 30.Rc6 Kitty Kat Rxc6
31.Rxc6 Nf8 32.Qxd5 Qf7 33.Qxf7+
Kxf7=) 30...Rxc3 31.Rxc3 Nf8±]

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.39. Mistake:
White=1 Black=7 Inaccurate:
White=3 --- OK: White=9
Black=4 Best: ---
Black=1 Strong: White=1 ---
Brilliant: White=1 --- Kitty Kat:
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Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.44'

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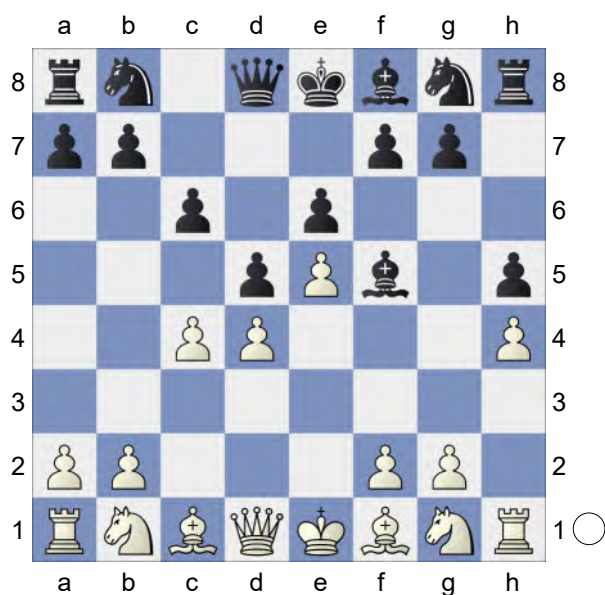
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation Kitty

Kat: 'B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

' 1.e4 Kitty Kat Kitty Kat 1...c6 2.d4 d5

3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.c4 e6



6.Nc3 dxc4! is more profitable than 6... Ne7 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 6... Se7. Kitty Kat: 'is more profitable than 6...Ne7 at the moment.' Kitty Kat: 'scheint profitabler als 6...Se7.' **7.Bxc4 Nd7 8.Nge2 Be7 9.Ng3** Kitty Kat: 'Threatens to win with Nxf5.' **9...Bg6 10.Nge2N**

[10.Be2 Qb6 11.Be3 Nh6 12.0-0 Bxh4 13.d5 Qc7 14.dxe6 fxe6 15.Qb3 Nxe5 16.Bc5 Bf7 17.Nce4 Be7 18.Rad1 0-0 19.Bxh5 Bxc5 20.Nxc5 Rae8 21.Bxf7+ Qxf7 22.Rd6 Rd8 23.Nge4 Rxd6 24.Nxd6 Qg6 Chapter 9 - 4.h4 & 5.c4-Part 2023]

[10.Nce4 Nh6 11.Bg5 (11.Ng5

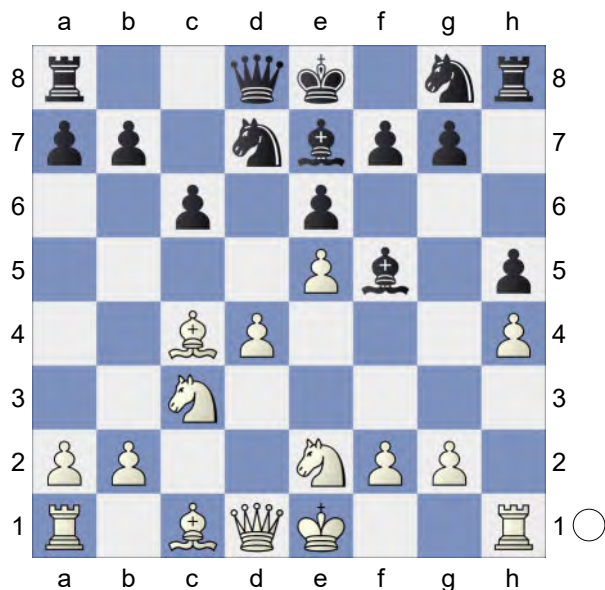
Qa5+ 12.Bd2 Bb4 13.N5e4 Bxe4 14.Nxe4 Nf5 15.Bc3 Bxc3+ 16.bxc3 Rd8 17.Bd3 Nxd4 18.Nd6+ Ke7 19.0-0 Nf3+ 20.gxf3 Nxe5 21.Nxb7 Qc7 22.Nxd8 Rxd8 23.f4 Rxd3 24.Qxh5 Nf3+ 25.Kg2 Qxf4 Chandler,M-Speelman,J Great Britain (ch) 40/150 1985 0-1) 11...Qa5+ 12.Kf1 Rd8 13.Qb3 Nb6 14.Bxe7 Kxe7 15.Nd6 Ng4 16.Be2 Rd7 17.Bxg4 hxc4 18.h5 Bh7 19.Qe3 Rg8 20.Qg5+ Kf8 21.Qxg4 Qd5 22.h6 Nc4 23.Nxc4 Qxc4+ 24.Kg1 Rxd4 8... Nbd7 (2660)-Taimanov with 5 Nb5 (2474) URS 1987 (8.1) 1-0] [10.Nge4 Kitty Kat Nh6 11.Bxh6 Rxh6 12.Qd2 Nb6 13.Be2 Nd5 14.Bf3 Qb6 15.g3 0-0-0 16.0-0 Kb8 17.Rfd1 Rhh8 18.Rac1 Bxe4 19.Nxe4 g6 20.Rc4 Rd7 21.Nc5 Bxc5 22.dxc5 Qc7 23.Qe1 Qd8 24.b4 g5 1-0 (45) Ellithorpe,G (2706)-Glaser,G (2568) 77/539 Batumi 1999 (1.6)]

10...Bf5

[10...b5 Kitty Kat 11.Bb3 b4 12.Na4 Bf5 13.Bc2 Bxc2 14.Qxc2 Rc8 15.Bd2 Nh6 16.Bxh6 Rxh6 17.0-0-0 Bxh4 18.Kb1 Bxf2 19.Rdf1 Be3 20.Qe4 Bg5 21.Qf3 f5 22.Rxh5 Qe7 23.Rxh6 gxh6 24.g4 fxg4 25.Qxg4 1/2-1/2 (39) Posizione (2460)-Saraiva de Carvalho,A (2513) Madrid 1996 (8) Qh7+ 26.Ka1 Ke7 27.d5 cxd5 28.Qxb4+ Ke8 29.Qb7 Rc2 30.Nac3 Qd3 31.Qc8+ Ke7 32.Qg8 Nxe5 33.Qg7+ Kd6 34.Qf8+ Kd7 35.Qg7+ Kd6 36.Qf8+ Kd7 37.Qg7+ 1/2-1/2 (39) Pajeken,J (2460)-Horvath,D (2513) Vienna 2023 (8)]

[10...Nh6 Kitty Kat 11.Nf4 Nf8 12.g3 Nf5 13.Be3 Qb6 14.Qb3 Nxe3 15.fxe3 Bf5 16.Bd3 Bxd3 17.Nxd3

Nd7 18.Rf1 0-0 19.Nf4 Qxb3
 20.axb3 g6 21.Ke2 c5 22.Rad1
 cxd4 23.exd4 Rfe8 24.Nb5 Rec8
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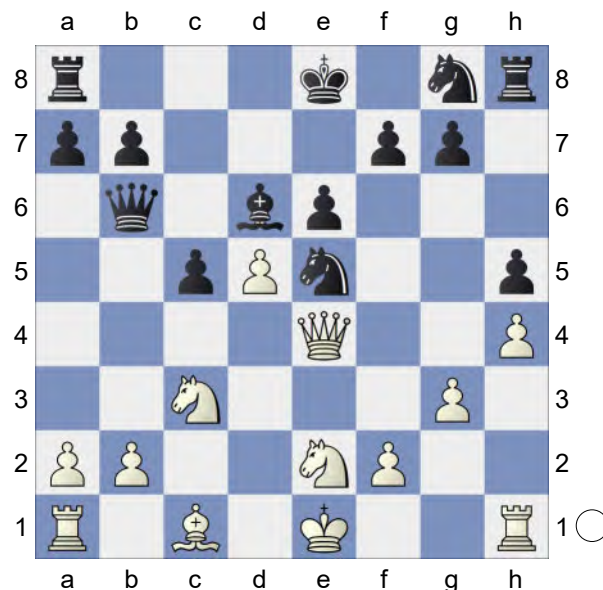
The position is equal. **11.g3** Kitty Kat: 'N' 'N' **11...Qb6!?** An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. Kitty Kat: 'An interesting side line.' Kitty Kat: 'Eine interessante Nebenvariante.' **12.Bd3 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 c5 14.d5 -0.04/17**

[14.Bf4± 0.44/9]

14...Nxe5= 15.Qe4 Bd6

[15...Nd7 (Kitty Kat) simplifies
 16.dxe6 Qxe6 17.Qxe6 fxe6 18.Bg5
 Ngf6]

(Diagram)



Kitty Kat: ' next ...0-0-0 is good for Black.

' **16.dxe6 -0.49/9**

[16.Qa4+= 0.08/11

A) 16...Ke7 Kitty Kat 17.Bg5+ f6
 18.dxe6 Kxe6 (18...Nf3+ 19.Kf1±)
 19.Bf4;

B) 16...Kf8 17.dxe6]

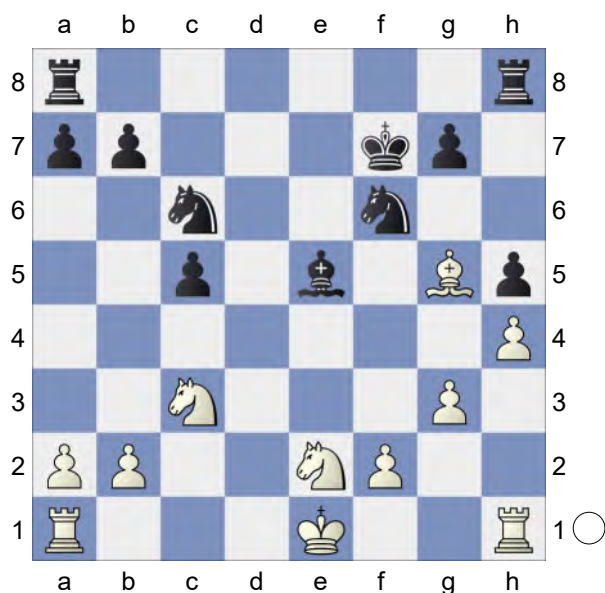
16...Nf6N -0.08/16

[Vorgänger: Kitty Kat: ' Better is'
 16...fxe6 -0.62/22 Kitty Kat: 'f' 'f'
 17.Bf4 (17.Qa4+ Kitty Kat Qc6
 18.Qxc6+ Nxc6) 17...Nf6 18.Qa4+
 Kf7! Hoping for ...Nd3+. Kitty Kat: '
 Strongly threatening ...Nd3+.' 19.0-0-0
 Threatens to win with Ne4. Kitty Kat:
 ' Hoping for Ne4.' c4! 20.Bxe5 Bxe5
 21.f4 Bxc3! 22.Nxc3

A) Better is 22...Rhd8!f -1.04/10
 ...Rac8 is the strong threat. Kitty
 Kat: ' And now ...Qe3+ would win.'
 23.Qxc4 Rac8 (23...Qe3+
 Kitty Kat 24.Kb1 Rac8);

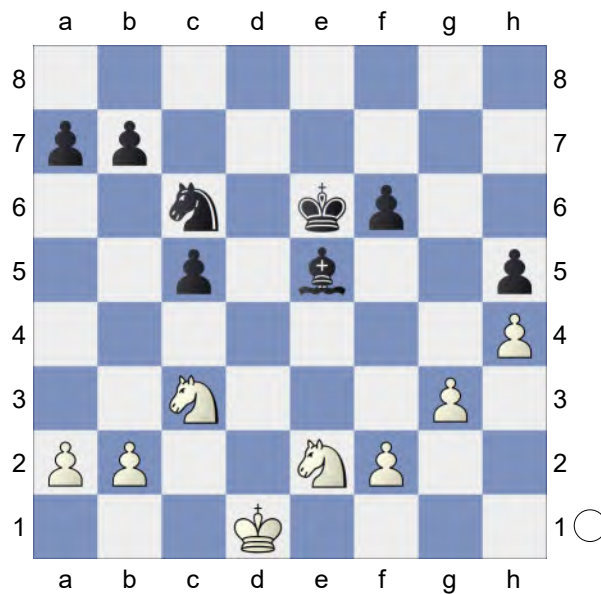
B) 22...Qe3+ -0.23/10 23.Kb1=
 Rhc8 24.Rhe1! Qxg3 0.36/11
 ;Ceteras,M (2356)-Nagley,T (2091)
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 (24...Qb6= -0.12/11; 24...Qf3=
 -0.11/21 Kitty Kat)]

[16...fxe6 $\bar{\text{f}}$ -0.49/9 17.Bg5 Nf6
 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Qa4+ Qc6
 20.Qxc6+ Nxc6]
17.Qa4+= Qc6 18.Qxc6+ Nxc6
19.exf7+ Kxf7 20.Bg5
 [20.0-0 Kitty Kat]
20...Be5

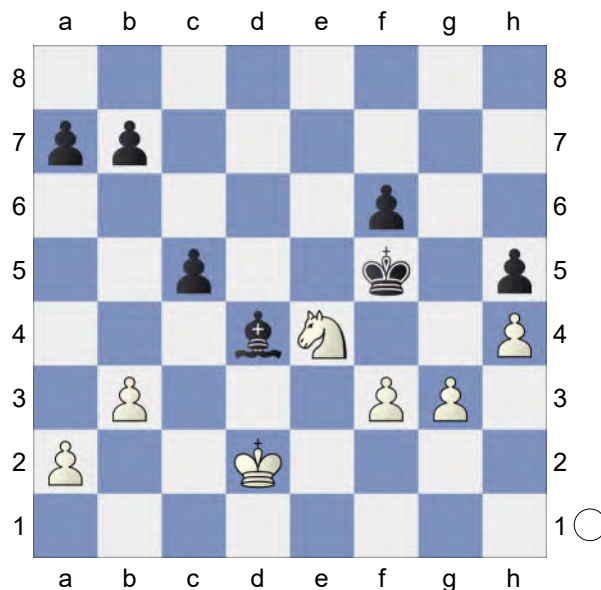


21.0-0-0 Rad8 22.Bxf6 -0.38/18
 [22.Bf4= 0.00/21]
22...gxf6 $\bar{\text{f}}$ 23.Rxd8 Rxd8 24.Rd1
Rxd1+ 25.Kxd1 -0.80/11 Endgame.
 KBN-KNN Kitty Kat: ' $\bar{\text{f}}$ ' $\bar{\text{f}}$ ' $\bar{\text{f}}$ ' Kitty Kat:
 'Endgame. KBN-KNN'
 [25.Nxd1 $\bar{\text{f}}$ -0.41/17 was preferable.
 Kitty Kat: '= ' '= ' Ke6 26.Kd2]
25...Ke6 -0.24/12
 [Black should play 25...Nd4! $\bar{\text{f}}$ -0.80/11
 Kitty Kat: ' $\bar{\text{f}}$ ' $\bar{\text{f}}$ ']

(Diagram)



26.Kd2 -0.87/10
 [26.Ne4= -0.24/12]
26...Kf5 0.00/14
 [Kitty Kat: ' Black should try'
 26...Nd4! $\bar{\text{f}}$ -0.87/10 Kitty Kat: ' $\bar{\text{f}}$ ' $\bar{\text{f}}$ ']
27.f3= Nd4 28.Nxd4+ Bxd4
 KB-KN Kitty Kat: ' KB-KN' 29.b3 Bf2
30.Ne4 Bd4

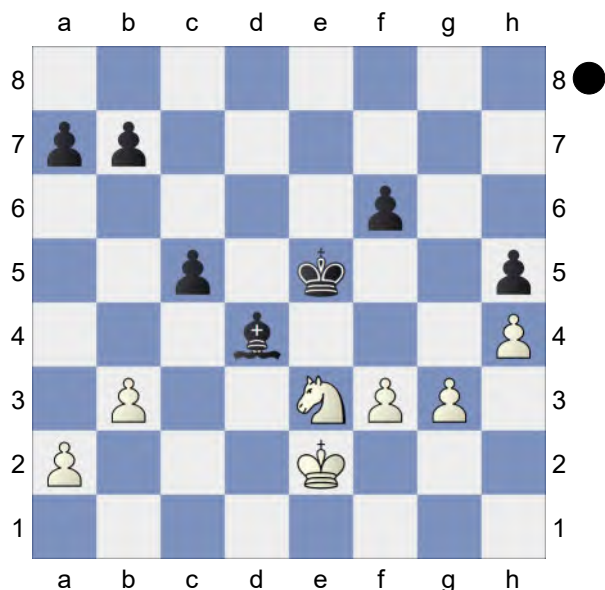


And now ...Ke5 would win. Kitty Kat: ' ...
 Ke5 is the strong threat.' **31.Nd6+ Ke5**
32.Nc4+ Kf5 0.43/25
 [32...Kd5!= 0.07/25 (Kitty Kat) is
 superior.]

33.Ne3+ Kitty Kat: '♙ ♚' **33...Ke5** 0.81/22
 [33...Kg6!± 0.45/27 might be
 stronger.]

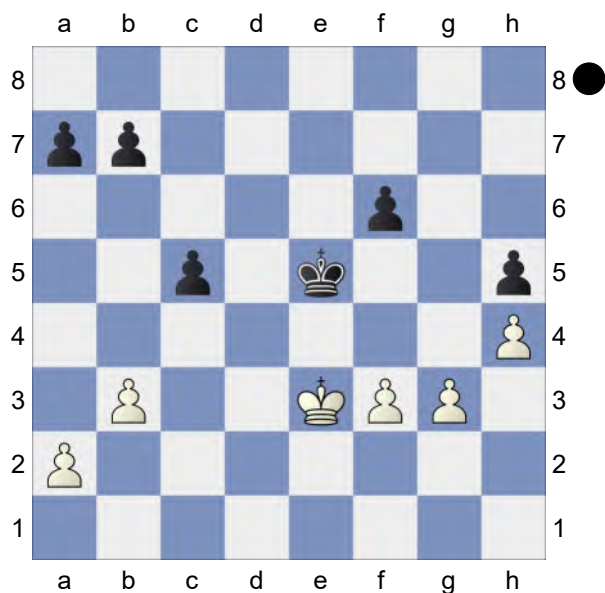
34.Ke2? -7.12/22

[34.Ng2± 0.81/22 Kitty Kat: '♙ ♚']



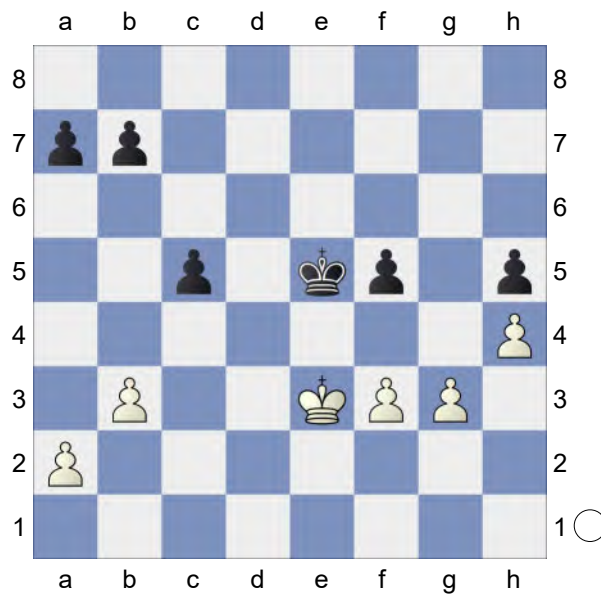
This costs White the game. Kitty Kat:
 '[#] This move loses the game for White.'

34...Bxe3!-+ 35.Kxe3

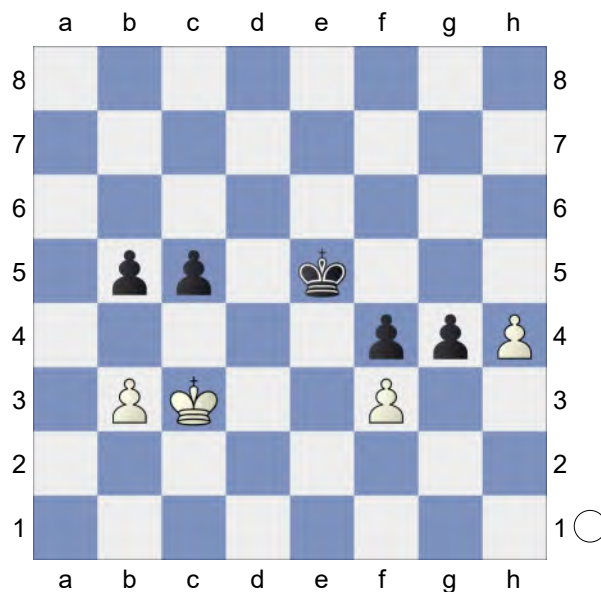


Black must now prevent g4. KP-KP
35...f5

(Diagram)

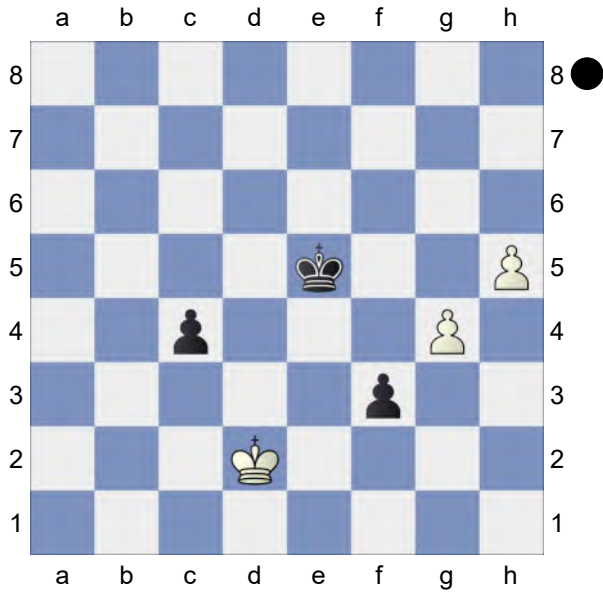


36.Kd3 b5 37.a4 a6 38.axb5 axb5
 Kitty Kat: ' aiming for ...f4.' **39.Kc3 f4**
40.g4 hxg4

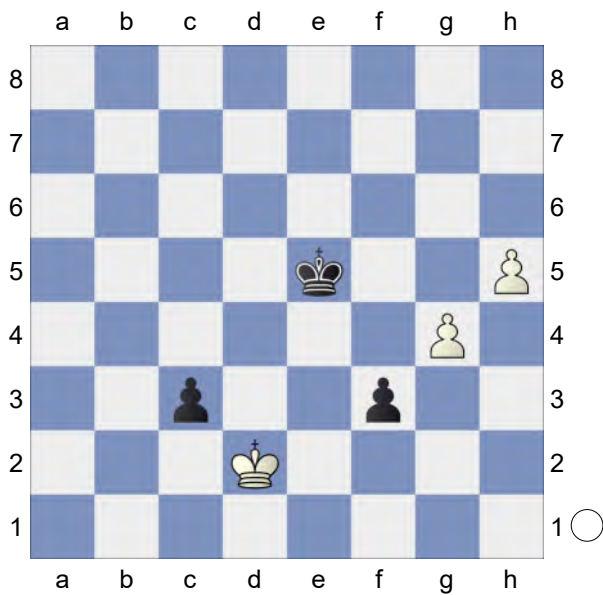


(→ ...g3) Kitty Kat: ' ...g3 would now be
 deadly.' **41.fxg4 f3** Kitty Kat: ' (-> ...f2)'
42.Kd2 Black mates. 42...c4 43.bxc4
44.h5

(Diagram)



c3+!



Promotion. Weighted Error Value:
 White=0.72/Black=0.11 (very precise) .
 Loses game: White=1 --- Mistake:
 White=5 Black=4 OK: White=12 Black=8
 Best: White=1 Black=1 Strong: ---
 Black=1 Kitty Kat: ' Promotion.
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.74/
 Black=0.27 (precise) '

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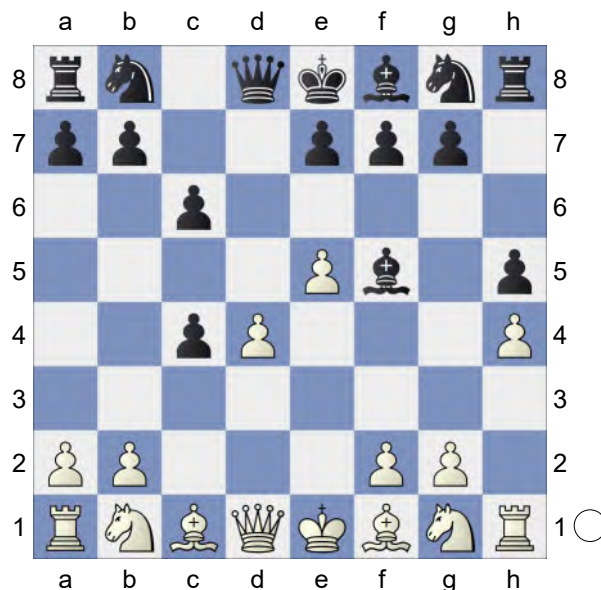
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.c4 dxc4

[Justin and earlier annotators have checked quite a few examples after 5...e6 6.Nc3 and now Black has chosen numerous moves. See, for instance, Kadric-Macovei in the archives for the sharpest main line. Be7 (6...Ne7; 6...Bb4; 6...Nd7!? 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Ne7 10.Nf3 See Alekseev, E-Iturrizaga Bonelli, E Khanty-Mansiysk 2010 in the archives.) 7.Nge2!? (An extra option is 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Nc6 10.Nf3 trying to make the point that Black's move ...Be7 is undesirable in the context of trying to develop the g8-knight. However, Black has scored alright with both a6 and ...Rc8.) 7...dxc4 8.Ng3 Bg6 9.Bxc4 Nd7 and we have transposed to the game. (9...Bxh4?! 10.Nge2±)]

(Diagram)



Not the most common reaction, though it ends up transposing. Keymer probably played this line thinking it was the most efficient way of getting to the position after his 9th. **6.Bxc4 e6 7.Nc3 Nd7 8.Nge2 Be7!?** A common idea in this line is to try and make White worry about the h4-pawn. To me, this move makes a lot more sense than ...Nb6, which creates a new tactical target (and, after all, Black can't have more than one piece on d5 at a time!)

[Black may play 8...Ne7 9.Ng3 Bg6 10.Bg5 Qb6 when 11.Rc1 would transpose to Firouzja-Artemiev in the archives, but maybe White can play the more maximalist 11.0-0± to gain an advantage.]

[8...Nb6 9.Bd3! (9.Bb3 Be7 10.Ng3 Bg6 11.Be3 Nh6 A recurring theme is that Black plays this move after White has already spent a tempo developing the c1-bishop. 12.Nxh5 Nf5 13.Nf4 Rxh4 14.Rxh4 Bxh4 15.Kf1 Bg5 16.Qf3 Bxf4 17.Qxf4 Qe7 18.g4 Nxe3+ 19.fxe3 Nd5= Ter Sahakyan, S-Wang, Y chess.com 2018) 9...Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Qd7 11.Bg5

f6 12.Bf4! (Speelman gave 12.Nf4 which seems like a speculative sacrifice with today's engines but speaks volumes to his imagination in the pre-computer era. fxf5 13.Ng6 Rh6 14.hxg5 Rxg6 15.Qxg6+ Qf7 16.Qxf7+ Kxf7 17.Rxh5[∞]) 12...Ne7 (12...0-0-0 13.0-0 f5 14.a4 Be7 15.a5± Black was already close to lost in Perunovic, M-Ratkovic,M Novi Sad 2018) 13.0-0 (13.Ne4 Ned5) 13...Ned5 14.Ne4 Qf7!? 15.exf6?! Nowadays we know that this structural change rarely benefits White. The g-file opens and it is extremely hard to try and claim the e6-pawn as a weakness. (15.Qb3!± and a4-a5 with an attack seems to be indicated.) 15...gxf6 16.Nd6+? (16.Bd6 0-0-0 17.Bxf8 Qxf8 18.Nc5[∞]) 16...Bxd6 17.Bxd6 Rg8⁷ Ekstroem,R-Speelman, J London 1993]

9.Ng3

[9.Be3 Nh6! Same motif as in the Ter-Sahakyan game above. Black is fine. 10.Ng3 Bg6 11.Nxh5 Nf5 12.Nf4 Nxe3 13.fxe3 Rxh4 14.Rxh4 Bxh4+= Shevchenko, K-Donchenko,A Sitges 2019]

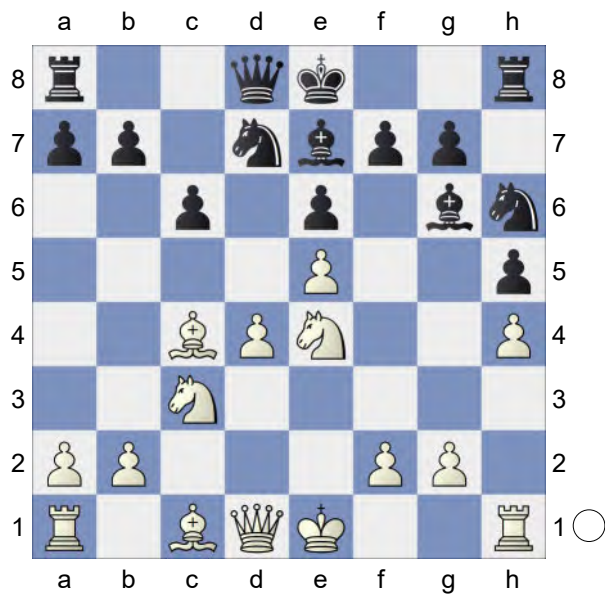
9...Bg6 10.Nge4!? I think we can say quite conclusively that this isn't the best move. White is prepared to play g3 to defend the h4-pawn in case of need, and (compared to Nce4) also keeps an additional piece controlling d5. However, now his knights get tangled up in a different way.

[10.Nce4 Nh6! 11.Ng5 (11.Bg5 Bxe4 12.Nxe4 Nf5 is the same kind of thing; Modern players might play 11.Bxh6 Rxh6 without especially thinking about it, but White has no way to resolve the knight tangle and

Black can take on h4 on his own time, possibly prefaced by ...Kf8.) 11...Qa5+ 12.Bd2 Bb4 13.N3e4 Bxe4 14.Nxe4 Nf5⁷ White has spent an awfully long time just moving knights. Black is possibly even better already, see Speelman's remarkably accurate MegaBase annotations to Chandler,M-Speelman, J Edinburgh 1985.]

[The caveman-esque 10.Be2!? seems to be most accurate, simply threatening to take on h5 in most cases. In my opinion this will become a focus of analysis in the 4.h4 h5 5.c4 variation. Qb6! (10...c5? Mitkov,N-Stojanovski,D Gevgelija 2002 11.d5!N Nxe5 12.Bf4±) 11.a4 (11.Bxh5? Bxh5 12.Nxh5 0-0-0⁷ and White's co-ordination is terrible.; 11.a3!? 0-0-0 12.Na4 Qc7 13.Bf4 f6[∞]) 11...a5 12.Be3!? Nh6! It seems that the rule of thumb that Be3 should be met by ...Nh6 is more than a slightly helpful indicator. (12...Qxb2 13.Nge4±) 13.Bxh5 Qxb2 14.Rc1 Bxh5 15.Qxh5 0-0-0! (Also playable is 15...Bb4 16.Nge4 0-0-0 17.Qe2 Qxe2+ 18.Kxe2 Nb6↑ but I'd rather be White here too, due to ideas like Nb5.) 16.0-0 Nf5! A very concrete resource behind Black's last move. 17.Qxf7 Rdf8 18.Qxe6 Nxe3 19.fxe3 Rxf1+ 20.Rxf1 Qxc3 21.Nf5 (21.Qxe7?! Qxe3+ 22.Kh2 Qxd4→) 21...Bxh4□ 22.Qg6[∞] White has an attack and a powerful pawn centre for the piece, but in the case of a 0.00 with no clear perpetual checks it again makes sense to curtail the analysis here with the simple comment that I prefer White's position.]

10...Nh6



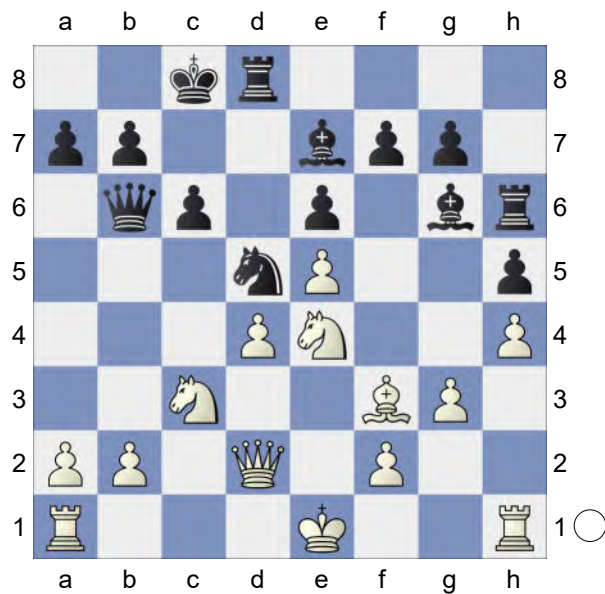
11.Bxh6 Rxh6 12.Qd2 Nb6?!
As played by a 2700 before, but that isn't a completely infallible predictor.

[12...Qa5! is a stronger move, seeking to embarrass White's knight constellation along the new weakest diagonal (a5-e1.) Black also intends long castling in conjunction with ... Nxe5 or ...c5 ideas. White is struggling to avoid being worse here. 13.Qe3]

13.Be2 Nd5 A common feature of this structure is that engines give Black a completely playable position, until suddenly they don't. The boundary between 0.2 and 1.1 is a lot finer than in some other openings! I tried a fair number of lines for Black, but nothing seems to get sustainable equality any more.

[13...Qc7 14.Rc1 Qd7 15.0-0 Rd8 16.Rfd1 Kf8 17.g3± White has more or less the perfect construction now, but still for Black to lose in under ten moves is a bit surprising. Perunovic, M-Wojtaszek,R Warsaw 2013]

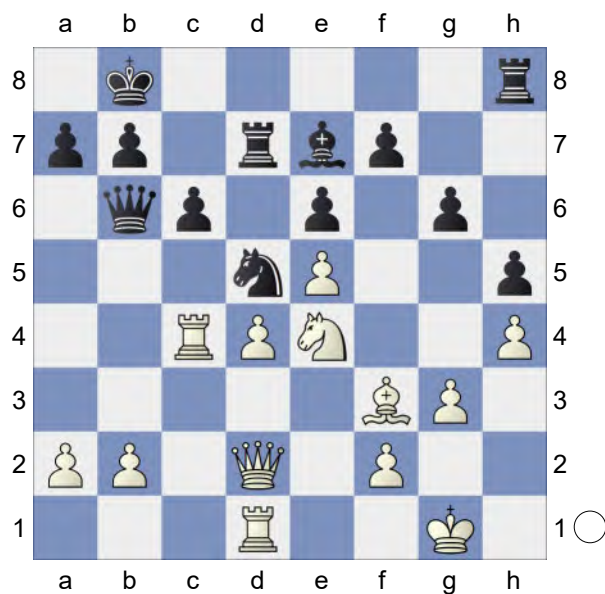
14.Bf3 Qb6 15.g3 0-0-0
(Diagram)



16.0-0 Kb8 17.Rfd1 Rhh8 18.Rac1 Bxe4 19.Nxe4 g6 20.Rc4 Adams sets about converting his little nibble with characteristic patience.

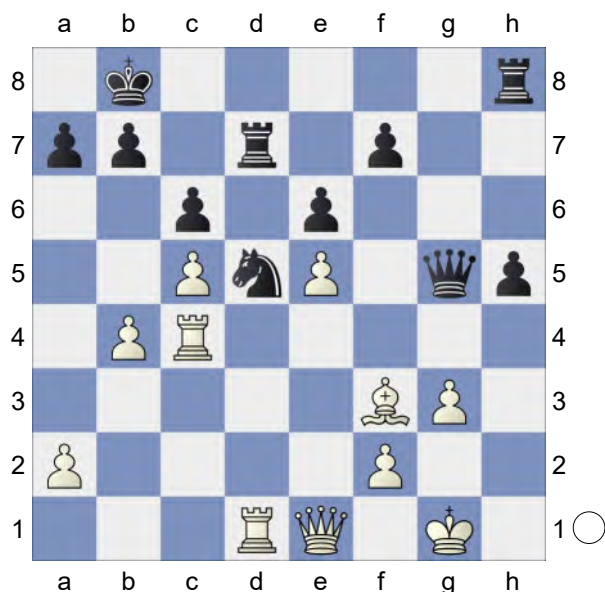
[White may as well get started on the queenside with 20.a3±]

20...Rd7



21.Nc5 Bxc5 22.dxc5 Qc7 23.Qe1 Qd8 24.b4 g5 25.hxg5 Qxg5

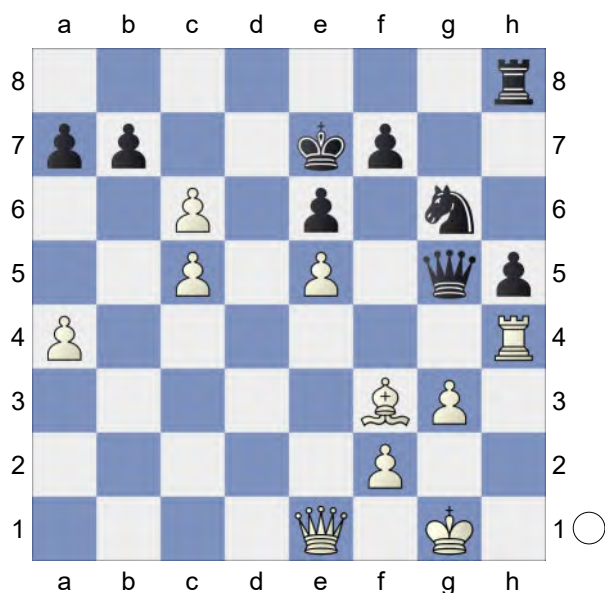
(Diagram)



26.Rh4 Kc8 27.a4 Ne7?

[27...Qf5± is much more patient, and stronger.]

28.Rxd7 Kxd7 29.b5 Ng6 30.bxc6+ Ke7



31.Rxh5 Now the best White gets is a better queen ending. In a practical game this is very reasonable.

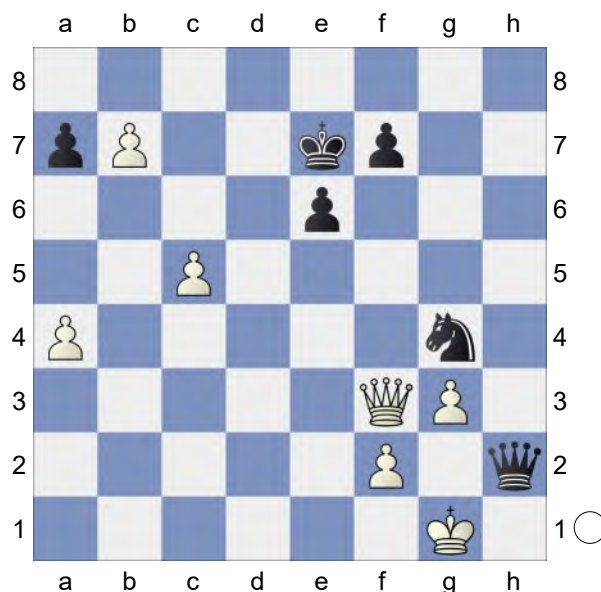
[It is easy to forgive Adams for 'missing' that after 31.Qd1! Nxh4 32.Qd6+ Ke8 he has the 'unbelievable' 33.Bg2!!+- destroying all perpetual check ideas (a knight on

g2 will be completely useless, unlike one on f3) and threatening cxb7.]

31...Rxh5 32.Bxh5 Qxh5 33.cxb7 Nxe5 34.Qe4 Ng4

[More stubborn was 34...Nf3+! 35.Kg2 Qh2+ 36.Kxf3 Qh1+ when to escape the perpetual mechanism White has to give up two pawns with check: 37.Ke3 Qe1+ 38.Kf4 Qxf2+ 39.Kg5 Qxc5+ 40.Kh4± White runs little risk of losing, but it is still hard to force yourself to make such a sacrifice.]

35.Qf3 Qh2+



36.Kf1 Qh5 37.Qc6?! Only this loses White's advantage.

[With the patient but rather inhuman 37.Ke1 White could have won the knight for the b7-pawn and continued grinding away. Qe5+ 38.Qe2 Qc7 (Maybe Adams missed that after 38...Qa1+ 39.Qd1 Qe5+ 40.Kf1 he threatens Qd6 as well as the knight?) 39.Qxg4 Qxb7 40.Qd4±]

37...Ne5??

[37...Ne3+! 38.fxe3 Qd1+= forced perpetual check on the spot.]

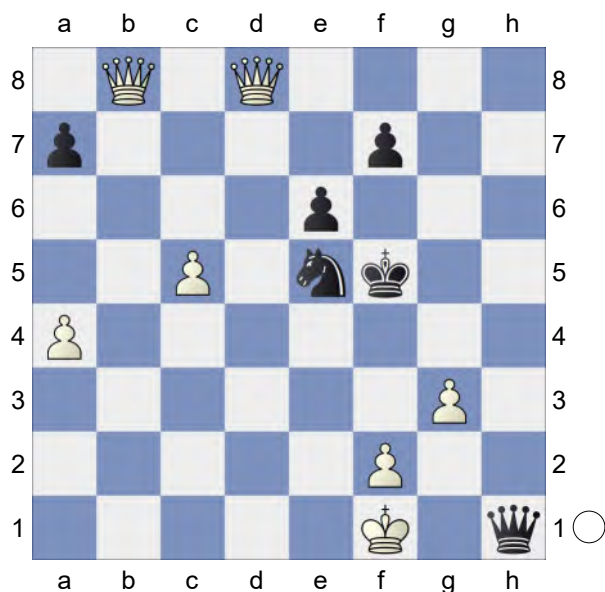
38.Qd6+ I'm not sure when White would

have realised he was winning, especially in probable time trouble. The instinct is just to make sure Black isn't giving mate and then queen the pawn. **38...Kf6**

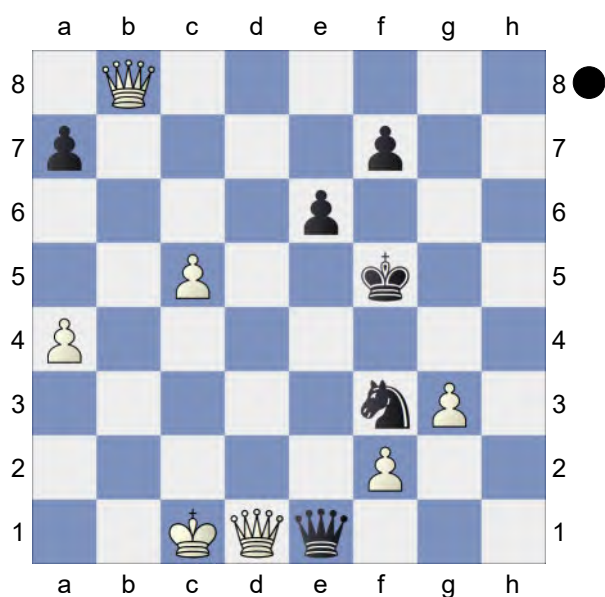
39.Qd8+! In addition to stopping Black giving mate, it also makes sense to rule out the possibility of ...Nc4 being a fork.

Very professional from Adams. **39...Kf5**

40.b8Q Qh1+



41.Ke2 Qf3+ 42.Ke1 Qe4+ 43.Kd2 Nf3+ 44.Kc1 Qe1+ 45.Qd1



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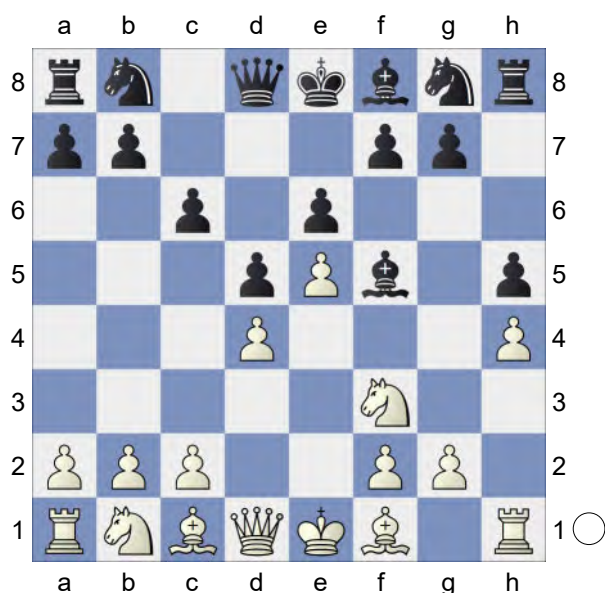
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[MH]

B12**2632****2497**

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation Inf 33/(179) Kitty Kat: 'B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

' 1.e4 Kitty Kat Kitty Kat 1...c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Nf3 e6



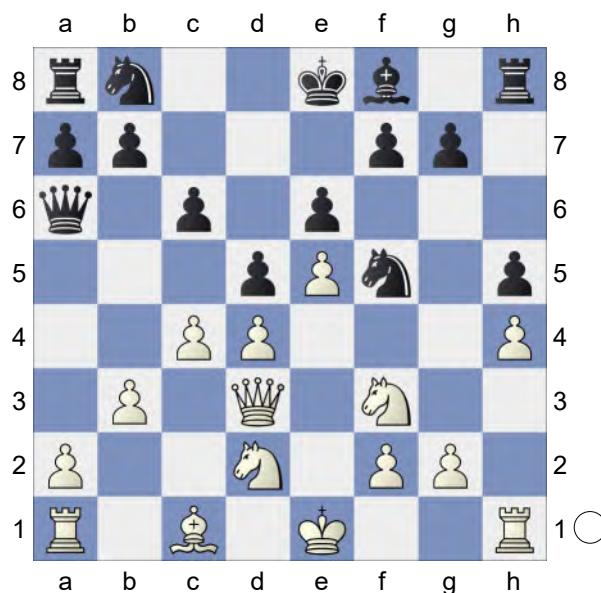
6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.Qxd3 Qa5+ 8.Nbd2 Qa6 9.c4 Nh6 The position is equal. Kitty Kat: 'White is slightly better.' 10.b3 -0.15/22

[10.0-0 0.44/23 Kitty Kat: ' ±' '±' Nf5 11.b3 0.57/20 Kitty Kat: ' ±' '±' Be7 12.a4 (12.g3 c5 13.Bb2 Nc6 14.Qb1 dxc4 15.d5 Ncd4 16.Bxd4 cxd4 17.Nxc4 0-0 18.d6 Bd8 19.Qe4 Qc6 20.Qxc6 bxc6 21.Rfd1 c5 22.Nfd2 f6 23.Ne4 Bb6 24.a4 Rac8 25.f4 fxe5 26.fxe5 Ne3 Neuhoff,L (2109) -Aniol,N (1592) GER-ch U14 Willingen 2023 (2) 1/2-1/2) 12...Bxh4 (12...Nd7 Kitty Kat 13.a5 c5 14.Ba3 cxd4 15.Bxe7

Nxe7 16.Nxd4 Rd8 17.Qg3 dxc4 18.Nxc4 0-0 19.Qg5 Ng6 20.Nf3 Nc5 21.Qxh5 Nf4 22.Qg4 Ne2+ 23.Kh2 Nxb3 24.Rae1 Ned4 25.Nd6 Nxf3+ 26.gxf3 1-0 (56) Sinz,B (2308)-Seo,J (2130) Rilton Cup 52nd 2024 (8)) 13.Ba3 Be7 14.Bxe7 Nxe7 15.a5 Nd7 16.Rfc1 Rd8 17.b4 dxc4 18.Nxc4 Nf5 19.Ng5 Nb8 20.Qf3 Qb5 21.Ne3 g6 22.Ne4 0-0 23.Nf6+ Kg7 24.Nxh5+ gxh5 2 b4 and 2 a3 (2650)-Levitina,I (2679) Vienna Ottakring 100 Years 2023 (8) 1-0]

10...Nf5 0.57/20

[10...c5= -0.15/22 Kitty Kat]



11.Bb2!? 0.00/22 Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. Kitty Kat: 'Exploring less charted territory.' 'Kitty Kat: 'Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.' 11...Be7N

[11...Bb4 12.a3 Bxd2+ 13.Kxd2 Nd7 14.Ke2 dxc4 15.bxc4 0-0-0 16.a4 f6 17.exf6 Spassky,B-Larsen,B 33/(179) Bugojno 1982 Nxf6 Kitty Kat 18.Rhd1 Ng4 19.Ba3 g6 20.Qc3 Qb6 21.Rd2 Qc7 22.Re1 Rhe8 23.Kd1 e5 24.dxe5 Nxf2+ 25.Kc2 Ng4 26.Bd6

1-0 (38) Miles, E (2610)-Zhang, W (2595) DVM U20 Berlin 1996 (12)]

12.g3 Nd7 13.Qc2 g6N

[Vorgänger: 13...b6 14.0-0 Qb7 15.Rfe1 0-0 16.Rac1 Rac8 17.Qd3 g6 0.34/20 (17...c5= -0.29/19 Kitty Kat) 18.Nf1 -0.24/18 (18.cxd5± 0.34/20 Kitty Kat cxd5 19.Nf1) 18...c5 Kitty Kat: '=' '=' 19.cxd5 Qxd5 Nurmanova, A (2008)-Li, X (2328) Speed Chess (Women) Q1 blitz 2021 (7) 1-0]

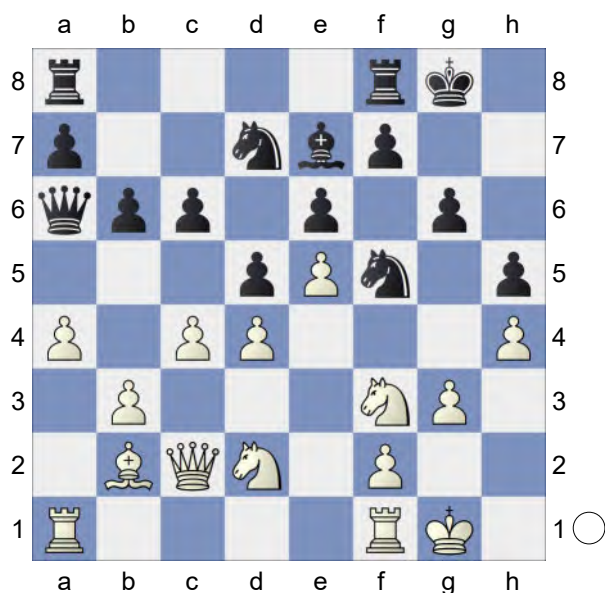
14.a4 -0.44/20

[14.0-0= 0.01/19 deserves consideration. Kitty Kat: ' is more appropriate.']

14...b6 -0.02/18

[14...c5± -0.44/20 was preferable. Kitty Kat: ' was preferable.']

15.0-0= 0-0



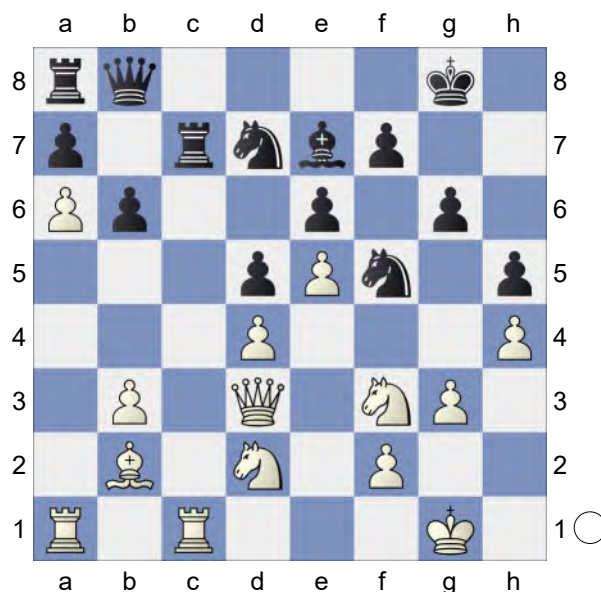
16.Rfc1 Rfc8 17.a5 -0.56/22 Qb7 0.45/21

[Kitty Kat: ' Black should play' 17...c5!± -0.56/22]

18.a6± Qb8 19.Qd3 Rc7 20.cxd5 0.14/19

[20.Nf1± 0.64/19]

20...cxd5



21.Rxc7 0.25/21

[21.Qb5± 0.62/23 Kitty Kat]

21...Qxc7 Kitty Kat: '=' '=' 22.Rc1 Qd8

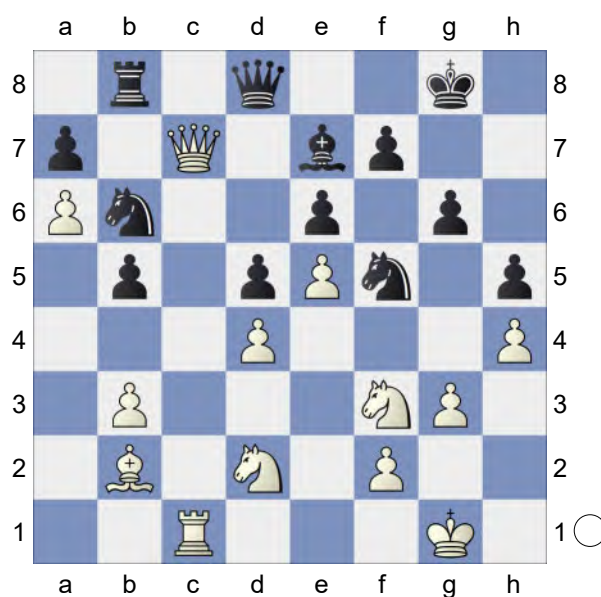
23.Qc2 Prevents Rc8 Kitty Kat: ' Against Rc8' 23...b5 24.Qc6 -0.01/24

[24.Nf1± 0.36/22]

24...Rb8= Kitty Kat: ' Prevents Qb7'

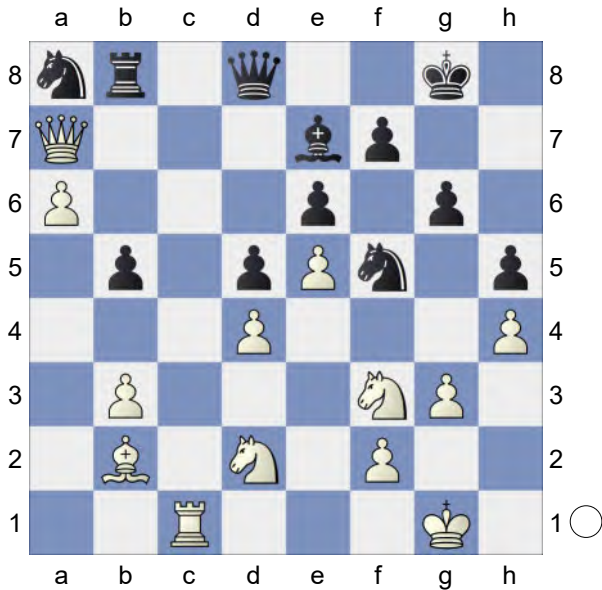
25.Qc7 Kitty Kat: '↑' '↑' Kitty Kat: ' White is pushing.' 25...Nb6 0.95/22

[25...Bb4!= 0.01/24]



26.Qxa7 Na8 1.31/22

[26...Ra8 0.78/23 27.Qb7 Rb8]



Inhibits Rc7. Kitty Kat: '[#] Prevents Rc7.'
27.Ng5? -1.09/22 White is much more active. **27...Qe8?** 1.71/23

[27...Bxg5± -1.09/22 Kitty Kat: ' stays on course.' 28.hxg5 Rb6]

28.Ndf3↑ Threatens to win with Nxf7!

White is on the roll. Kitty Kat: ' ±' '±'

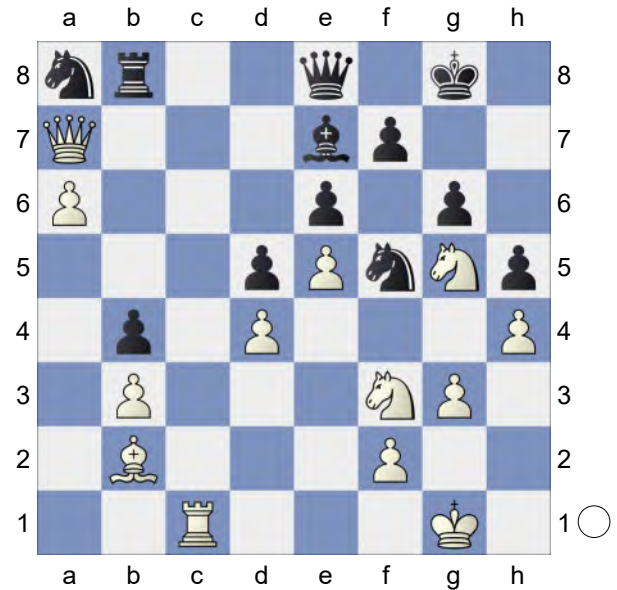
Kitty Kat: ' Nxf7! is the strong threat.

White is much more active.' **28...b4?**

3.05/22 Kitty Kat: '

[28...Rd8± 1.34/21 Kitty Kat: ' keeps fighting.']

(Diagram)



' **29.Rc2** 1.61/21

[Δ29.Nxf7 3.05/22 Kitty Kat: '+-!' '+-!'

Kitty Kat: ' and the rest is easy.

Hoping for N3g5.' Kxf7 30.Ng5+

Deflection Kitty Kat: ' Deflection' Kg8

31.Nxe6]

29...Kg7? 3.57/20

[29...Rd8 1.61/21 is a better defense.

Kitty Kat: '±' '±']

30.Bc1? 1.23/22

[30.Nxf7+- 3.57/20 and the rest is

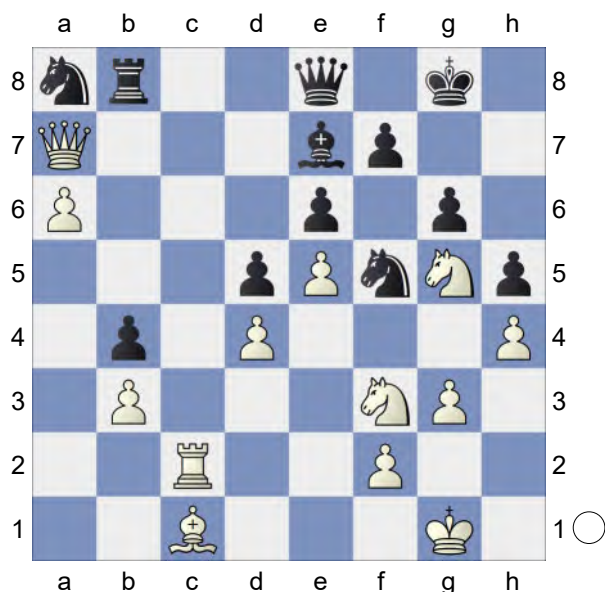
easy. Kitty Kat: ' is more deadly.' Kxf7

31.Ng5+ Deflection Kitty Kat: ' Deflection' Kg8 32.Nxe6]

30...Kg8? 3.54/23

[30...Rd8± 1.23/22]

(Diagram)



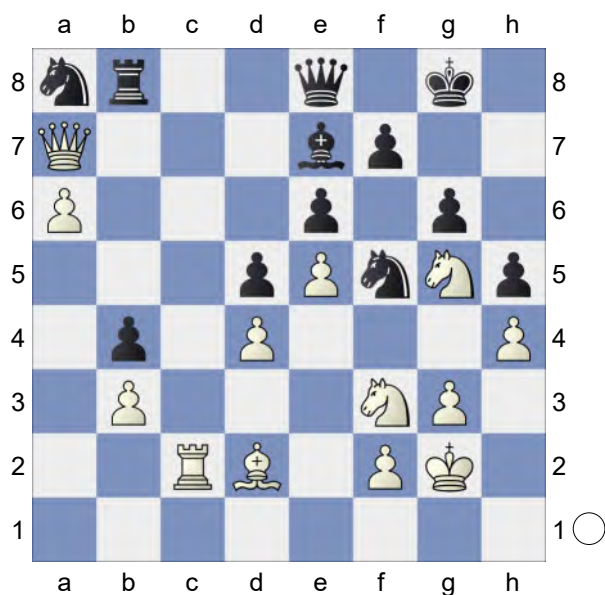
Kitty Kat: ' Black cannot hold the game after this.' **31.Bd2** Kitty Kat: ' Nxf7! would now be deadly.' **31...Kg7** 3.57/23

[31...Rd8 2.15/22 was worth a try.

Kitty Kat: ' was necessary.']

32.Kg2 Kitty Kat: ' Strongly threatening Nxe6+!' **32...Kg8?** 4.54/23

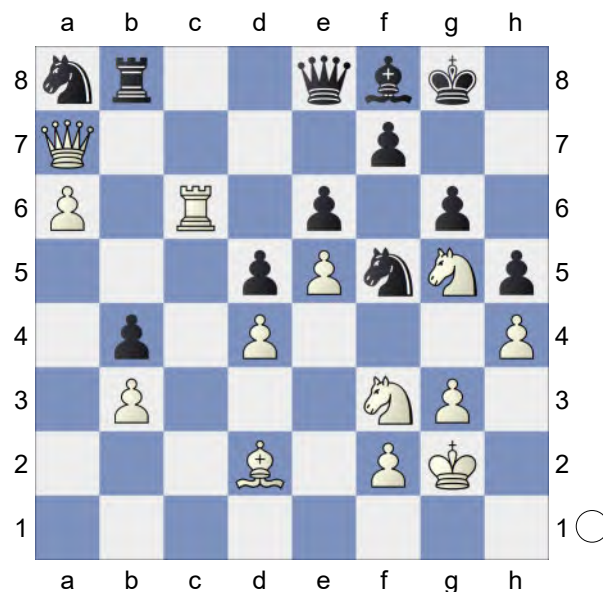
[32...Rd8 2.22/23 Kitty Kat: ' was called for.']



33.Rc6 2.14/21 **Bf8?** 8.17/23

[33...Rd8 2.14/21 34.Nxf7 Decoy (34.Qb7 Rb8+-) 34...Kxf7 35.Ng5+

Deflection Kg8 36.Nxe6 (36.Rxe6 Rd7+-) 36...Rd7 (36...Qxc6? loses. 37.Nxd8 Qc8 38.Ne6+-)]



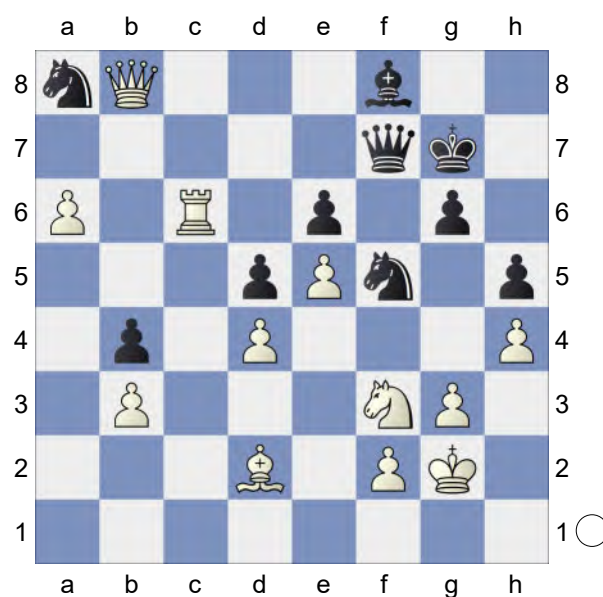
34.Nxf7! Deflection. White is clearly winning. Kitty Kat: '+-!' '+-!' Kitty Kat: ' Deflection. White is clearly winning.'

34...Qxf7

[34...Ne7 35.N7g5]

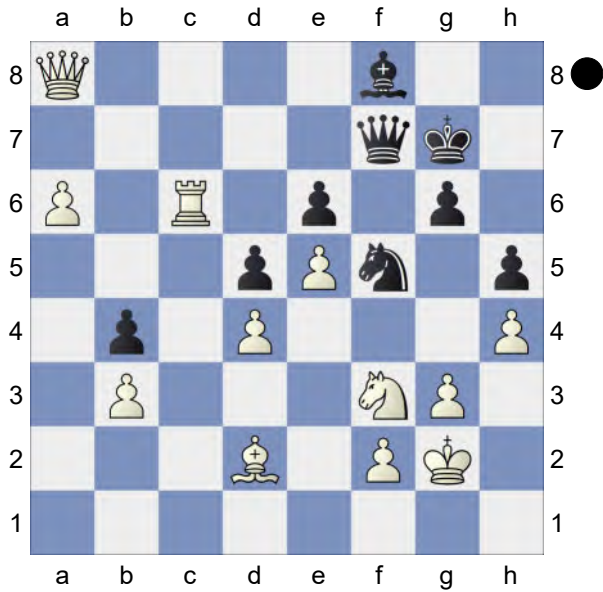
[34...Ng7 Kitty Kat 35.N3g5]

35.Qxb8 Kg7



36.Qxa8

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.65/
 Black=0.78. Loses game: ---
 Black=3 Missed win: White=1 -
 -- Mistake: White=7
 Black=8 Inaccurate: White=3
 Black=3 OK: White=8
 Black=6 Best: White=2
 Black=1 Kitty Kat: '
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.58/
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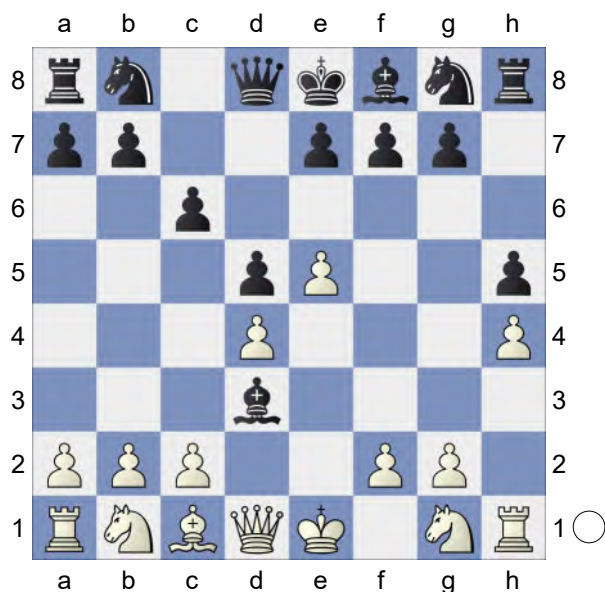
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 Qa5+ Edouard,Romain: 'This move order's goal is to provoke Nd2 before White plays Bg5.' Edouard,Romain: 'Das Ziel dieser Zugfolge ist es, Sd2 zu provozieren, bevor Weiß Lg5 spielt.'

[6...e6 7.Bg5 Edouard,Romain: 'is the alternative.' Edouard,Romain: 'ist die Alternative.' Qb6 8.Nd2 Nh6 (8...c5! see my notes to Jones, G - Fernandez, D.) 9.Ne2 Nf5 10.0-0 Nd7 11.Nf3 Be7 12.Bxe7 Nxe7 13.b4 a5 14.a3 Qa6 15.Qd1 axb4 16.axb4 Qxa1 17.Qxa1 Rxa1 18.Rxa1 0-0 19.Nf4 g6 20.Nd3± 1-0 (80) Korneev, O (2545)-Bryakin,M (2426) Moscow RUS 2019 1-0 (80) Korneev, O (2545)-Bryakin,M (2426) Moscow RUS 2019]

7.Nd2 e6 8.Ne2!? A new position for our archives. A new position for our archives. 8...Qa6

[8...c5 is my recommendation.

A) 9.c3 Qa6 10.Qc2 (10.Qxa6 Nxa6 11.Nf3 Ne7=) 10...Nc6 11.Nf3 cxd4 12.Nexd4 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Rc8=;

B) 9.0-0 Qa6 (9...Nc6 10.Nf3↑) 10.Nf3 Qxd3 11.cxd3 Nc6 12.Bg5 cxd4 13.Nexd4 Be7=]

[8...Nh6 is similar to 8...Ne7, although it does more or less commit the knight to f5. is similar to 8...Ne7, although it does more or less commit the knight to f5. 9.c3 Nf5 (9...Qa6 10.Qxa6 Nxa6 11.b4 Nf5 12.a4 with some pressure.) 10.Nf3 c5 1-0 (52) Iljiushenok, I (2519)-Maltsevskaya,A (2260) Khanty-Mansiysk 2017 1-0 (52) Iljiushenok, I (2519)-Maltsevskaya,A (2260) Khanty-Mansiysk 2017 11.dxc5 Qxc5 12.Bg5→]

[8...Ne7

A) 9.c3 Qa6 10.Qxa6 (10.Qc2 c5 11.Nf3 cxd4 12.cxd4 Nbc6 13.0-0 Rc8 14.Qd1 Nf5 15.Bg5 Be7 16.Ng3 Bxg5 17.Nxf5 Be7 18.Nxe7 Nxe7 19.Qd2 Nf5= 0-1 (34) Iljiushenok,I (2532)-Artemiev,V (2703) Cheliabinsk 2018) 10...Nxa6 11.b4 Nb8 12.Nb3 Nd7 13.a4 f6;

B) 9.0-0

B1) 9...Nf5 10.Nf3 Qa6 11.Qd1 Be7 (11...c5 12.c3 Nc6 1-0 (34) Antipov,M (2593) -Dreev,A (2649) Moscow 2018 1-0 (34) Antipov,M (2593) -Dreev,A (2649) Moscow 2018 13.Bg5 Rc8 14.Re1 Be7 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.Nf4→) 12.g3 c5 13.c3 Nc6

1/2-1/2 (67) Nakamura,H (2787)-Artemiev,V (2697) Moscow 2018
1/2-1/2 (67) Nakamura,H (2787)-Artemiev,V (2697) Moscow 2018
14.Kg2 0-0 15.Bg5↑;

B2) 9...Qa6! 10.c4 (10.Qxa6 Nxa6 11.Nf3 c5=) 10...Nf5 11.g3 c5" 0-1 (27) Gusain,H (2438)-Donchenko,A (2553) Moscow 2017]

9.c4 Edouard,Romain: 'A crucial move not to lose control of the light-squares.'
Edouard,Romain: 'Ein kritischer Zug, um nicht die Kontrolle über die weißen Felder zu verlieren.' **9...c5?**
Edouard,Romain: '?!' '?!'
Edouard,Romain: 'It is now well-known that Black cannot react in the center that early. Instead, 9...Nh6, 9...Ne7, 9...Nd7, 9...Bb4 are all normal moves.'
Edouard,Romain: 'Es ist mittlerweile bekannt, dass Schwarz im Zentrum nicht so früh reagieren kann. Stattdessen sind 9...Sh6, 9...Se7, 9...Sd7, 9...Lb4 alles normale Züge.'

[9...Ne7

A) 10.a4 to meet c5 with (10...Nd7 is best, when I still don't see why Black isn't equalising: is best, when I still don't see why Black isn't equalising: 11.b3 Rd8) 11.Nc3± is an idea.;

B) 10.b3

B1) 10...Nf5? falls right into White's idea. 11.Ng3! g6 (11...Nxcg3 12.Qxcg3 Qb6 13.Bb2±) 12.Nxf5 gxf5 1-0 (59) Istratescu,A (2583)-Antal,G (2523) Aschach 2017 1-0 (59) Istratescu,A (2583)-Antal,G (2523) Aschach 2017 13.0-0±;

B2) 10...c5 11.0-0 Nbc6 12.Nf3

1/2-1/2 (41) Iljiushenok,I (2516)-Yuffa,D (2566) Sochi 2018 1/2-1/2 (41) Iljiushenok,I (2516)-Yuffa,D (2566) Sochi 2018 Nf5 13.Bg5 Be7 14.Bxe7 dxc4! 15.bxc4 Ncxe7∞]

[9...Nh6

A) 10.Qc3 Be7 (10...Nd7 11.Ng3 c5 12.0-0 is now the correct approach for White because Black has committed his queen's knight to d7. is now the correct approach for White because Black has committed his queen's knight to d7.) 11.b3 Nf5 12.Nf3 Nd7∞;

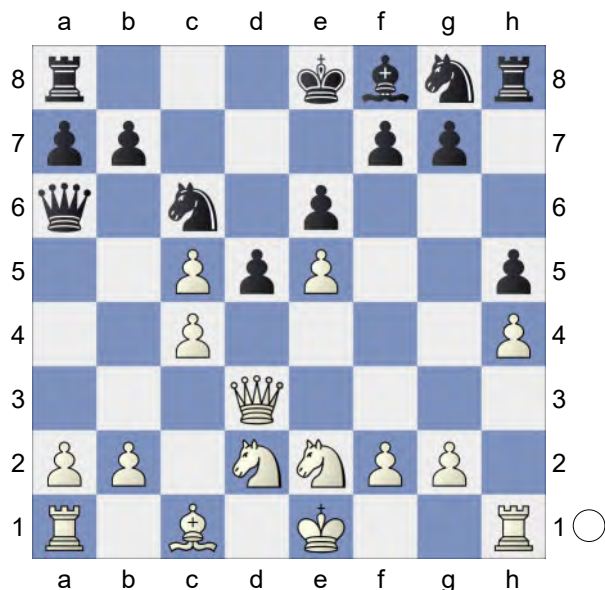
B) 10.Ng3?! c5 11.0-0 Nc6 12.dxc5 1-0 (29) Jones,G (2682)-Belozerov, A (2528) St Petersburg 2018 1-0 (29) Jones,G (2682)-Belozerov, A (2528) St Petersburg 2018 Bxc5]

10.dxc5 Edouard,Romain: 'N!' 'N!' Edouard,Romain: 'Black is already in trouble.' Edouard,Romain: 'Schwarz ist bereits in Schwierigkeiten.' **10...Nc6**

[10...Bxc5 11.Qc3 Nd7 12.b4! Edouard,Romain: 'also with big problems for Black.' Edouard,Romain: 'ebenfalls mit großen Problemen für Schwarz.' Be7 13.b5 Qa4 14.cxd5 Qxb5 15.Nf4±]

[10...Nd7 11.Qc3 Nxc5 12.b4 is similar to the above as Na4 13.b5 Nxc3 14.bxa6 Nxe2 15.axb7 Rb8 16.Kxe2 Rxb7 17.cxd5 exd5 18.Nf3 isn't really playable for Black.]

(Diagram)



11.Qc3 Edouard,Romain: '!' '!'

11...dxc4?!

[11...Nge7 12.0-0 Rd8 13.b4±]

12.b4?

[12.Ne4 Edouard,Romain: 'looked simple and strong.' Edouard,Romain: 'sah einfach und stark aus.' Rd8 (12...b5 13.0-0+-) 13.Nd6+ (13.b4 is not so natural now but apparently also good. is not so natural now but apparently also good. Rd3 14.Qb2 c3 15.N2xc3 Qc4 16.0-0 Nxe5 17.Re1±) 13...Bxd6 14.exd6 Qa5 15.Qxa5 Nxa5 16.Bd2 Nc6 17.Rc1 b5 18.a4 a6 19.axb5 axb5 20.b3 cxb3 21.Rh3±]

12...cxb3?

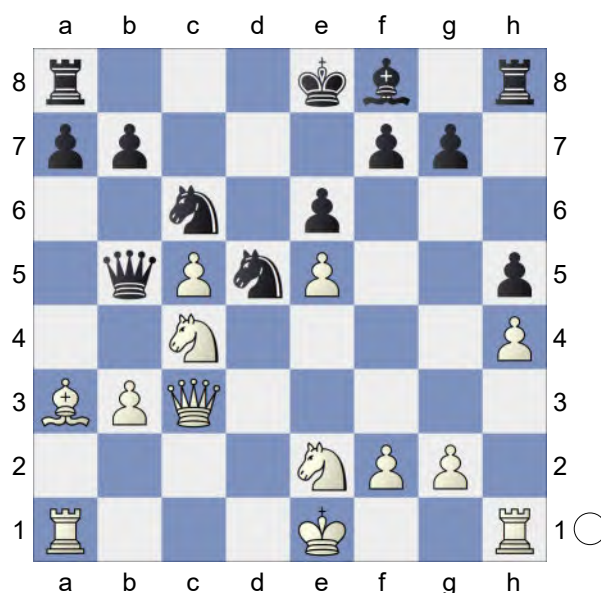
[12...Nge7 Edouard,Romain: '!' '!' Edouard,Romain: 'with the idea of Edouard,Romain: 'mit der Idee' 13.Qxc4 (13.Qb2 c3! 14.Nxc3 Nxe5 15.b5 Qa5∞) 13...Nxe5 (13...Qxc4 14.Nxc4 Ng6 would not be clear. wäre nicht klar.) 14.Qxa6 bxa6 isn't really clear, a6-a5 may be used as a wedge. isn't really clear, a6-a5 may be used as a wedge.]

13.axb3 Qb5 14.Ba3 Again, White errs

in refraining from the active knight move. Edouard,Romain: '?!' '?!' Again, White errs in refraining from the active knight move.

[14.Ne4 Edouard,Romain: 'once again looked simple and strong.' Edouard,Romain: 'sah wieder einmal einfach und stark aus.' 0-0-0 (14...Nh6 15.Bxh6 Rxh6) 15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.exd6 Nf6 17.Ba3±]

14...Nge7 15.Nc4 Nd5



16.Qg3 Edouard,Romain: '?!' '?!'

[16.Qf3 Bxc5 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Nd6+ Kd7 19.Qxf7+ Nce7 and Black should survive. und Schwarz sollte überleben.]

16...g6?

[16...Bxc5!

A) 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qxg7 (18.Nd6+ Kf8 19.0-0 Rh6±) 18...Qb4+ 19.Kf1 0-0-0!∞

Edouard,Romain: 'would simply be better for Black.' Edouard,Romain: 'wäre einfach besser für Schwarz.';

B) 17.Qxg7 Bb4+ 18.Kf1 0-0-0∞]

17.Nc3? It is quite surprising how many serious errors were made in this high level encounter. Edouard,Romain: '??'

'??' It is quite surprising how many serious errors were made in this high level encounter.

[17.0-0 Bxc5 18.Bxc5 Qxc5 19.Nd6+ Kf8 20.Rac1 (20.Nf4 would be crushing. wäre vernichtend.) 20...Qa5 21.Nf4±]

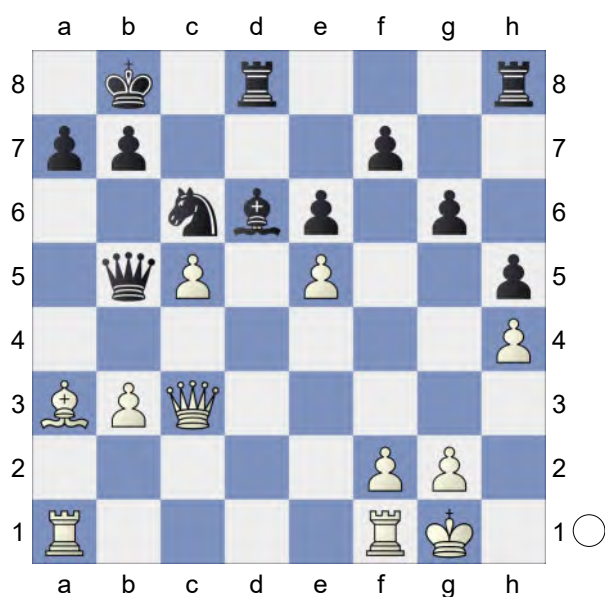
17...Nxc3?

[The cold-blooded Edouard,Romain: 'Missing' Edouard,Romain: 'Verpasst' 17...Qxb3 Edouard,Romain: '!' '!' Edouard,Romain: 'with the idea of' Edouard,Romain: 'mit der Idee' 18.Nxd5 Qxc4 19.Nf6+ (19.Nc7+? Kd7 20.Nxa8 Nd4! winning for Black. und Schwarz gewinnt.) 19...Ke7 20.Rc1 Qa6 would have been well rewarded.]

18.Qxc3 0-0-0 19.0-0+-
Edouard,Romain: 'Now Black's position is a disaster.' Edouard,Romain: 'Jetzt ist die Stellung von Schwarz eine Katastrophe.' **19...Kb8**

[19...Bxc5? 20.Bxc5 Qxc5 21.Nd6++-]

20.Nd6 Bxd6



21.exd6 Rhe8 22.Bc1 Rd7 23.Be3 e5 24.f4 exf4

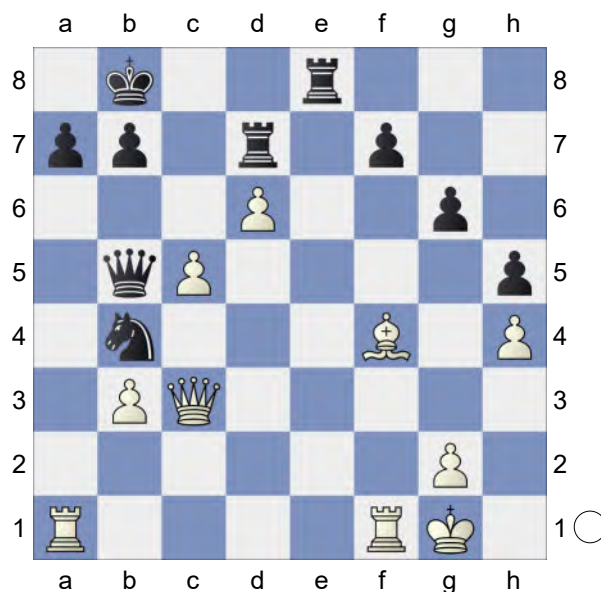
[24...e4 25.Rfd1+- (25.f5 would not be any better.wäre auch nicht besser.)]

25.Bxf4?!

[25.Rxf4 f5 (25...a6 26.Re1+-) 26.Rfa4 a6 27.Re1+-]

25...Nb4

[25...Qb4 26.Qxb4 Nxb4 27.Bg3±]

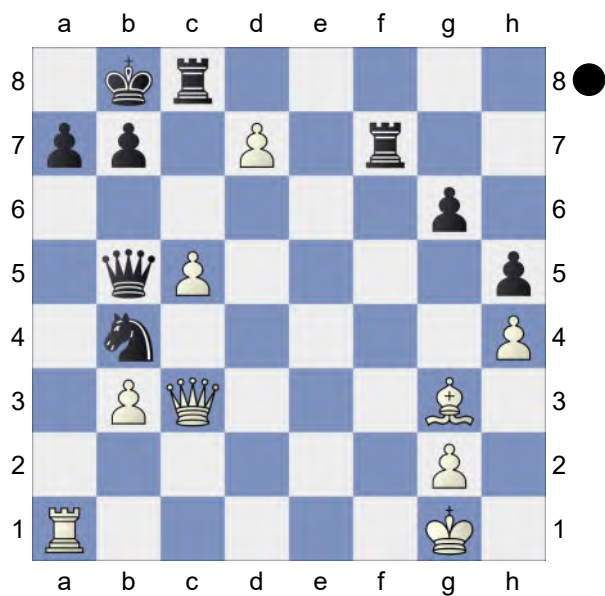


26.Bg3 Rc8

[26...Ka8 27.Rfe1 is not as bad, but anyway lost for Black.ist nicht so schlimm, aber trotzdem verloren für Schwarz.]

27.Rxf7! Rxf7 28.d7+

(Diagram)



1-0 (28) Nakamura,H (2749)-Svane,R
(2594) Caleta 2019 CBM 215 [Edouard,
Romain] and mate to follow.und Matt
folgt.

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□ Ellithorpe, Gilbert P

■ Wohl, Rami

corr 141/39 (10)

[Kitty Kat]

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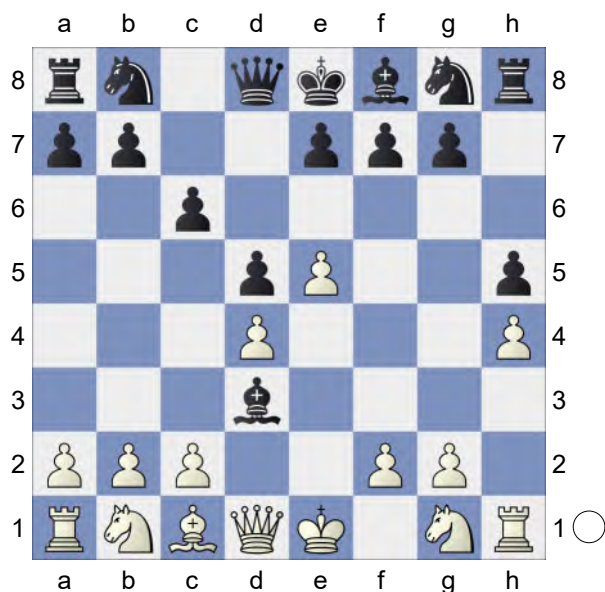
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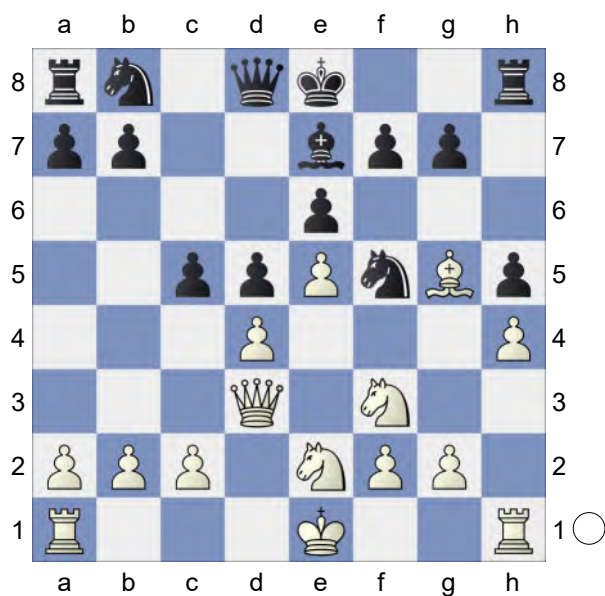
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

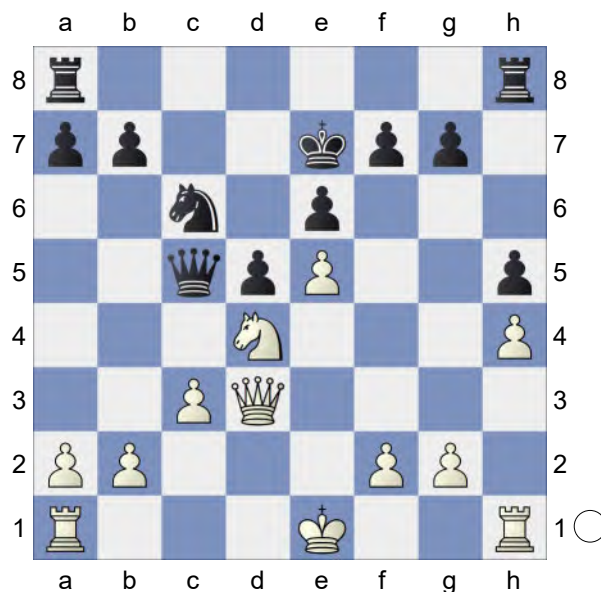
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



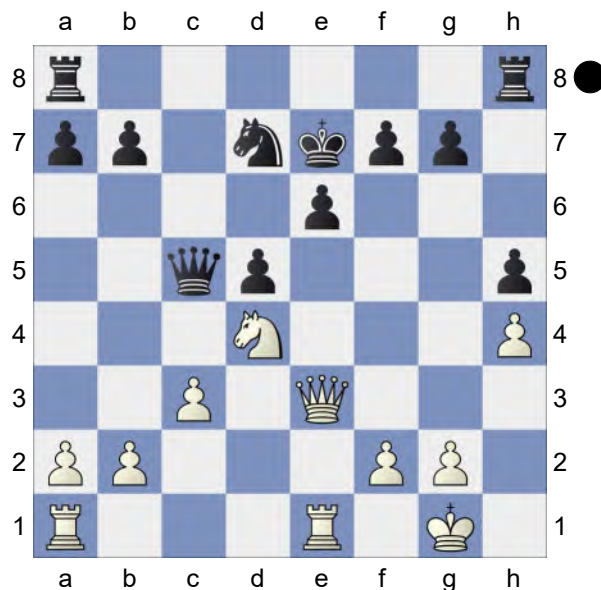
6.Qxd3 e6 7.Bg5 Be7 8.Nf3 Nh6
9.Nc3 White is slightly better. 9...Nf5
10.Ne2 c5!



11.dxc5 Qa5+ 12.c3 Black must now
prevent b4. 12...Qxc5 13.Bxe7 Kxe7
14.Ned4 0.12/23
[14.0-0± 0.65/23]
14...Nxd4= 15.Nxd4 Nc6

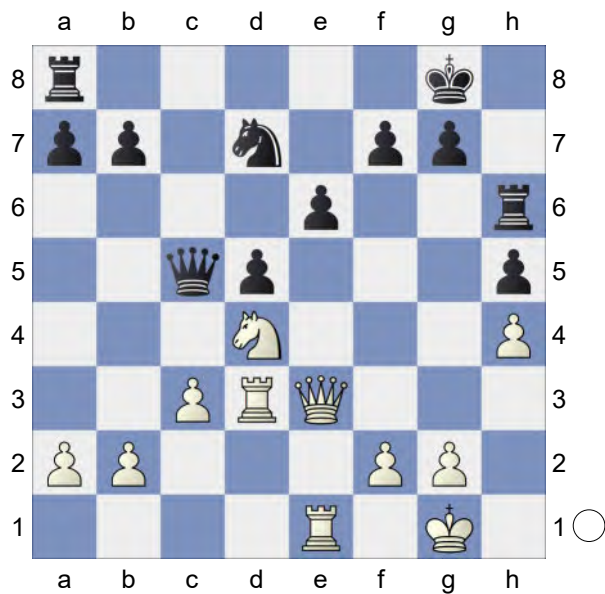


16.0-0 Nxe5 17.Qe3 Nd7! 18.Rfe1



aiming for Qg5+. 18...Kf8 19.Rad1
Rh6! 20.Rd3 -1.31/20
[20.c4!± -0.59/22]
20...Kg8±

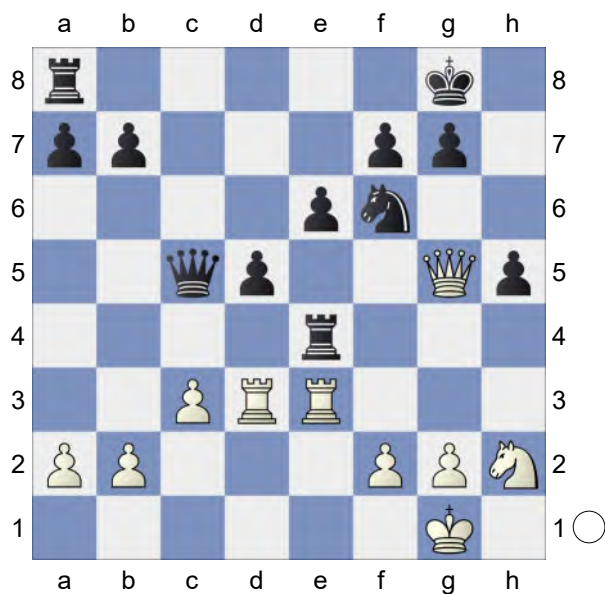
(Diagram)



21.Qd2 Rg6 22.Nf3N Rg4 23.Nh2 Rxb4 Strongly threatening ...Nf6. & Nero is more active. **24.Qg5 -2.54/21**

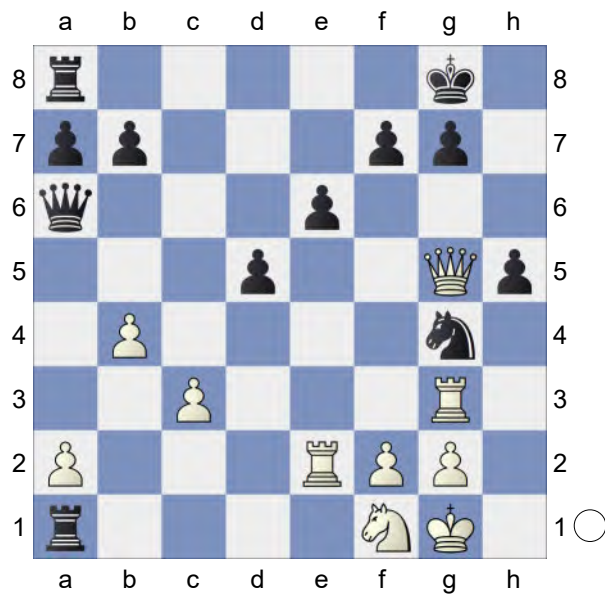
[24.Rg3+ -1.49/19 was called for. d4 25.Nf3]

24...Re4+ 25.Ree3 Nf6

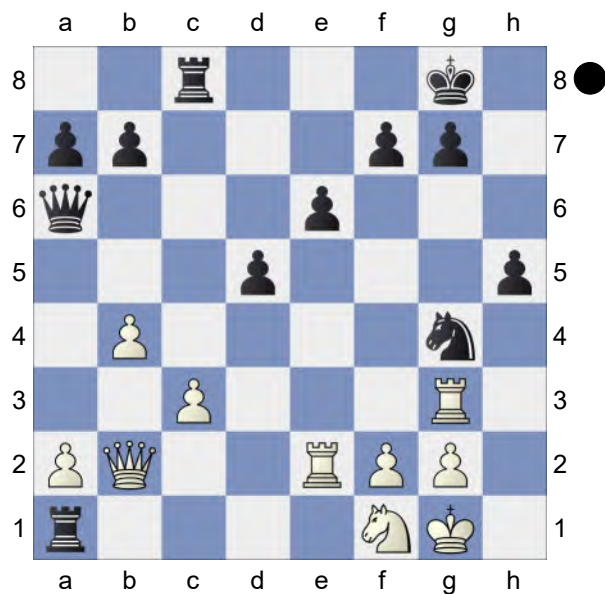


26.b4 Qb6 27.Rg3 Re1+ 28.Nf1 Ng4 29.Rde3 Ra1 30.Re2 Qa6

(Diagram)

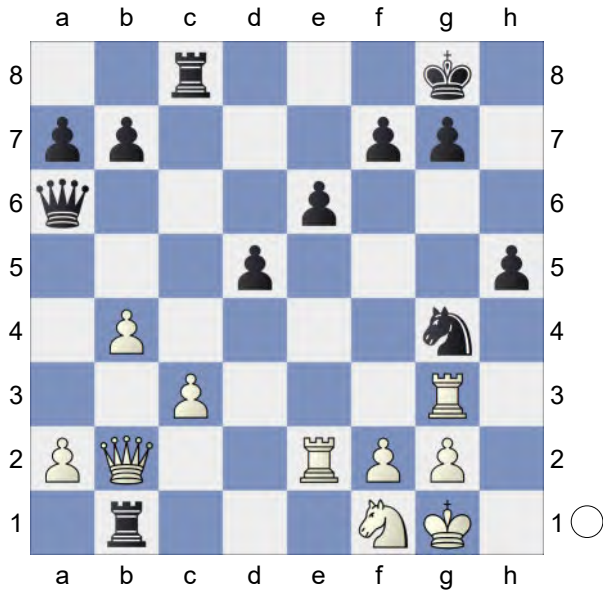


Black is clearly winning. 31.Qd2 Rc8 32.Qb2



Rb1!!

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.27
(precise) /Black=0.02 (flawless)

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□ Santos Latasa,Jaime

■ Xue,Haowen

Benasque op 43rd (7)

[Kitty Kat]

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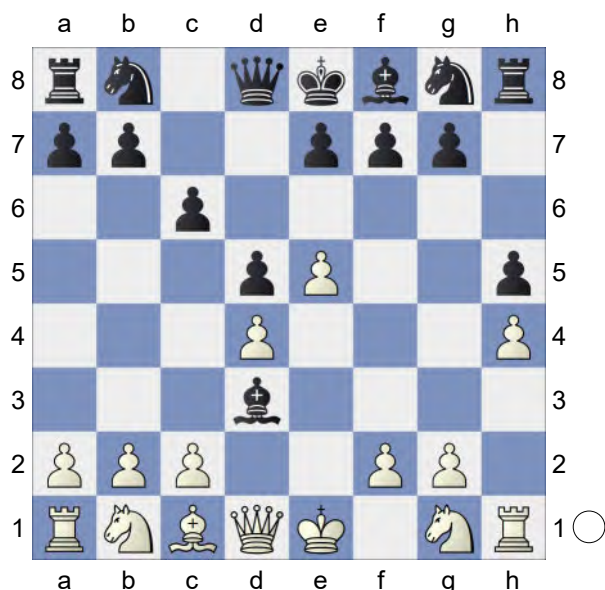
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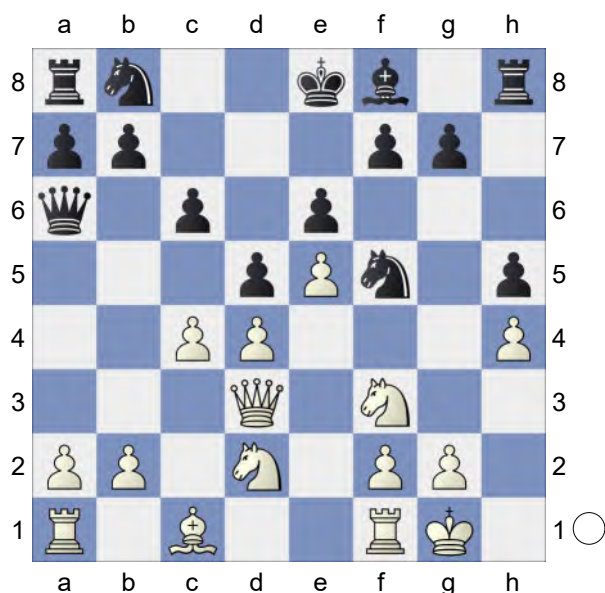
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.Nd2 e6 8.Ngf3
White is slightly better. 8...Qa6 9.c4
Ne7 10.0-0 Nf5



11.b3

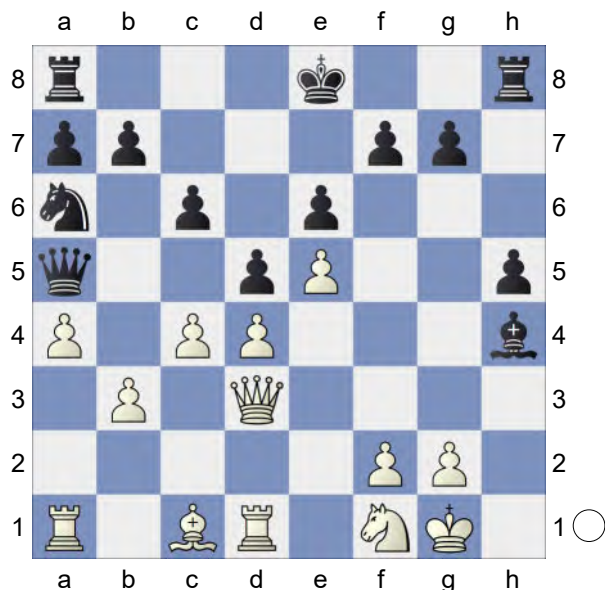
[11.a4 Nd7 12.b3 Be7 13.Ba3
(13.a5 c5 14.Ba3 cxd4 15.Bxe7
Nxe7 16.Nxd4 Rd8 17.Qg3 dxc4
18.Nxc4 0-0 19.Qg5 Ng6 20.Nf3
Nc5 21.Qxh5 Nf4 22.Qg4 Ne2+
23.Kh2 Nxb3 24.Rae1 Ned4 25.Nd6
Nxf3+ 26.gxf3 Rxd6 27.Rg1 g6
1-0 (56) Sinz,B (2308)-Seo,J (2130)
Rilton Cup 52nd 2024 (8)) 13...Bxa3
14.Rxa3 Qa5 15.b4 Qd8 16.g3 0-0
17.Rb1 f6 18.Re1 fxe5 19.Nxe5
Nxe5 20.Rxe5 Qf6 21.Nf3 Nd6
22.Rxh5 Ne4 23.Re5 Rf7 24.b5
Raf8 25.Qe2 Qg6 1-0 (51) Maensivu,
J (2431)-Stratil,P (2430) 89/184 Wijk
aan Zee 2004 (10)]

11...Be7 12.a4! 12.a4 is better than 12.
g3. 12.a4 ist besser als 12.g3. 12...Qa5
13.Rd1N Leaves trodden paths.
Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.

[13.Ba3 Bxa3 14.Rxa3 Qd8 15.cxd5
cxd5 16.b4 Nc6 17.b5 Na5 18.Rc1
0-0 19.g3 Qe7 20.Rac3 a6 21.b6
Nc6 22.Rxc6 bxc6 23.a5 Rac8
24.Rc5 f6 25.Nb3 Nh6 26.Qxa6
Ng4 27.exf6 Qxf6 0-1 (43) Chyzy,J
(2232)-Levin,F (2448) Ustron op-A
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13...Na6 14.Nf1 Nxh4 15.Nxh4 Bxh4

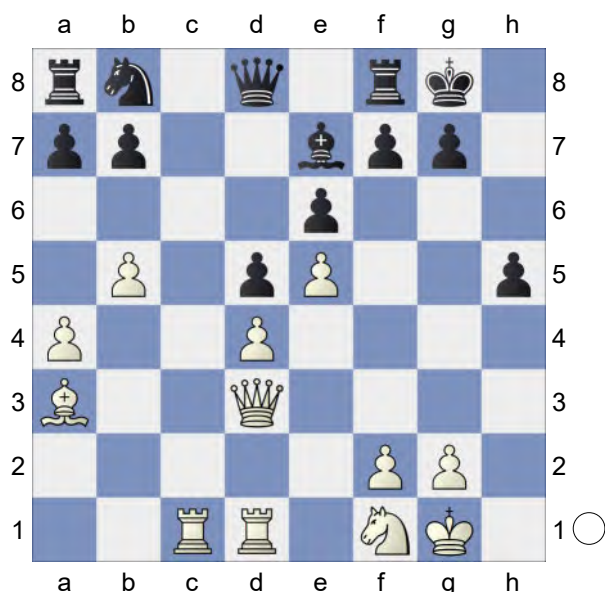
(Diagram)



16.Ba3! Qd8 17.cxd5 cxd5 18.b4!
Be7 19.b5 Nb8 20.Rac1N

[Vorgänger: 20.Rdc1 Black must now prevent Bxe7. 0-0 21.Qh3 0.53/20 (21.Qd1± 1.11/21) 21...h4 22.Nh2 a6! 23.Ng4 Threatens to win with Bxe7. Nd7! 24.Bxe7 -0.22/16 (24.b6± 0.35/21) 24...Qxe7= 25.Rc7 Rfc8! 26.Rxb7 axb5! 1-0 Georgescu, L (2278)-Georgiadis, I (2463) SUI-chT Switzerland 2022 (5.4)]

20...0-0



21.Bxe7 Qxe7 22.Qf3 g6 23.Qf4

White has compensation. White is much more active. The black rooks are passive. **23...Kg7 1.71/21**

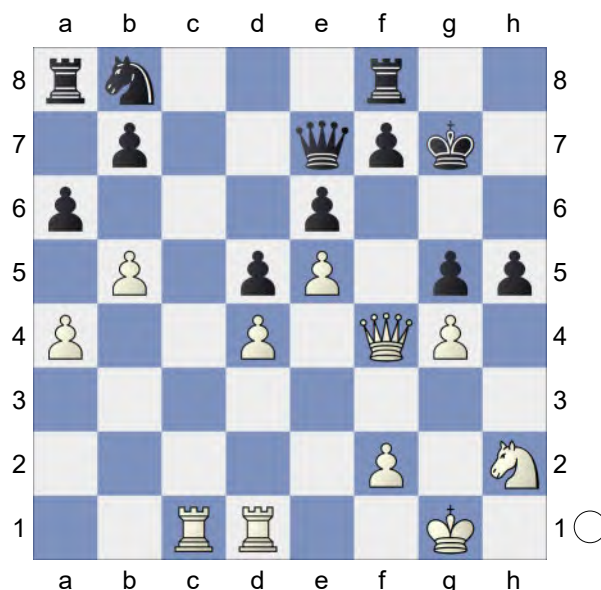
[23...a6± 0.72/19 was called for.]

24.Nh2 0.79/19

[24.Rc3+- 1.71/21 has better winning chances.]

24...a6± 25.g4 g5 1.74/21

[25...Rh8± 0.71/20]



26.Qe3+- Rh8 27.gxh5 1.02/17

[Δ27.Kg2 1.53/21]

27...Nd7± 28.Qf3 0.25/19

[28.Qe2± 1.40/21]

28...axb5= 29.axb5 0.06/19

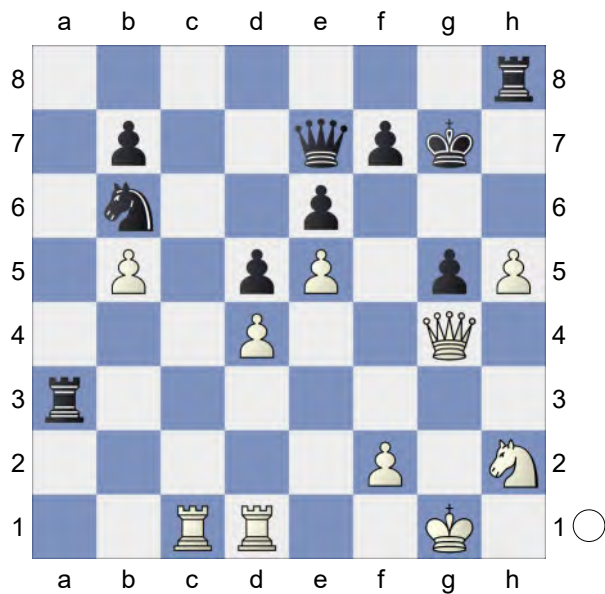
[29.Rc7± 0.42/20 should be considered.]

29...Nb6 0.78/21

[29...Rh6= 0.06/19]

30.Qg4 Ra3

(Diagram)



Repels Rc3 31.Kh1 Nc4 32.Rg1
aiming for Qh4! 32...f6 1.65/19

[32...Rg8!± 0.68/23]

33.exf6+ 1.17/17

[33.f4!+- 1.65/19]

33...Qxf6± 34.f4!

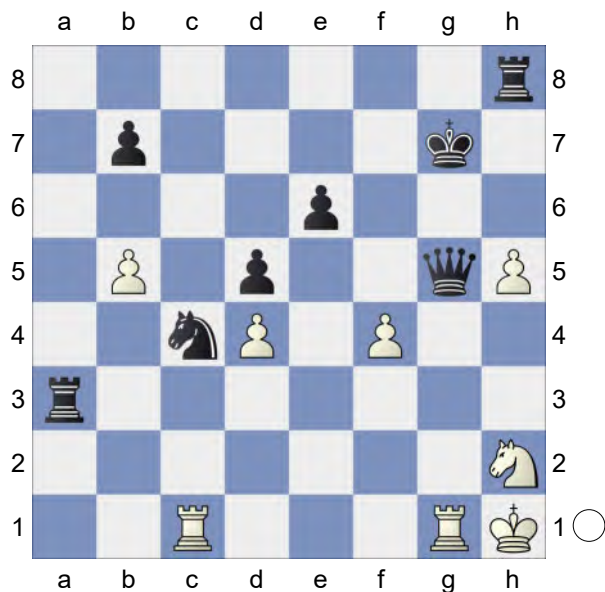
[34.Qxg5+ Qxg5 35.Rxg5+ Kf6=]

34...Qf5 Strongly threatening ...Qxg4.

35.Qxg5+

[Much worse is 35.fxg5 Qxg4 36.h6+ Kg6 37.Rxg4 Rha8±]

35...Qxg5



36.Rxg5+ Kf7 37.Kg2! Against Rh3

37...Ra2+ 1.51/24

[Better is 37...Rc8 1.14/19 38.Kf2 Ke7]

38.Kh3 Ra3+ 39.Kg2 0.97/18

[39.Kh4+- 1.65/21 And now Ng4 would win. Rd3 40.Ng4 Rxd4 41.h6]

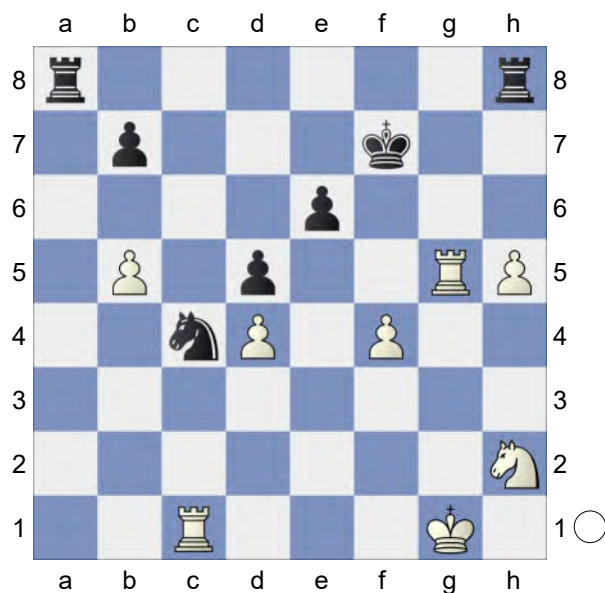
39...Ra2+ 1.69/22

[39...Rc8± 0.97/18 40.Kf2 Rh3]

40.Kg1 0.65/21

[40.Kg3+- 1.69/22]

40...Raa8



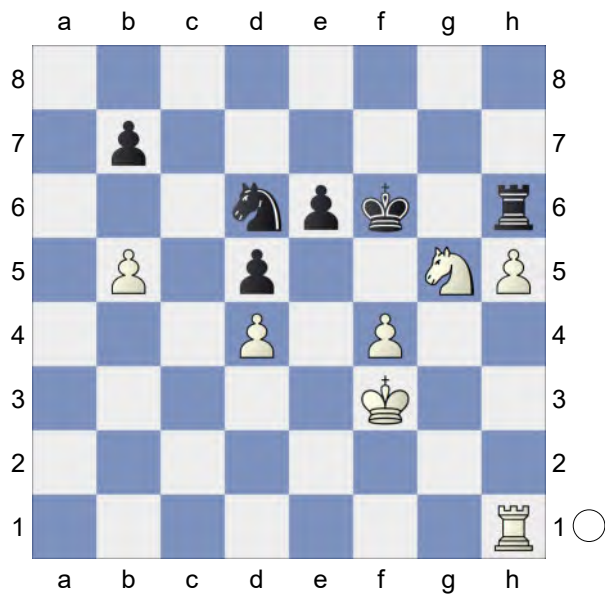
41.Nf3 Rag8 42.Kf2 Ne5+ is the strong threat. 42...Rxg5 43.Nxg5+ Endgame. KRN-KRN 43...Kf6 44.Rh1 h6 would now be deadly. 44...Rh6 45.Kf3 0.44/24

[White should play 45.Kg3!± 1.33/24]

45...Nd6? 1.95/25

[Black should try 45...b6!± 0.44/24]

(Diagram)



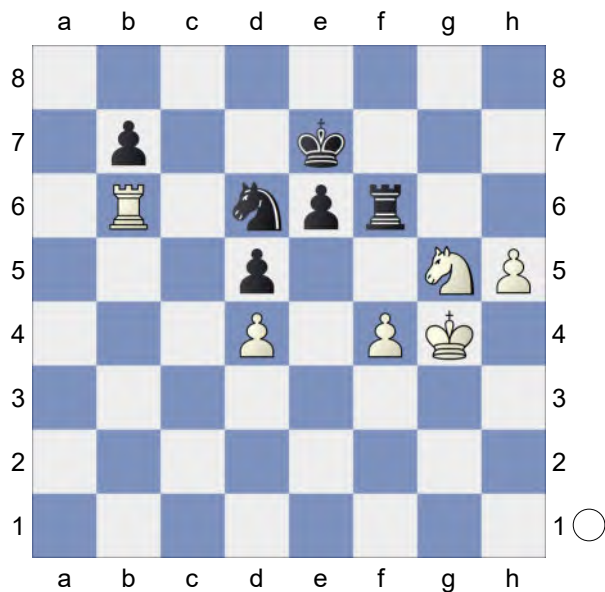
46.Re1 0.97/19

[46.Kg4!+- 1.95/25]

46...Ke7 47.Kg4 Nxb5 48.Rb1 Nd6
3.58/22

[48...Nxd4± 0.80/20 49.Rxb7+ Kf8]

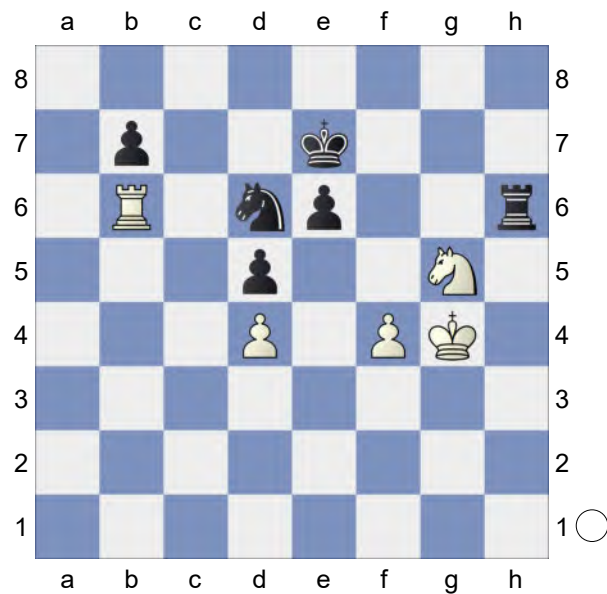
49.Rb6+- Rf6



50.h6! Rxh6

[50...Rf8 51.h7]

(Diagram)

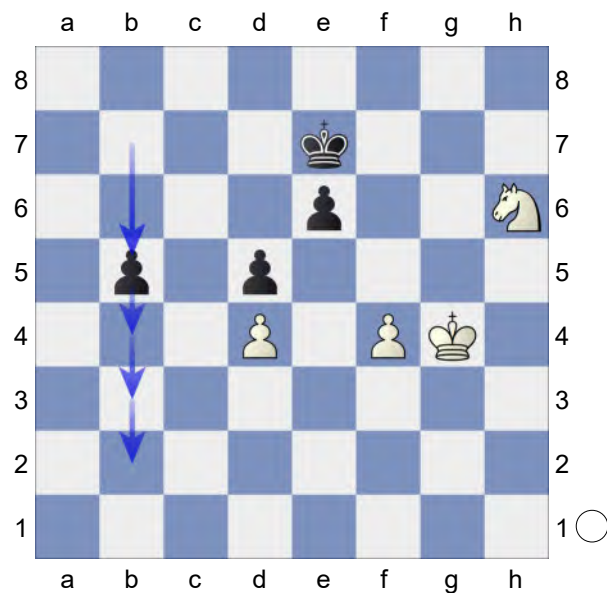


51.Rxd6! Remove Defender, Decoy

51...Kxd6 KR-KN 52.Nf7+ Ke7 11.45/18

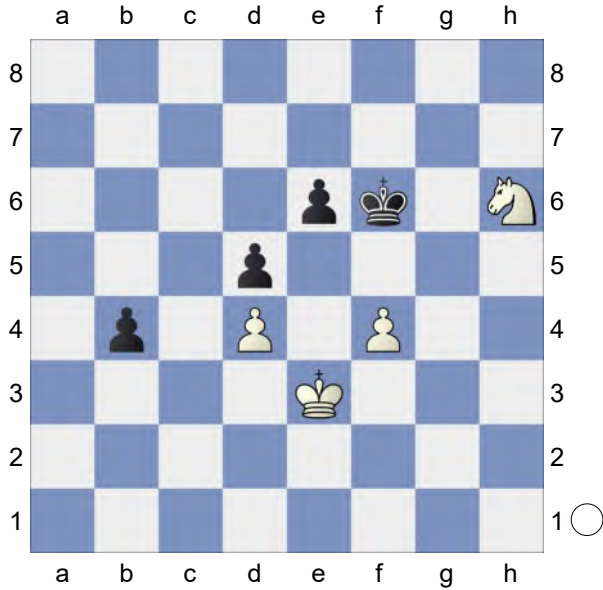
[52...Kc6 4.94/27]

53.Nxh6 KN-K3P 53...b5

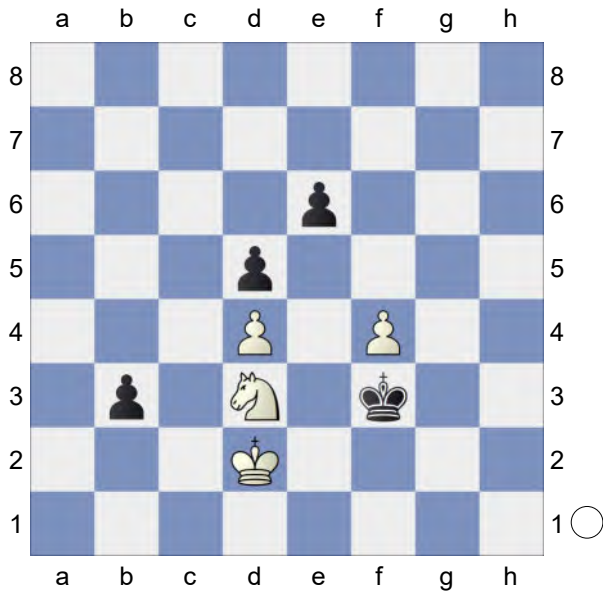


54.Kf3! b4 55.Ke3 Hoping for Ng4.
55...Kf6

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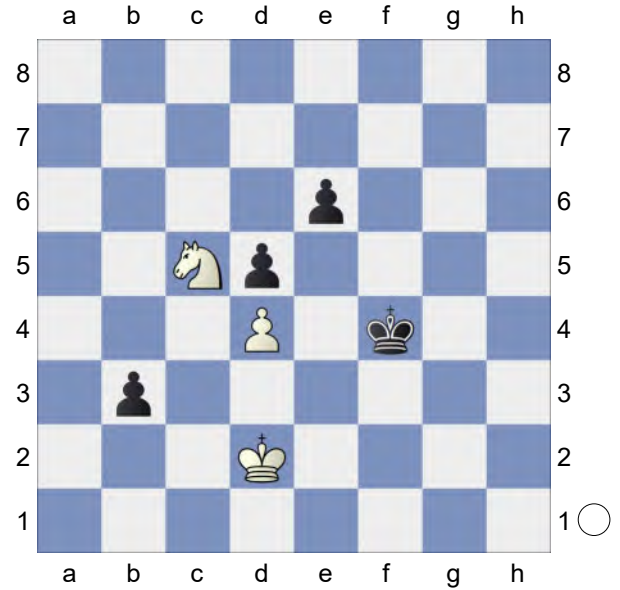


56.Ng4+ Kf5 57.Ne5 b3 58.Nd3 Kg4 59.Kd2 Kf3

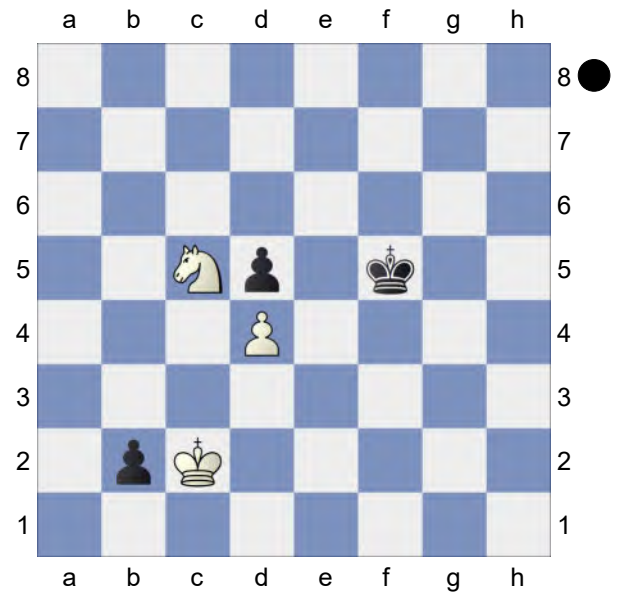


60.Nc5! Kxf4

(Diagram)



61.Nxe6+ Kf5 62.Nc5 b2 63.Kc2



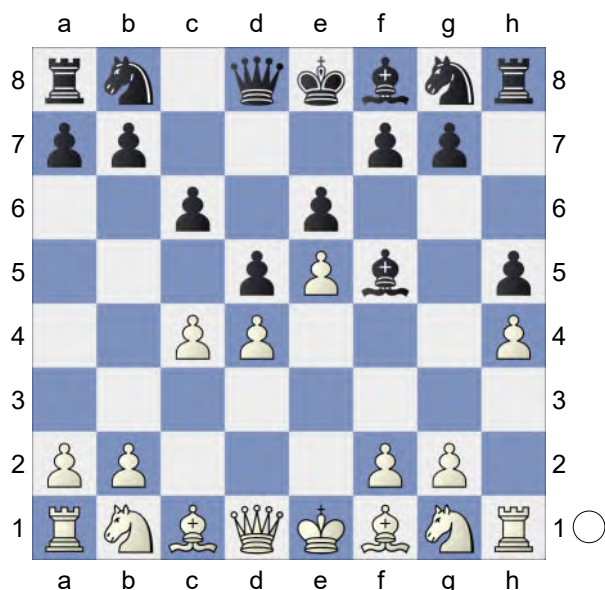
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Julius Baer WSCC Blitz (1.7) 23.08.2024

[Kitty Kat]

B12**2545****2487****B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation****Inf 109/(52) 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5****4.h4 h5 5.c4 e6**

6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Nge2! The main line 7.Nge2 scores better than 7.Bg5. Die Hauptvariante 7.Sge2 punktet besser als 7.Lg5. **7...dxc4 8.Ng3 Bg6 9.Bxc4** White is slightly better.

[9.Bg5 Qb6 10.Qd2 Qb4 11.a3 Qb3 12.Nge4 Nd5 13.Rh3 Qb6 14.Bxc4 Qa5 15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.exd6 Nd7 17.Rc1 Nxc3 18.Rcxc3 Svidler,P (2734)-Nakamura,H (2729) Amsterdam 109/(52) 2010]

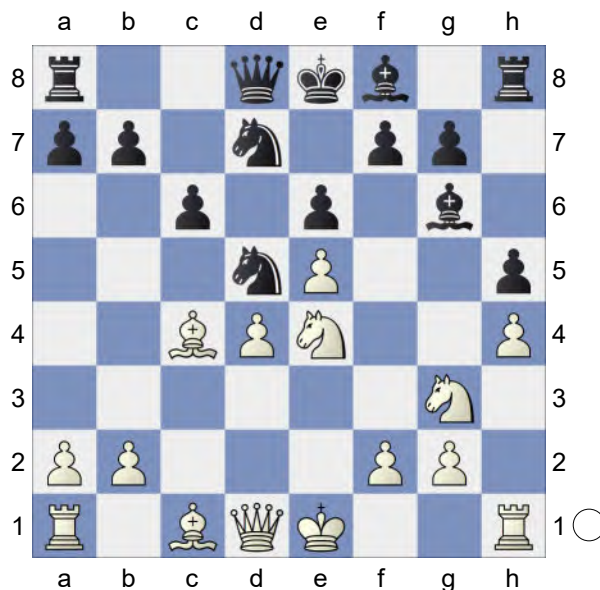
9...Nd5

[9...Nd7 10.Be3 Nf5 11.Nxf5 Bxf5 12.g3 Nb6 13.Bd3 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 Nd5 15.0-0 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Be7 17.c4 Qd7 18.a4 g6 19.Rfd1 0-0 20.Qe4 Rad8 21.Rd3 f5 22.exf6 Rxf6 23.a5 Rf5 24.Rb3 1-0 (50)

Petrosyan,M (2612)-Pham,L (2384) Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.31)]

10.Nce4N

[10.Be2 Nb4 11.Kf1 Nc2 12.Bg5 f6 13.exf6 gxf6 14.Nge4 fxg5 15.Qxc2 g4 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.Qxg6+ Kd7 18.Ne4 Na6 19.d5 cxd5 20.Rc1 Rc8 21.Bb5+ Rc6 22.Ng5 Qg8 23.Qxg8 Rxc6 24.Rxc6 bxc6 1/2-1/2 (49) Gorovets,A (2575)-D4 Player (2543) East v West of Sussex 1884-5 (5.22) 25.Bxa6 Be7 26.Ke2 Bxg5 27.hxg5 Rxc6 28.Rc1 Kd6 29.b4 Rg7 30.g3 e5 31.Rh1 Rg5 32.Rc1 Rg7 33.Bd3 e4 34.Bc2 Rb7 35.Ba4 Rb6 36.Ke3 Ra6 37.Bb3 Rb6 38.Ba4 Ra6 39.Bb3 Rb6 1-0 (49) Brkic,A (2592)-Sarana,A (2649) tornelo.com (Int.-m/2) 149/70 2021]

10...Nd7**11.0-0 Be7 0.82/22**

[11...Bxe4!= 0.00/23 12.Nxe4 Qxh4]

12.Bg5± Bxd5 is the strong threat.**12...f6 13.exf6 gxf6 14.Bd2 0.38/20**

White is more active.

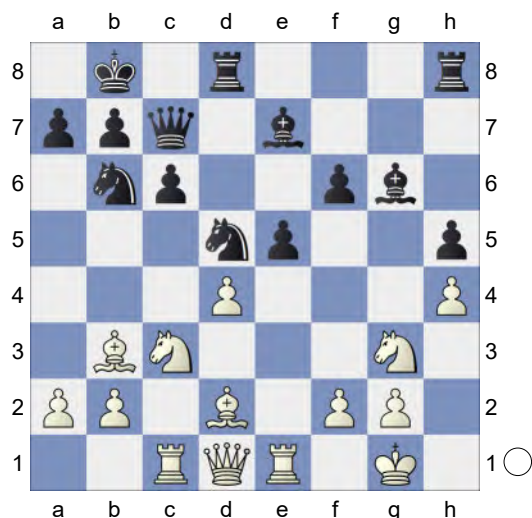
[14.Bc1!± 0.92/20]

14...Qc7 1.27/22

[14...Qb6!± 0.38/20]

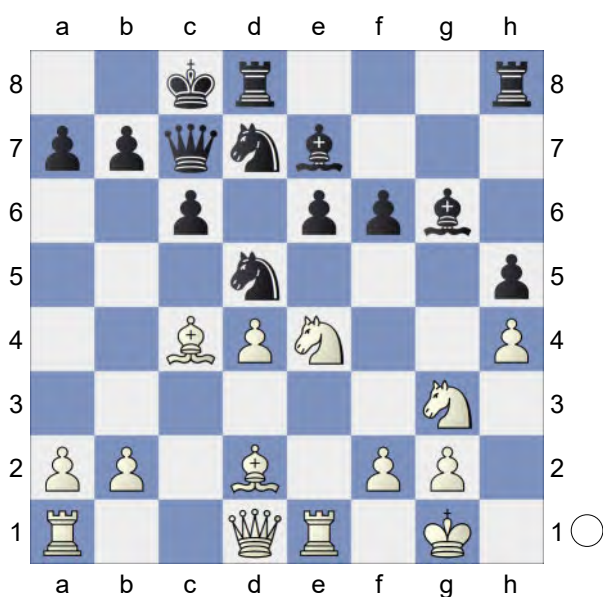
15.Re1N

[Vorgänger: 15.Rc1 0.72/20
1 5 . b 4 1 . 2 5 N7b6 1.28/17
(⊃15...Qb6 0.72/20) 16.Bb3!± 0-0-0
17.Nc3 0.56/20 (17.Qf3± 1.53/19)
17...Kb8 18.Re1 e5



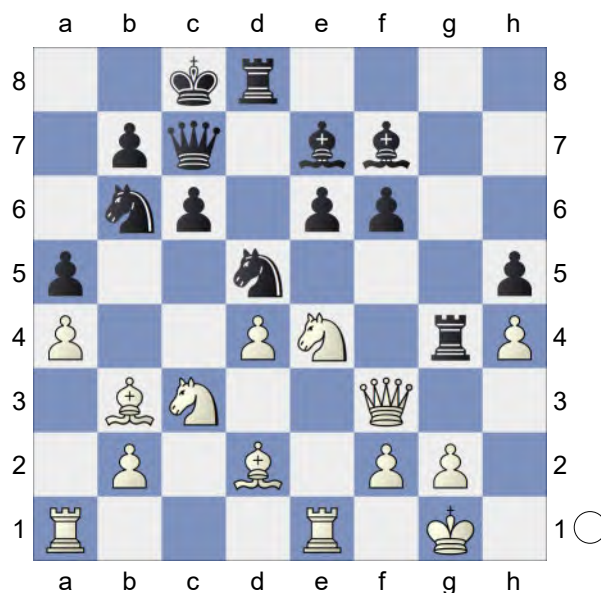
19.Qf3! Nxc3 20.bxc3 exd4 1.51/19
(⊃20...Ka8 0.71/18) 21.cxd4 0.27/18
(21.Re6± 1.51/19) 21...Rxd4
0-1 Xia, M (1074)-Wang, Y (1623)
Hohhot National op 2023 (2)]

15...0-0-0



16.Nc3 N7b6 17.Bb3 Bf7 1.55/22
[17...e5!± 0.65/17]

18.a4 Strongly threatening a5. 18...a5
19.Nge4 Rhg8 20.Qf3 Against Nf4.
And now Nb5! would win. 20...Rg4



21.Rac1 0.26/19

[21.Nb5!± 1.43/19 Qb8 (21...cxb5?
22.Rac1+- Pin) 22.Rac1 (22.Ng5
Rg8±)]

21...Rdg8 1.09/22

[21...Rhx4 22.g3 Nxc3 23.Nxc3+-
(23.gxh4 Nxe4 24.Qxe4 Nd5±;
23.Bxc3 Rg8=)]
[21...Nxc3!= 0.26/19 keeps the
balance. 22.bxc3 Nd5 (22...Rhx4
23.Nxf6 Qh2+ 24.Kf1+-)]

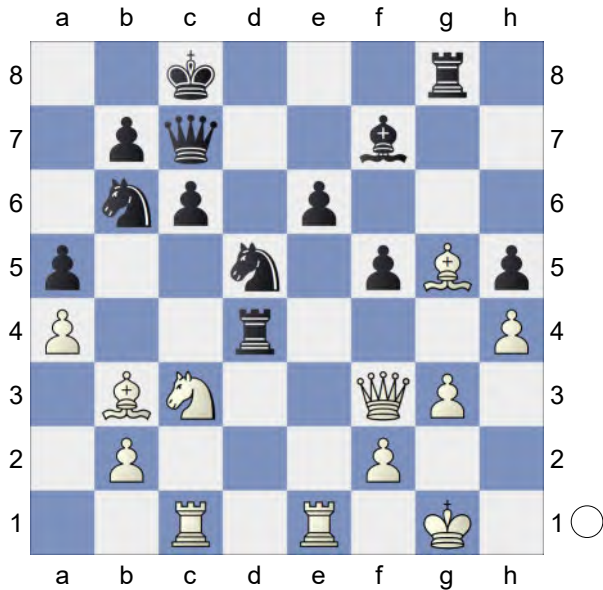
22.g3± aiming for Nb5! 22...f5 1.54/22

[⊃22...Kb8 0.85/18]

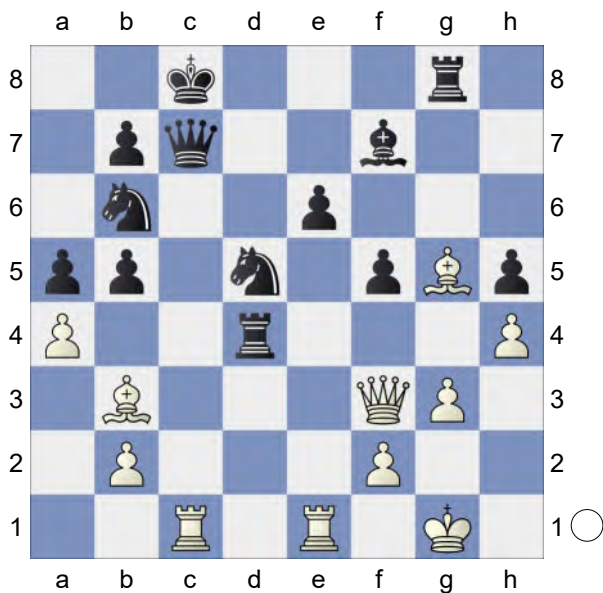
23.Ng5 Bxg5 24.Bxg5 Rxd4 4.35/20

[24...R8xg5 1.74/19 25.hxg5 Qf4
26.Qxf4 (26.Bxd5 Nxd5 27.Qxf4
Nxf4+-) 26...Nxf4]

(Diagram)



25.Nb5!+- cxb5



26.Rxc7+ Nxc7? 6.06/21

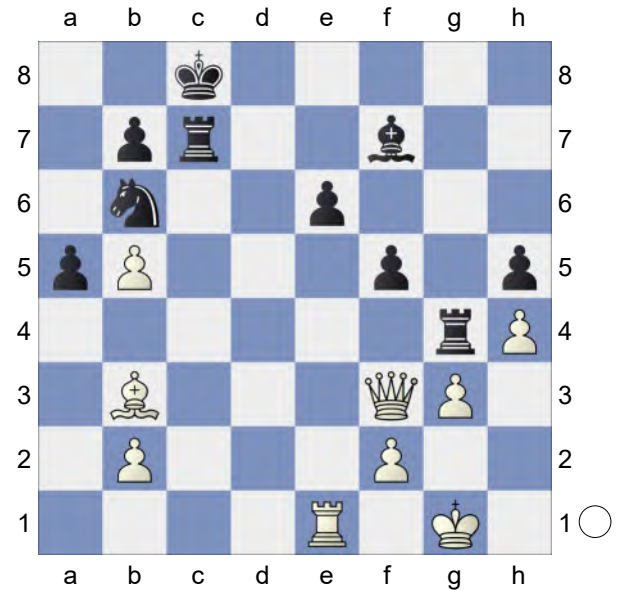
[26...Kxc7 3.69/19 27.Qe2 (27.axb5 Rb4+-) 27...Re4]

27.Be3 White is clearly winning.

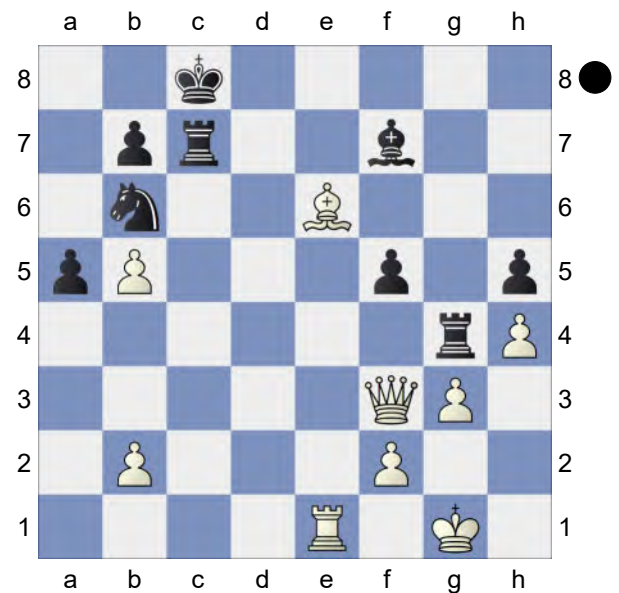
27...Rd6 28.Bf4 Rc6 29.Bxc7 Rxc7

30.axb5 Rg4

(Diagram)



31.Bxe6+



Weighted Error Value: White=0.26
(precise) /Black=0.56

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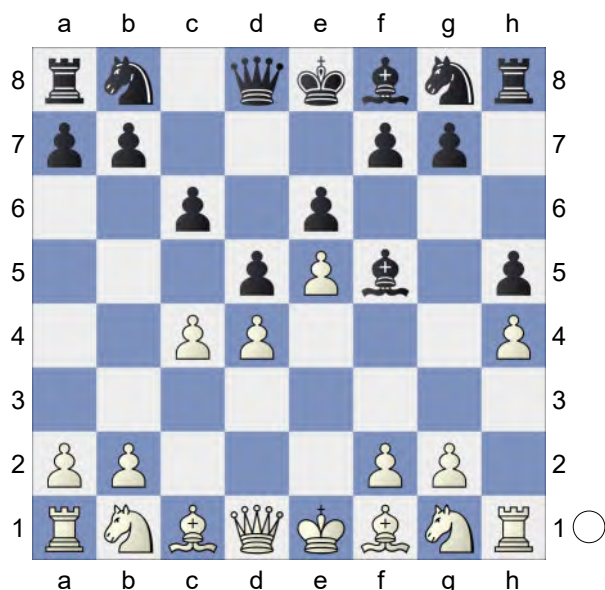
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation 1.e4
c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.c4
e6



6.Nc3 dxc4! is now more promising
than 6...Ne7. im Vergleich zu 6...Se7
vielversprechender. is now more
promising than 6...Ne7.im Vergleich zu
6...Se7 vielversprechender. 7.Bxc4 Nd7
8.Nge2 Be7! 9.g3 Nh6

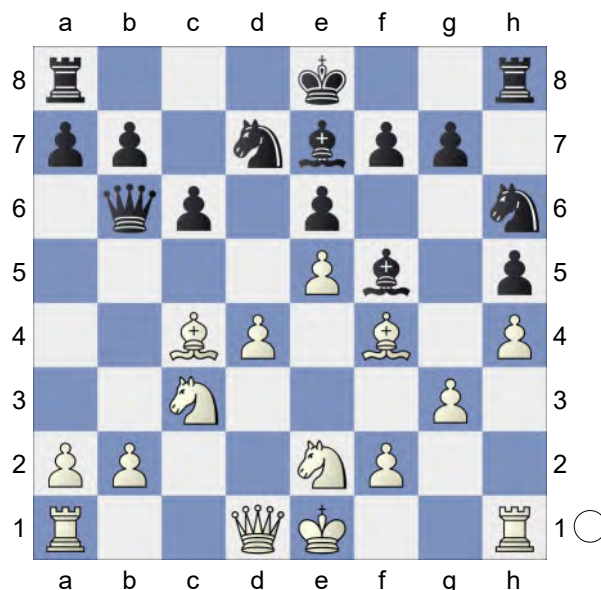
[9...Nb6 10.Bb3 Nd5 11.Nxd5 cxd5
12.Ba4+ Kf8 13.Bc2 Bxc2 14.Qxc2
Rc8 15.Qb3 Qd7 16.0-0 g6 17.Bd2
Kg7 18.Rfc1 Nh6 19.Bxh6+ Kxh6
20.a4 Kg7 21.Kg2 Rxc1 22.Rxc1
Rc8 23.Rxc8 Qxc8 24.Kf3
Van Nie,J (2419)-7.h4 Be7 8.Rg1
Nh7_5818 (2462) TCh-Top 12 2017
(6) 1/2-1/2]

10.Bf4N

[10.Nf4 Qb6 11.Bb3 0-0-0 12.Na4
Qb4+ 13.Bd2 Qxd4 14.0-0 Nxe5

15.Bc3 Qe4 16.Qe2 Nf3+ 17.Kg2
Nxh4+ Diaz Perez,J (2232)-Camacho,
G (2301) 91/(442) Cuba 2004]

10...Qb6



White has an edge. 11.0-0 Rd8 12.Qc1
a6 13.Bb3N

[Predecessor: 13.Be3? -1.34/21
13.Bb3 0.40 c5! 14.Rd1 Ng4 15.Bb3
0-0! 16.dxc5 -2.62/21 (16.f3
-1.48/23 keeps fighting. Nxe3
17.Qxe3) 16...Bxc5+ 17.Na4 Bxe3
18.Nxb6 Bxc1 19.Nxd7 Bxb2
20.Nxf8 Rxf8 21.Nd4 Bg6 22.Rac1
Nxe5 0-1 (22) Beerdse,T (2515)-
Donchenko,A (2627) Wijk aan Zee
2023 0-1 (22) Beerdse,T (2515) -
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13...Bg6 0.83/22

[13...Ng4± 0.31/17]

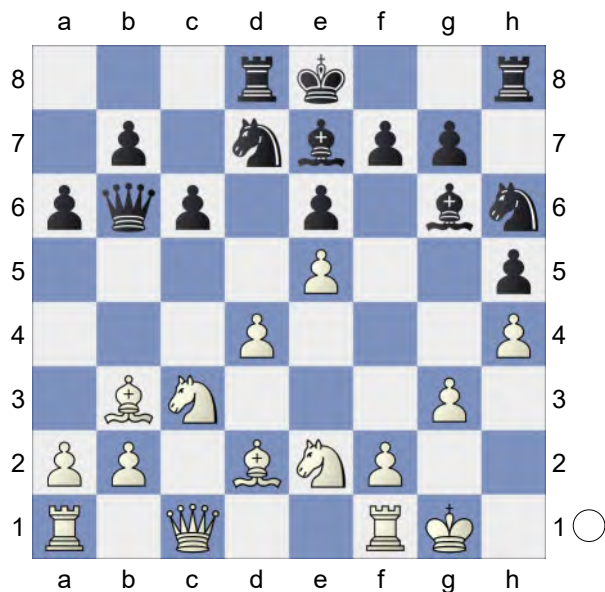
14.Bg5 Qb4 15.Bd2 0.23/23

[15.Rd1!± 0.93/19]

15...Qb6 0.79/20

[15...Nf5= 0.23/23 remains equal.]

(Diagram)

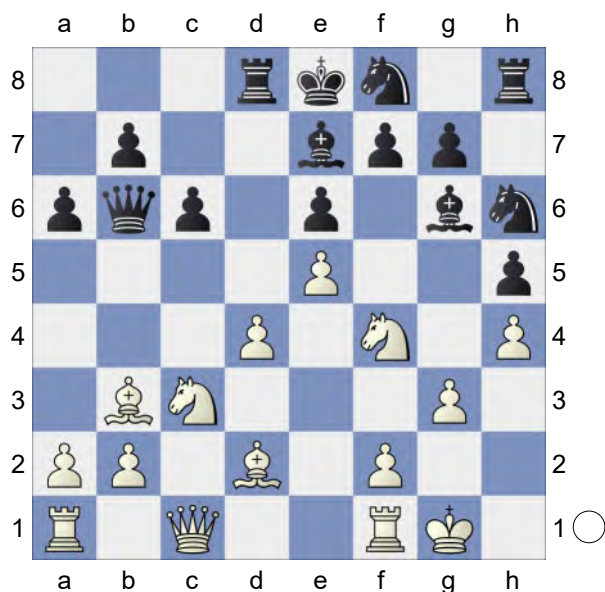


16.Nf4 0.40/18

[16.Bxh6± 0.79/20 Rxh6 17.Qf4]

16...Nf8 1.15/22

[Better is 16...Qxd4± 0.40/18 17.Be3 Qb4 (17...Qxe5 18.Nxg6 fxg6 19.Re1±)]



17.d5!↑ White has strong initiative.

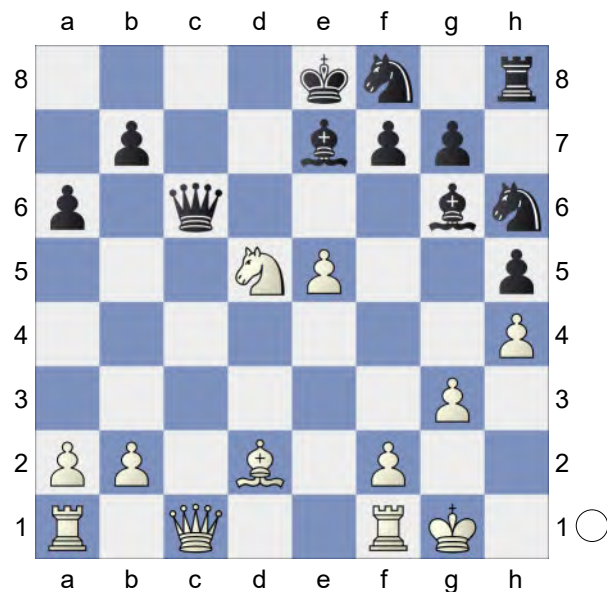
17...exd5

[17...cxd5 18.Ba4+]

18.Ncxd5 Rxd5 2.66/21

[18...cxd5± 0.94/21 19.Ba4+ Nd7]

19.Bxd5+- cxd5 20.Nxd5 Qc6



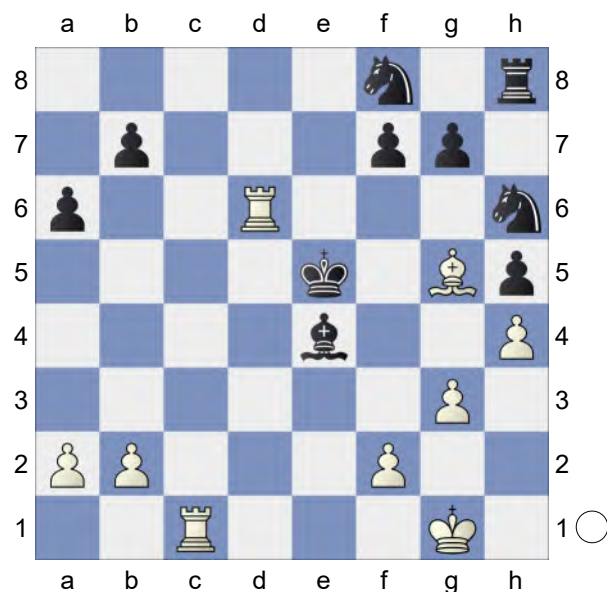
21.Nxe7 Kxe7 22.Bg5+ Ke6 23.Rd1 1.94/21

[23.Qd2 3.50/22]

23...Qxc1

[And not 23...Kxe5 24.Qf4+ Ke6 25.Re1+]

24.Raxc1 Be4 25.Rd6+ Kxe5



26.Bf4+ Kf5 27.Rc5+ 1.25/15

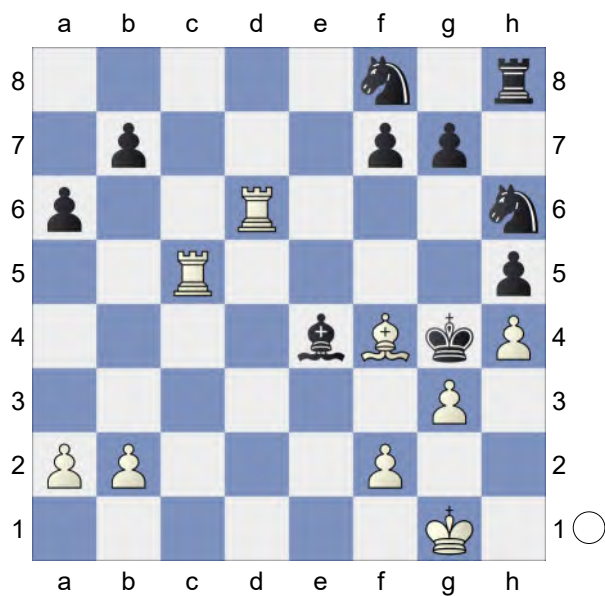
[White should play 27.Rc8+- 1.72/19

Black must now prevent Bxh6. Ng6

28.Rxh8 Remove Defender Nxh8

29.Bxh6 gxh6 30.Rxh6]

27...Kg4±

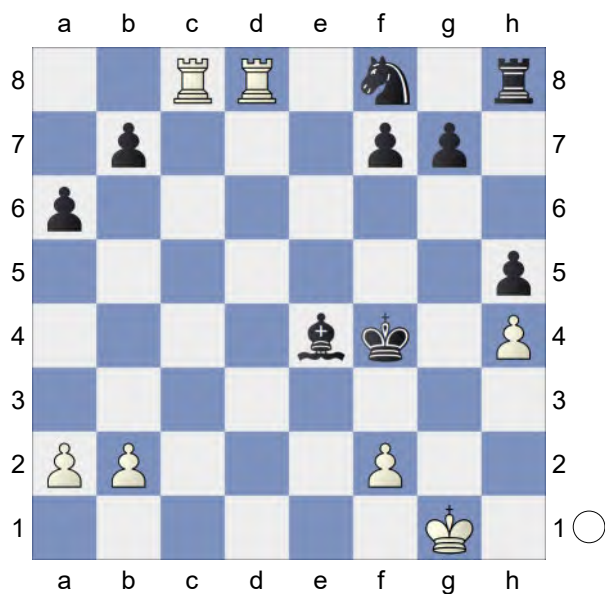


Threatens to win with ...Nf5. **28.Rc8!** aiming for Bxh6. White is more active.

28...Nf5 29.Rdd8 Nxh4

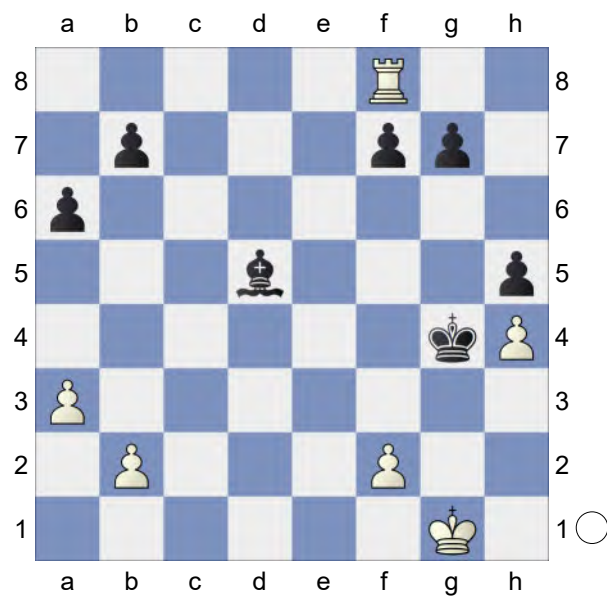
[Not 29...g5? 30.Bxg5 (30.Rxf8? loses. Rxf8 31.Rxf8 gxf4+; 30.hxg5 h4+-) 30...Kh3 31.Rxf8+-]

30.gxh4 Kxf4



31.Rxf8 Rxf8 32.Rxf8 Endgame. KR-KB **32...Bd5 33.a3 Kg4**

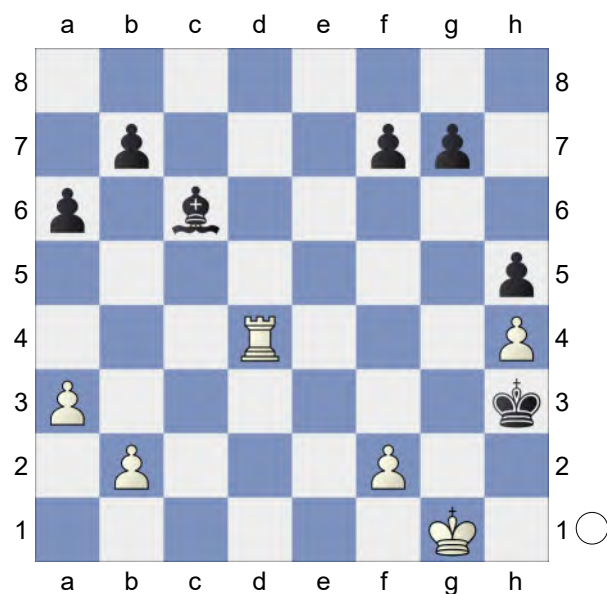
(Diagram)



34.Rd8 0.23/11

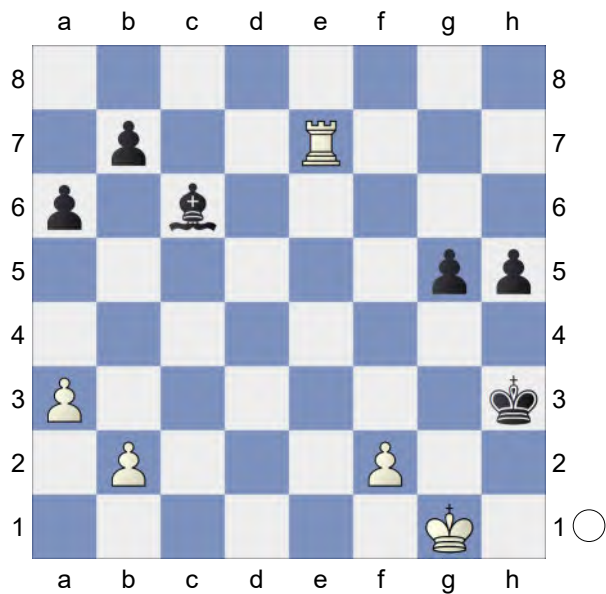
[34.Rg8!± 1.35/16]

34...Bc6= 35.Rd4+ Kh3

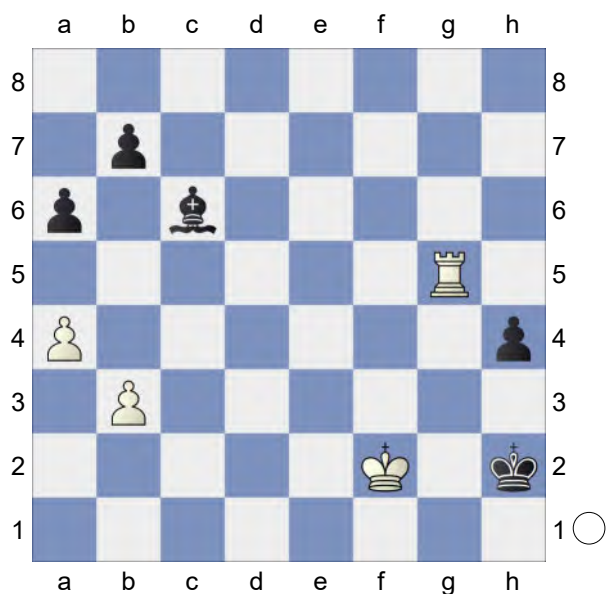


36.Rc4 f6 37.Rf4 Bd7 38.Re4
Strongly threatening Re7. **38...Bc6**
39.Re7 g5 40.hxg5 fxg5

(Diagram)

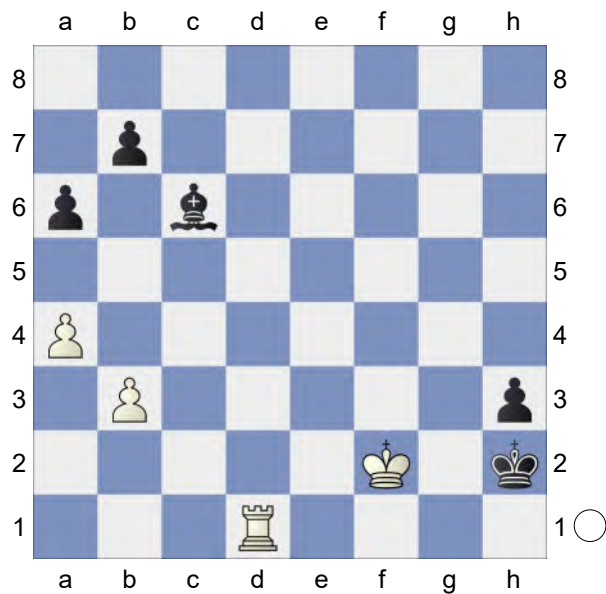


41.a4 g4 The position is equal. 42.b3 h4 43.Re5 g3 44.Rg5 Hoping for f4. 44...gxf2+ 45.Kxf2 Kh2

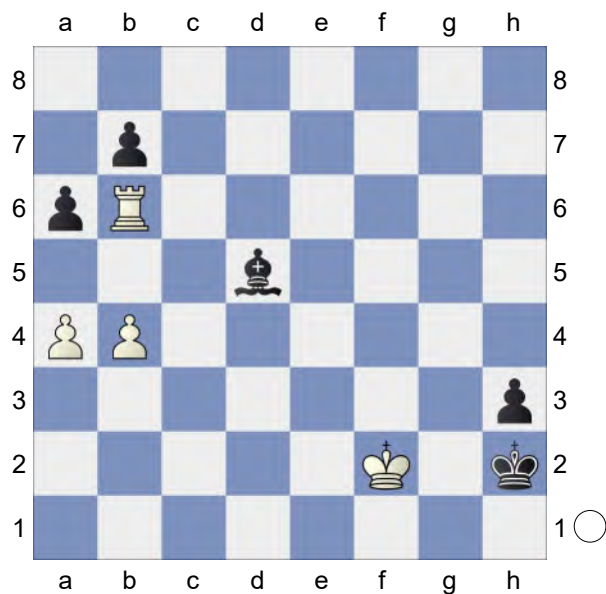


46.Rc5 h3 47.Rc2 Bd5 48.Rb2 Bc6 49.Rd2 Bg2 50.Rd1 Bc6

(Diagram)

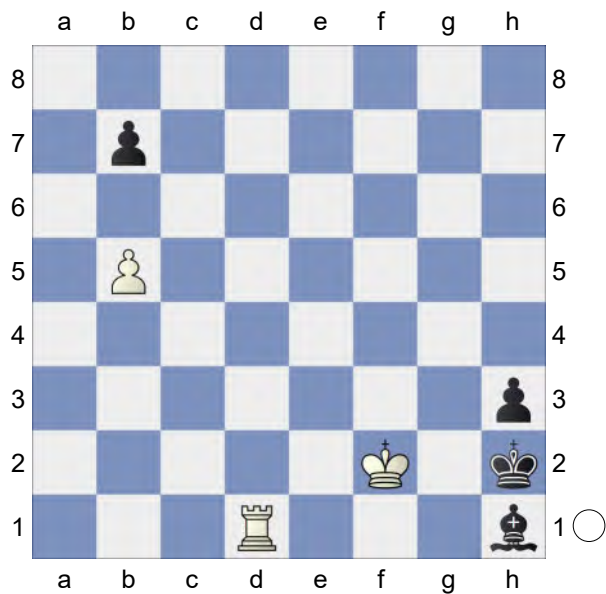


51.Rd3 Bg2 52.Rd4 Bc6 53.Rd6 Bg2 54.b4 Be4 55.Rb6 Bd5

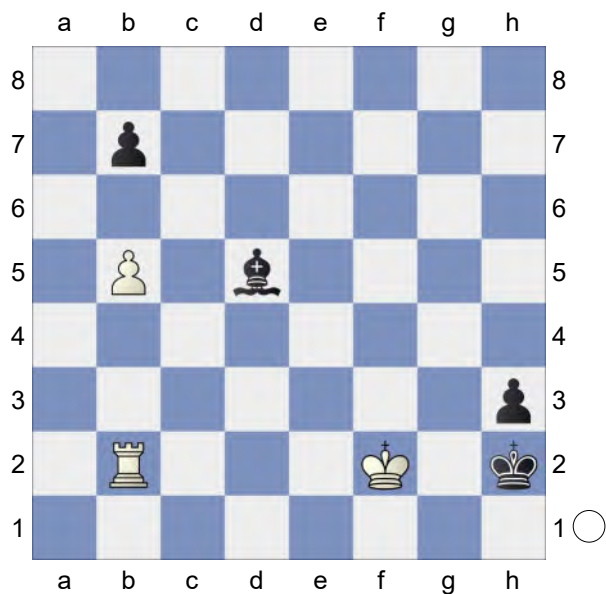


56.b5 axb5 57.axb5 Bg2 58.Rd6 Be4 59.Rd2 Bg2 60.Rd1 Bh1

(Diagram)

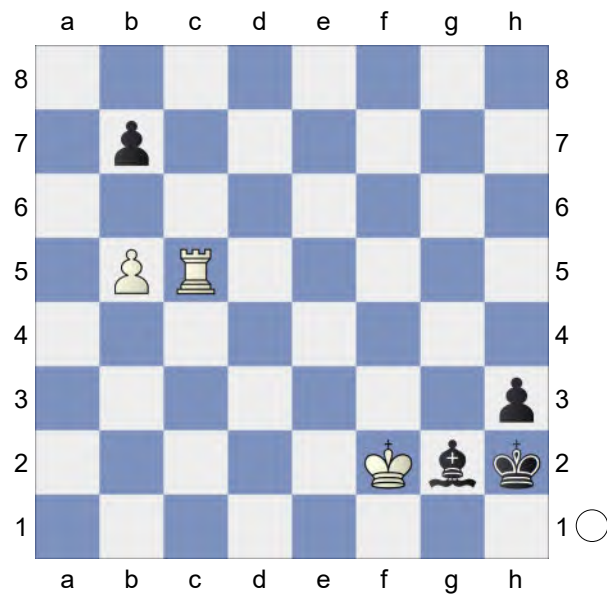


**61.Rc1 Bd5 62.Rc2 Be4 63.Re2 Bd5
64.Rd2 Bg2 65.Rb2 Bd5**

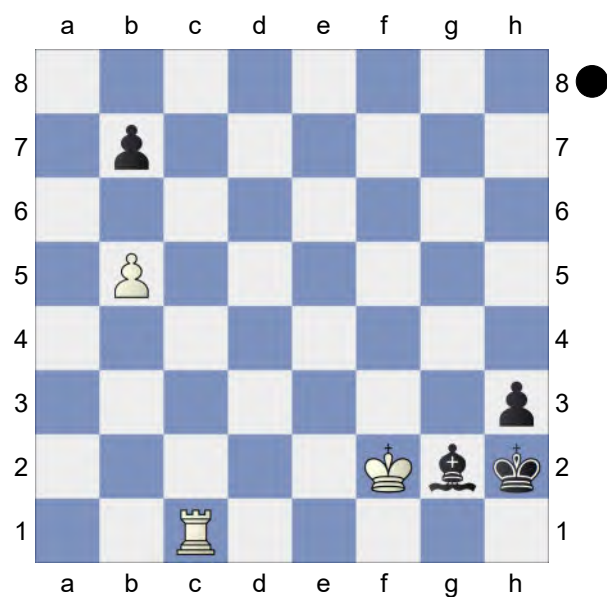


**66.Re2 Bg2 67.Rd2 Bh1 68.Rd1 Bg2
69.Rc1 Bd5 70.Rc5 Bg2**

(Diagram)



71.Rc1

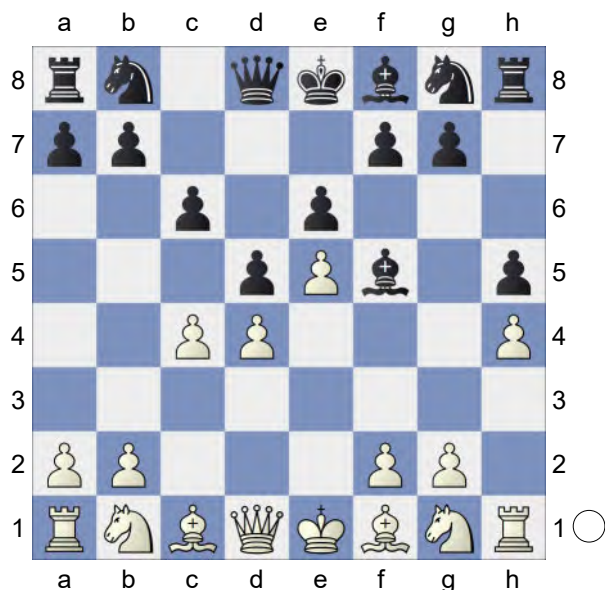


Blacks defense is rewarded with a draw.
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise) .
 Loses game: --- Black=1
 Mistake: White=5 Black=3
 Inaccurate: --- Black=2 OK:
 White=10 Black=26 Best:
 White=2 Black=5 Strong:
 White=1 ---
 1/2-1/2

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 ☐ **Stearman, Josiah P** **2479**
 ■ **Swiercz, Dariusz** **2615**
 Saint Louis Winter Blitz (10.6) 20.12.23
 [Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

On the one hand I was plagued by doubt as to whether I should actually try and tackle this game, because there is just such an awful lot to talk about. On the other hand, I suspect it is not the last time we have occasion to cover 11.a4 and so this represents, on some level, the first iteration of an undoubtedly protracted and iterative process. **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.c4 e6**



6.Nc3 dxc4! now scores much better than the old 6...Ne7. punktet besser als das ältere 6...Se7. **7.Bg5N**

[Vorgänger: 7.Bxc4 Nd7 (7...Be7 8.Nge2 Bxh4 9.g3 Bg5 10.Nf4 h4 11.g4 Bh7 12.Qb3 Bxf4 13.Bxf4 b5 14.Be2 a5 15.Rd1 b4 16.d5 exd5 17.Nxd5 cxd5 18.Rxd5 Qc7 19.Qf3 Ne7 20.e6 Qc8 21.Bc7 0-0 22.Rd8 1/2-1/2 (26) Dau, K (2292)-Tran, V (1889)

VIE-ch Ha Tien 2023 (3)) 8.Nge2

A) 8...Be7= 0.07/22 deserves consideration. 9.Ng3 (9.g3 Nh6 10.Bf4 Qb6 11.Qd2 Qb4 12.Bb3 Rd8 13.Rd1 Nb6 14.Bg5 Ng4 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Qf4 Qb4 17.0-0 a5 18.Qc1 Nh6 19.Bc2 Bxc2 20.Qxc2 Nf5 21.a3 Qe7 22.Ne4 0-0 23.Rd3 Nd5 1-0 (41) Martirosyan, H (2656)-Kukhmazov, A (2480) Qatar Masters Open 2024 (3.12)) 9...Bg6 10.Be2 Qb6 11.a4 a5 12.Be3 Rd8 13.0-0 Qb4 14.Ra3 Nc5 15.Bxh5 Qxb2 16.Ra2 Qxc3 17.Bxg6 fxc6 18.Qg4 g5 19.dxc5 Qb3 20.Qe2 gxh4 21.Ne4 h3 22.g3 Qd5 23.Bf4 Bxc5 1/2-1/2 (50) Karthikeyan, M (2611)-Maghsoodloo, P (2707) Qatar Masters 2023 (6.5);

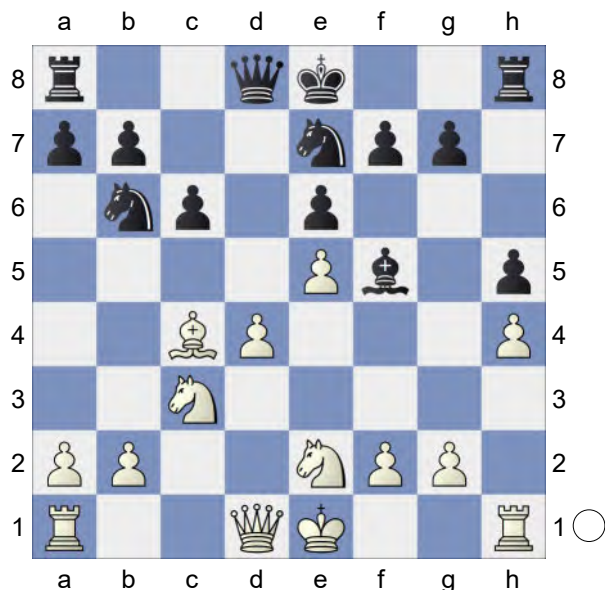
B) 8...Nb6 0.50/23 9.Bb3± Ne7 1.16/20 (9...Be7± 0.45/20; 9...a5 10.a3 Ne7 11.Bg5 Qd7 12.Nf4 g6 13.f3 Ned5 14.Nfe2 Be7 15.Qd2 Bxg5 16.hxg5 Ke7 17.Ne4 Bxe4 18.fxe4 Nc7 19.0-0-0 Ne8 20.Qc3 Qc7 21.Nf4 Nd7 22.Kb1 Qb6 23.d5 Nc5 24.dxe6 1-0 Sutkus, R (2395)-Mrkvicka, J CiF Tournament 1992) 10.Bg5± Qd7 11.Ng3 0.46/20 (White should play 11.0-0± 1.14/20) 11...Bg6!± 12.0-0 Nf5 13.Nxf5 Bxf5 14.Qd2 Be7 15.Rad1 f6 16.exf6 gxf6 17.Bf4 1-0 Vachier Lagrave, M (2742)-Duda, J (2724) Warsaw Superbet Blitz 2023 (14)]

7...Be7 8.Bxe7 -0.52/23

[White should try 8.Bxc4± 0.31/23 Bxg5 9.hxg5]

8...Nxe7± Black is slightly better. 9.Bxc4 Nd7 10.Nge2 Nb6

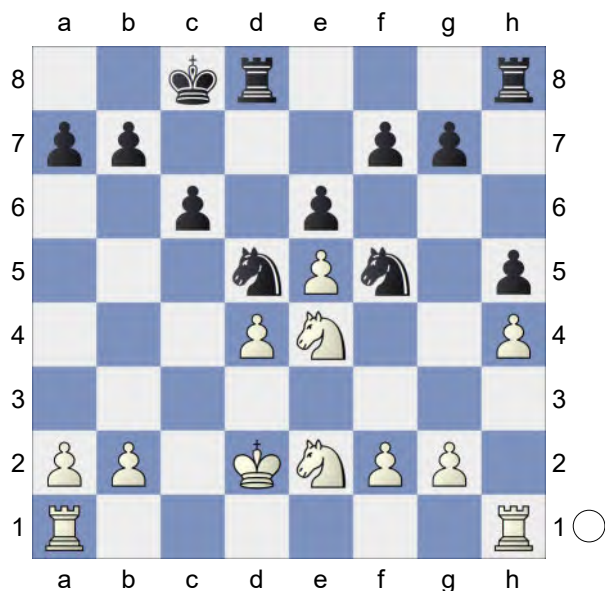
(Diagram)



11.Bd3 Nbd5 12.Bxf5 Nxf5 13.Ne4
-0.45/19

[13.g3= **-0.08/22**]

13...Qa5+ 14.Qd2 Qxd2+ 15.Kxd2
0-0-0



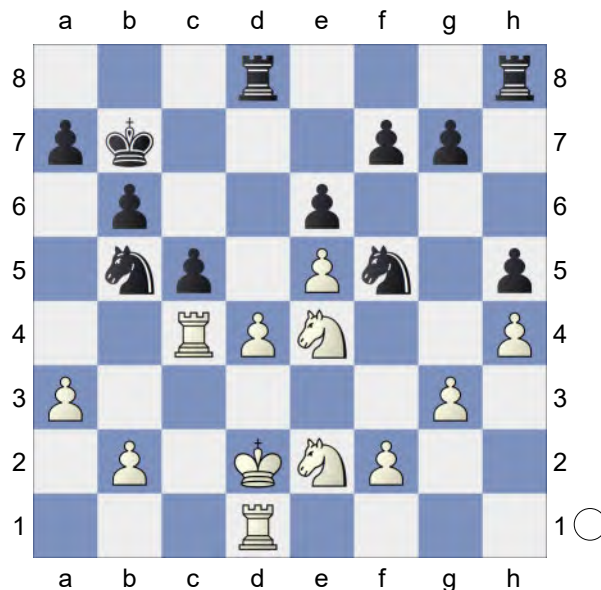
16.g3 Prevents Nf4. 16...b6 17.Rhc1
Kb7 18.a3 Nc7 ...Nb5! is the strong
threat. 19.Rc4 Nb5 20.Rd1 -1.67/25

[20.Ke1♞ **-0.69/24**]

20...c5 -0.97/19

[20...Nfxd4 21.Nxd4 c5 22.Ke3
 Nxd4 23.Nd6+ Ka8 24.Nxf7 Nf5+
 25.Ke2 Rxd1 26.Kxd1±]

[20...Nbx d4-+ **-1.67/25** **Strongly**
threatening ...Nf3+. 21.Nxd4 b5
22.Nc5+ Kc8]



21.Kd3 -2.38/20 **This move loses the**
game for White.

[21.Ng5? Rd7 (21...Nfxd4 22.Nxf7
 Nf3+ 23.Kc2=) 22.Ke1 Nfxd4
 (22...Nbx d4 23.Nxd4 Nxd4 24.b4-+)
 23.Nxd4 (23.a4? Rhd8-+)
 23...Nxd4]

[21.Ke1♞ **-0.97/19** **keeps fighting.**
 Nbx d4 (21...cxd4 22.a4=; 21...Nfxd4
 22.Nxd4 Rxd4 23.Rcxd4♞) 22.Nxd4
 Rxd4 23.Rdx d4 **Remove Defender**
 Nxd4 (23...cxd4 24.Ng5=) 24.Rc1
 (24.Nd6+? Kc6-+)]

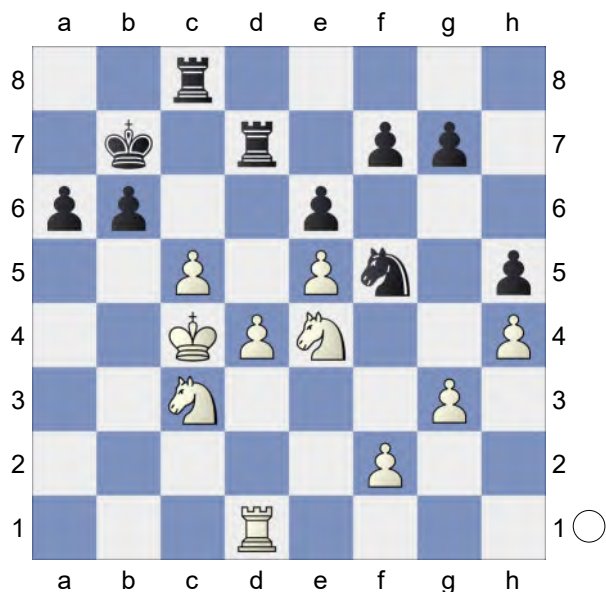
21...Rd7-+

[21...Nbx d4 22.Nxd4 Rd5 (22...cxd4
 23.Rdc1=; 22...Rxd4+ 23.Rxd4
Remove Defender Nxd4 24.b4♞;
 22...Nxd4 23.Nd6+ Rxd6 24.exd6=)
 23.Nc3 (23.Nd6+? Nxd6 24.exd6
 b5-+) 23...Rxd4+ 24.Rxd4 Nxd4
 25.Ne2]

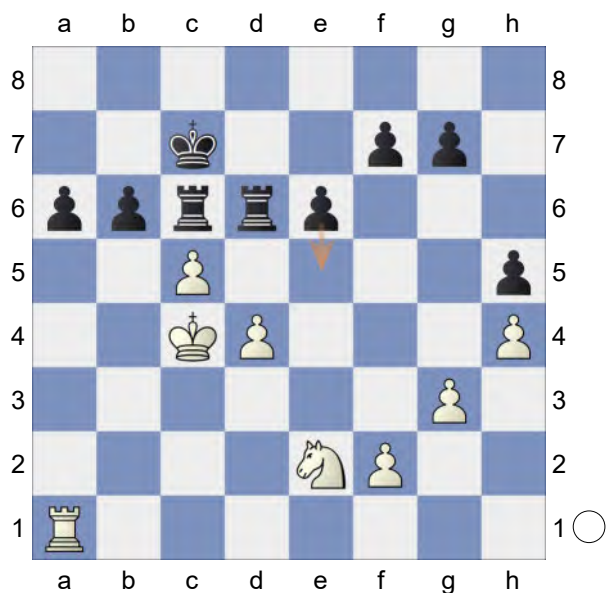
22.b4 Nxa3

[**Much less strong is** 22...Nfxd4
 23.Nxd4 Rhd8 24.Ke2 Rxd4

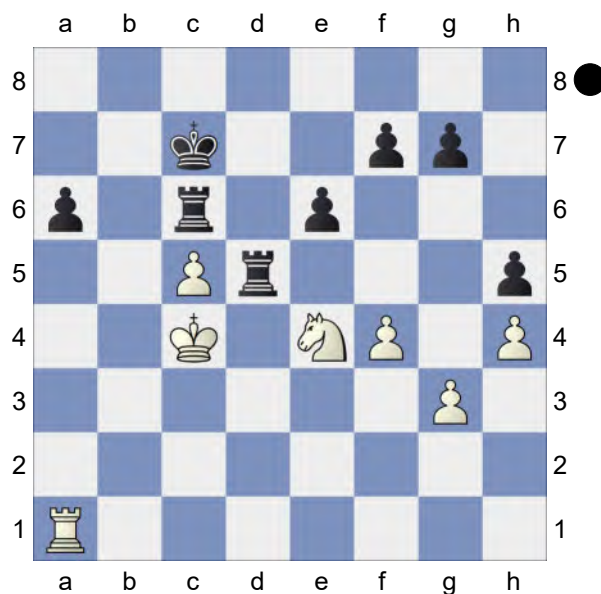
(24...Nxd4+ 25.Kf1) 25.Nd6+ Nxd6
 (25...R8xd6 26.exd6 Rxd1
 27.Kxd1=) 26.Rdxd4 cxd4 27.Rxd4]
23.bxc5 Nxc4 24.Kxc4 Rc8 25.N2c3
a6



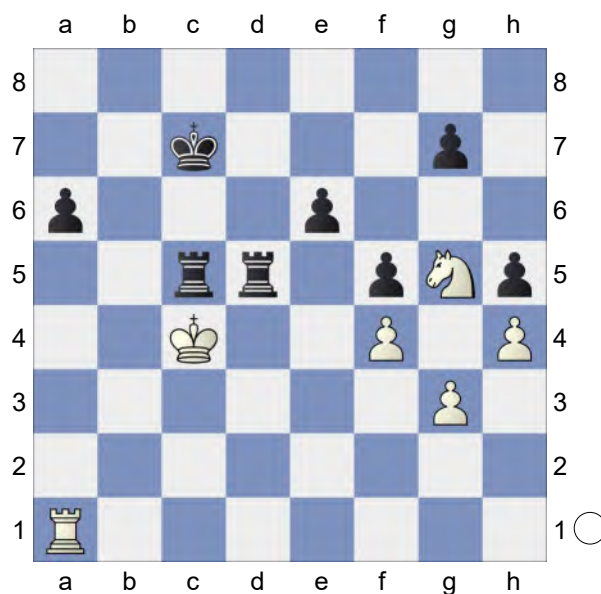
Against Nb5 26.Ne2 Rc6 27.Rb1 Kc7
28.Ra1 Rd8 29.Nd6 -4.00/19
 [29.f4 -2.78/21]
29...Nxd6+ 30.exd6+ Rxdxd6



Endgame. KRR-KRN 31.Nc3 bxc5
32.dxc5 Rd2 33.Ne4 Rd5 34.f4?
-6.18/21
 [34.Ra5 -3.30/18]

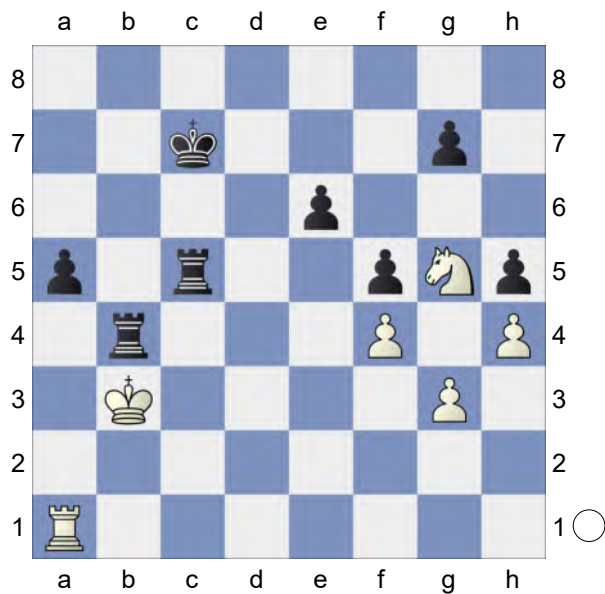


34...f5 Black is clearly winning. 35.Ng5
Rcxc5+

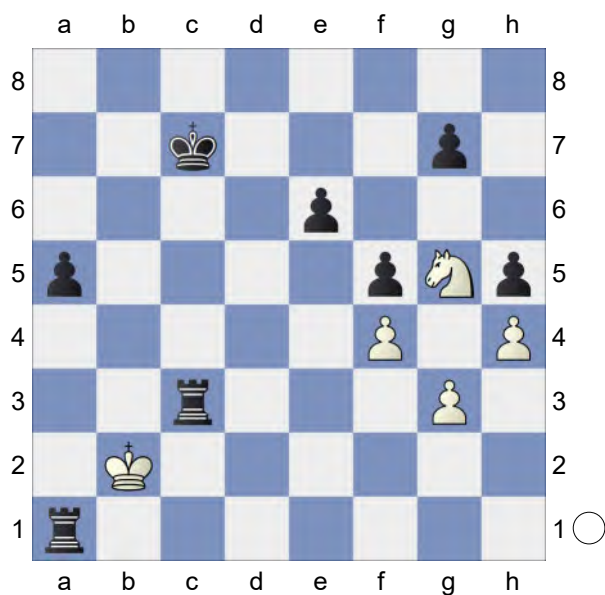


36.Kb4 Rb5+ 37.Kc4 Rbc5+ 38.Kb4
a5+ 39.Ka4 Rd4+ 40.Kb3 Rb4+

(Diagram)



**41.Ka3 Rc3+ 42.Ka2 Rc2+ 43.Ka3
Rc3+ 44.Ka2 Ra4+ 45.Kb2 Rxa1**
[45...Rxc3 46.Rxa4 Kb6 47.Rd4±
(47.Nxe6 Kb5+-)]



Weighted Error Value: White=0.61/
Black=0.27 (precise)
0-1

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□ Svane,Rasmus

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■ Gines Esteo,Pedro

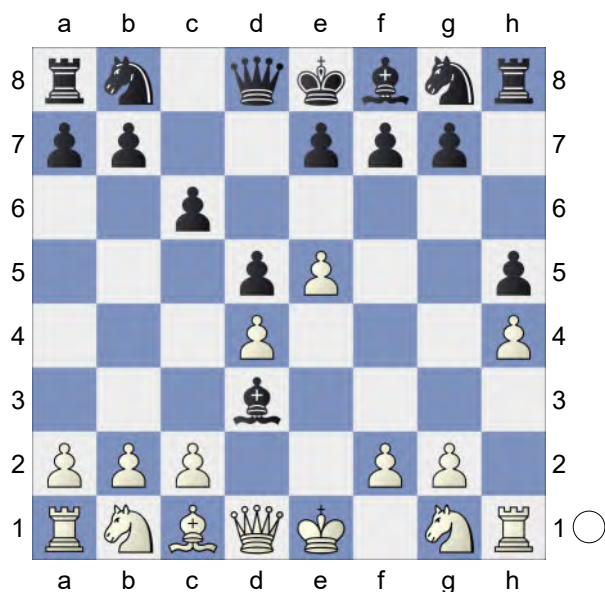
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Vrnjacka Banja

03.2023

[Daniel Fernandez]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 I was playing on the board next to this game, and when I looked over and saw this position started taking quite some professional interest, which was only increased when Black accepted the topical gambit. **6...Qa5+ 7.b4 Qxb4+**

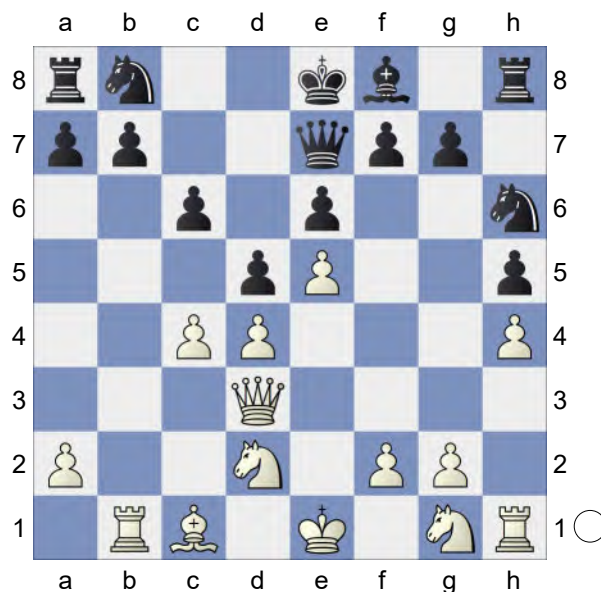
[7...Qa6 is played more frequently, and while preparing for Garrido (see another game this month) I tried to hash out a few of the lines here to equality.]

8.Nd2 e6 9.Rb1 Qe7 10.c4
Most critical, all but avoiding ...b5 in the next few moves. But that doesn't mean Black should forget about it.

[10.Ne2 b5 11.a4 a6 12.axb5 axb5=]

10...Nh6

[10...Qd7 Black doesn't have to move the queen just yet, and with 11.Ne2 Nh6 12.0-0 Nf5 13.Nf3 White may yet expose this as a loss of time.]



11.Ne2

[11.Ngf3 One way or another, White's knights are going to f3 and g3. It is interesting to notice the difference between the different ways of placing them there. Nf5 This is the choice of my cloud engine. (11...Qd7 12.Ba3 Bxa3 13.Qxa3 b5 14.cxb5 cxb5 15.0-0↑ The knight on d2 can find an alternate future on c5.) 12.Nf1 Preparing Ng3 and rejecting the excessively impatient cxd5. Black rarely wants to take on g3 in such positions, and it's interesting to see the engine even preferring to accept doubled f-pawns. dxc4 13.Qxc4 Qd7 14.Ng3 b5 15.Qd3 Na6 16.Nxf5 exf5 17.0-0= Interesting position where I'd likely prefer to take White.]

11...Nf5 12.Ng3 Nxg3 Not a strong move, but Rasmus doesn't react in the correct way either.

[12...Nxf4 is the famous repetition:

13.Nge4 dxe4 (13...Qd8!? 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.Rxb7 dxe4 16.Qb5+ Nd7 17.Rxh4[∞]) 14.Nxe4 Qd8 15.Bg5 Qa5+ 16.Bd2=]

13.Qxg3

[13.fxg3→ is stronger, and against the canonical plan of Nf3-g5 and 0-0 it's not clear what Black should/can do.]

13...Qc7?!

[13...b5!? Black had to vie for counterplay without delay. This is one of the most noteworthy points about this game: sometimes even White's c4 is not sufficient to stop Black challenging for queenside space in this way. 14.c5 (14.cxb5 cxb5 15.Rxb5 Nc6 16.Nf3 Qd7 17.Rb3 Ne7[∞]) 14...a5 15.a4 b4 16.0-0 Nd7[∞]]

14.0-0± White's won the opening battle since Black struggles to complete the final stages of their development.

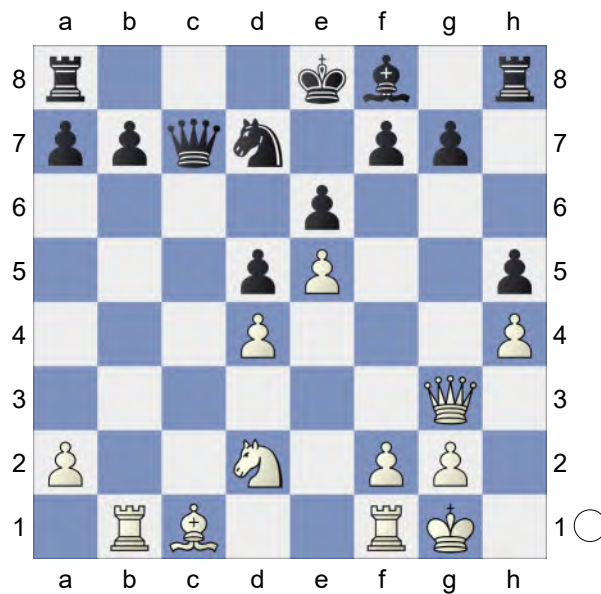
14...Nd7 15.cxd5

[15.Ba3 Bxa3 16.Qxa3 Nb6 I guess White wanted to throw in the pawn trade first to deny Black the option of taking back with the knight on d5, but in fact the knight recapture still isn't good. 17.cxd5 exd5 18.Rfe1±]

15...cxd5

[15...exd5?? 16.e6+-]

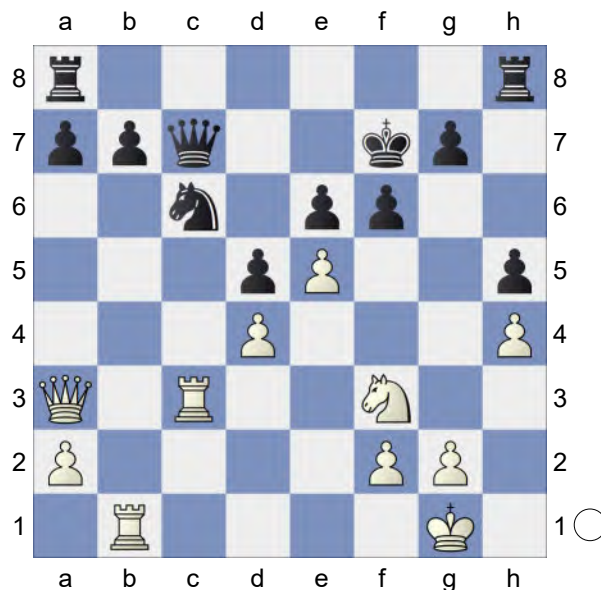
(Diagram)



16.Ba3 Bxa3 17.Qxa3 Nb8 18.Rfc1 Nc6 19.Nf3 f6?! After this weakening of Black's king position, White's attack almost plays itself and Rasmus handles it perfectly.

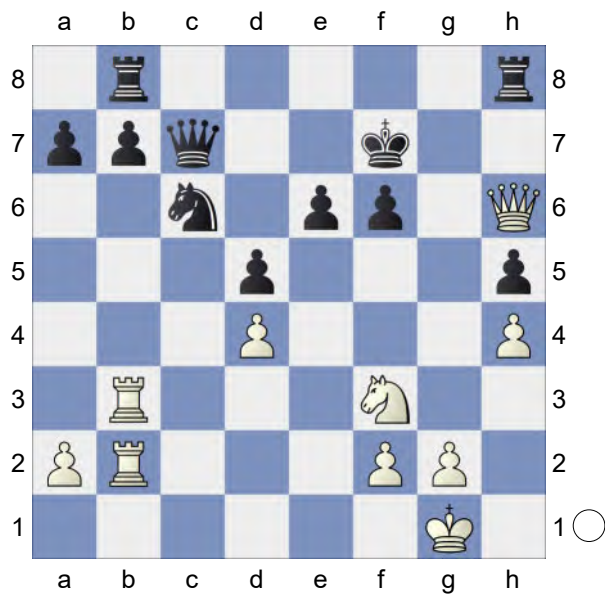
[19...Qd7 20.Rc3 Rc8± sitting tight was still not terrible for Black.]

20.Rc3 Kf7



21.Qc1 Rae8 22.Rcb3 Rb8 23.R1b2 Rhc8 24.exf6 gxf6 25.Qh6 Rh8

(Diagram)



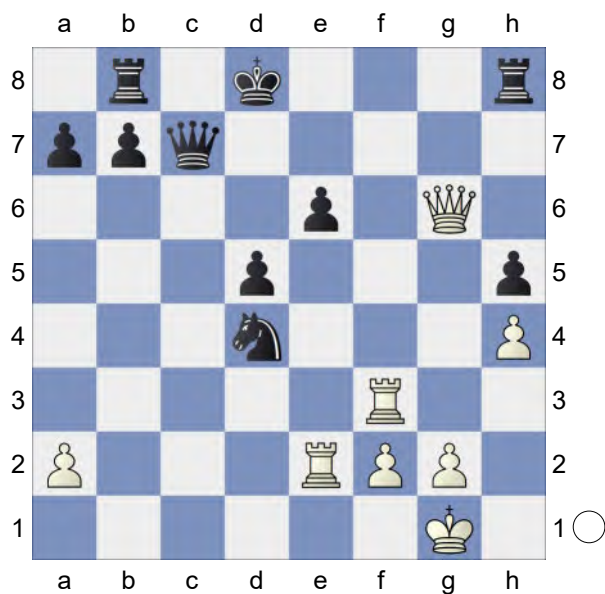
26.Ng5+ fxg5 27.Rf3+ Ke7 28.Qxg5+ 1-0

Ke8 29.Re2! A key component of the piece sacrifice. Black is defenseless.

29...Nxd4

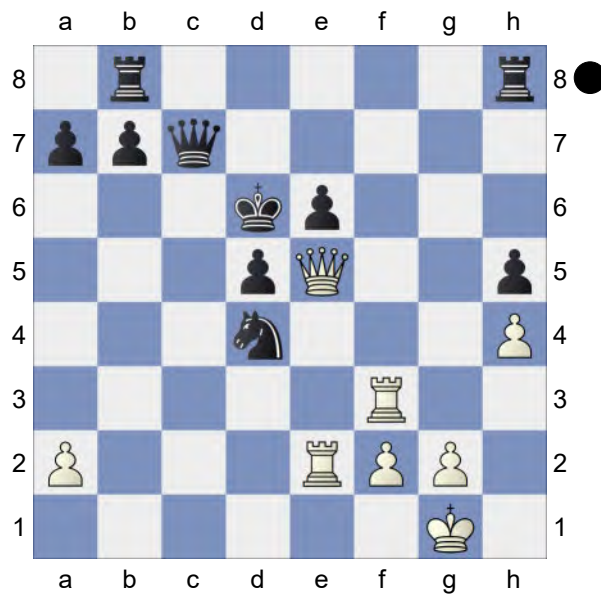
[29...Nd8 30.Qg6+ picks up the rook in the corner.]

30.Qg6+ Kd8



31.Qf6+ Kd7 32.Qg7+ Kd6 33.Qe5+

(Diagram)



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□ Ivic, Velimir

■ Gurel, Ediz

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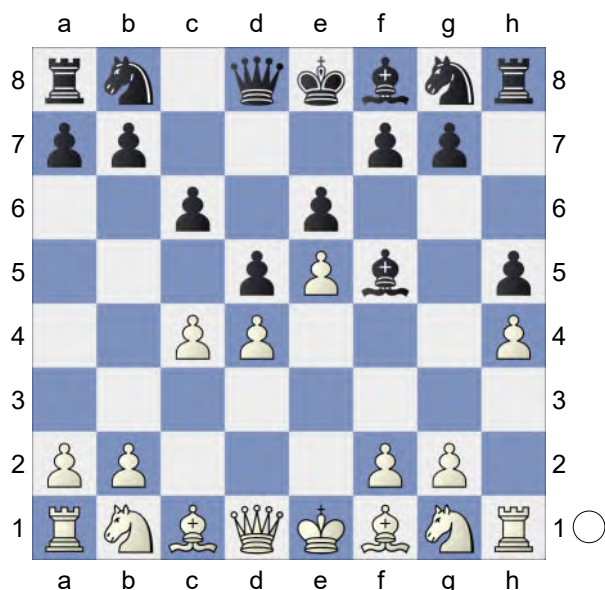
[Kitty Kat]

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31.07.2023

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.c4 e6



6.Nc3 dxc4 outshines the older 6...Ne7.
erfolgreicher als das alte 6...Se7. **7.Bxc4**
Nd7 8.Bb3!? A promising side line.
Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.

[8.Nge2 Be7 9.Ng3 (9.g3 Nh6
10.Bf4 Qb6 11.Qd2 Qb4 12.Bb3
Rd8 13.Rd1 Nb6 14.Bg5 Ng4
15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Qf4 Qb4 17.0-0
a5 18.Qc1 Nh6 19.Bc2 Bxc2
20.Qxc2 Nf5 21.a3 Qe7 22.Ne4 0-0
23.Rd3 Nd5 1-0 (41) Martirosyan,H
(2656)-Kukhmazov,A (2480) Qatar
Masters Open 2024 (3.12)) 9...Bg6
10.Nge4 Nh6 11.Bxh6 Rxh6 12.Qd2
Nb6 13.Be2 Nd5 14.Bf3 Qb6 15.g3
0-0-0 16.0-0 Kb8 17.Rfd1 Rhh8
18.Rac1 Bxe4 19.Nxe4 g6 20.Rc4
Rd7 21.Nc5 Bxc5 22.dxc5 Qc7

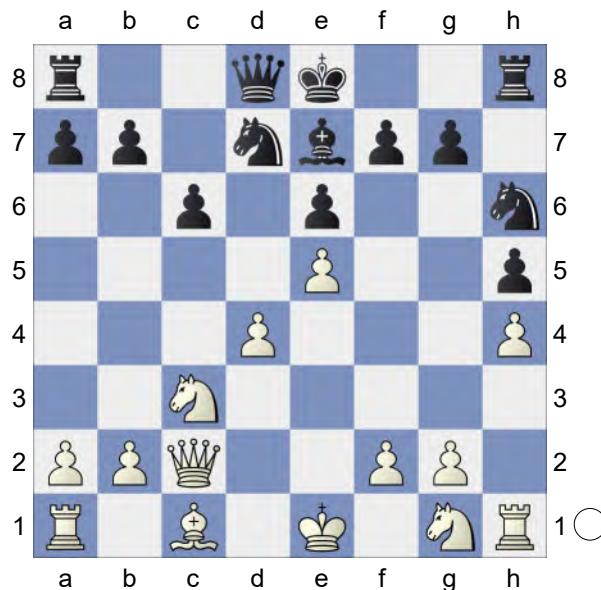
1-0 (45) Adams,M (2706)-Keymer,V
(2568) ch-Schachbundesliga 2020 (1.
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8...Be7N

[8...Ne7 9.Nge2 Ng6 10.Ng3 Nxf4
11.Nxf5 Nxf5 12.g4 Ne7 13.Bg5
Qb6 14.Ne4 Nd5 15.Rc1 f6 16.exf6
gxf6 17.Bxd5 Qa5+ 18.Nc3 exd5
19.Bf4 0-0-0 20.Rxh5 Bb4 21.Kf1
Bxc3 22.Rxc3 Qxa2 23.Qc2
0-1 (56) Yaniv,Y (2391)-Creanga,R
(2233) EU-ch U18 31st 2023 (4)]

9.Bc2 Bxc2 10.Qxc2 The position is
equal. **10...Nh6 0.55/20**

[10...c5= 0.02/18 11.Be3 cxd4
12.Bxd4 Nh6]

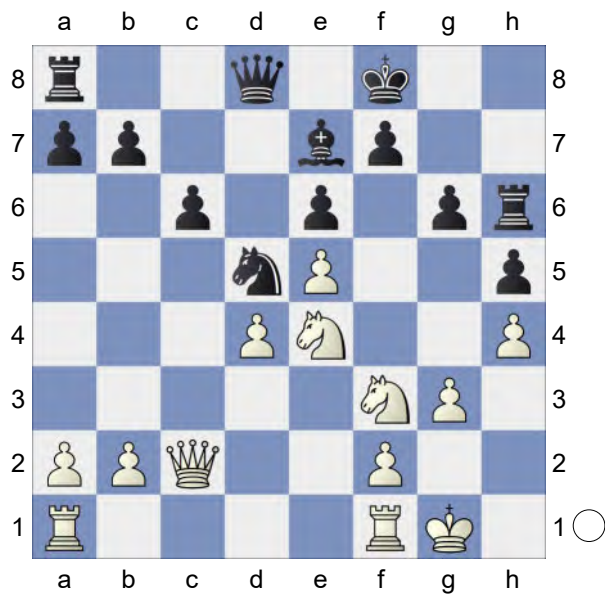
**11.Bxh6± Rxh6 12.Nf3 Nb6 13.g3N**

[Vorgänger: 13.a3 Nd5 14.Ne4
Qa5+ 15.Kf1 Kf8 1.10/21 (15...f5±
0.57/21 16.exf6 Qb5+ 17.Kg1 gxf6)
16.g3 g6 17.Kg2 Kg7 18.Rad1
Rhh8 19.Rd3 ½-½ Matlakov,M (2688)-
Faizrakhmanov,R (2484) RUS-ch
Higher League 74th 2021 (2)]

13...Nd5 14.0-0 Kf8 0.94/20

[14...Qd7!± 0.49/19]

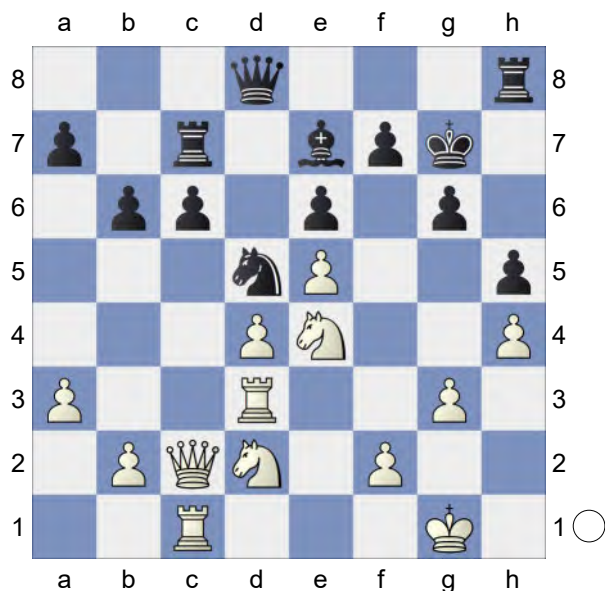
15.Ne4± g6



**16.a3 Kg7 17.Rfd1 Rc8 18.Rac1 Rh8
19.Rd3 Rc7 20.Nfd2**

[20.Qd2 looks sharper. Rd7 21.Rd1
a5 22.Nfg5]

20...b6

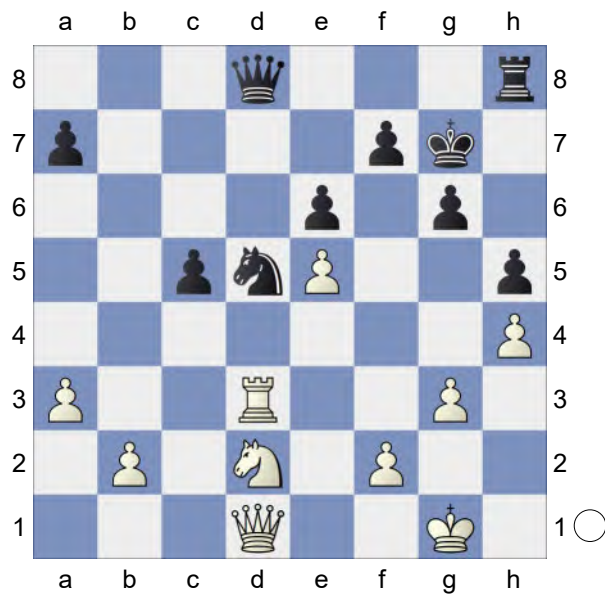


21.Qd1 c5 1.43/19

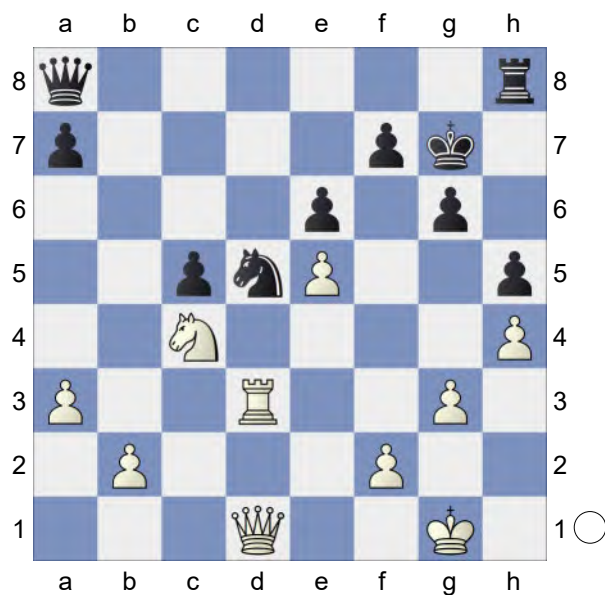
[21...a5 0.97/20]

**22.dxc5 Bxc5 23.Nxc5 Rxc5 24.Rxc5
bxc5**

(Diagram)



25.Nc4! Qa8



26.Nd6 White is more active. **26...Rf8**
2.10/22

[26...Rd8± 1.45/18 was worth a try.
27.Qc2 Qc6]

27.Qc2+- Rb8 2.47/20

[27...a5 1.93/19 keeps fighting.
28.Qxc5 Ne7]

28.Rf3

[28.Qxc5 Rxb2 29.Rf3 Rb1+ 30.Kg2
(30.Kh2 Ne7=) 30...Nf4+ 31.gxf4
Rb3=]

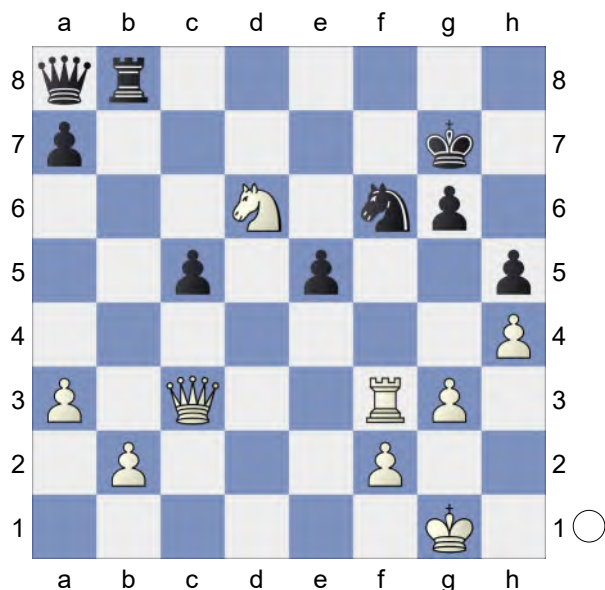
28...f5 3.71/20

[28...Rf8 2.23/21 might work better.
29.Qxc5 Nb6]

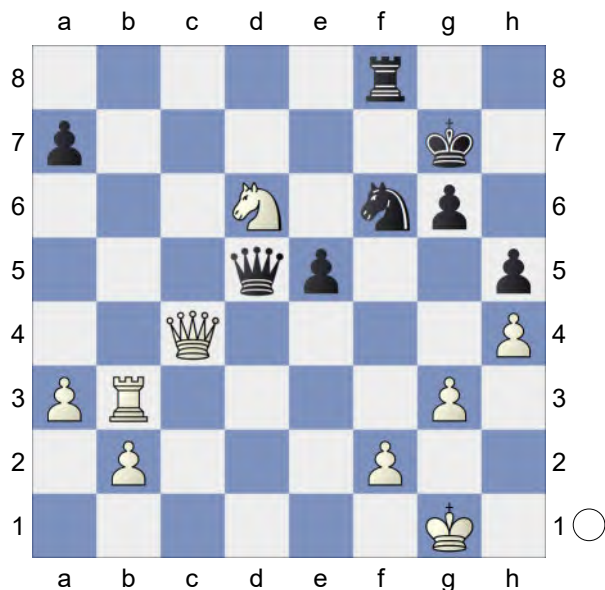
29.exf6+

[Weaker is 29.Qxc5 Rxb2 30.Qc1
Rb6±]

29...Nxf6 30.Qc3 e5



31.Rd3 c4 32.Qxc4 Rf8 Prevents Qf7+
33.Rb3 Qd5



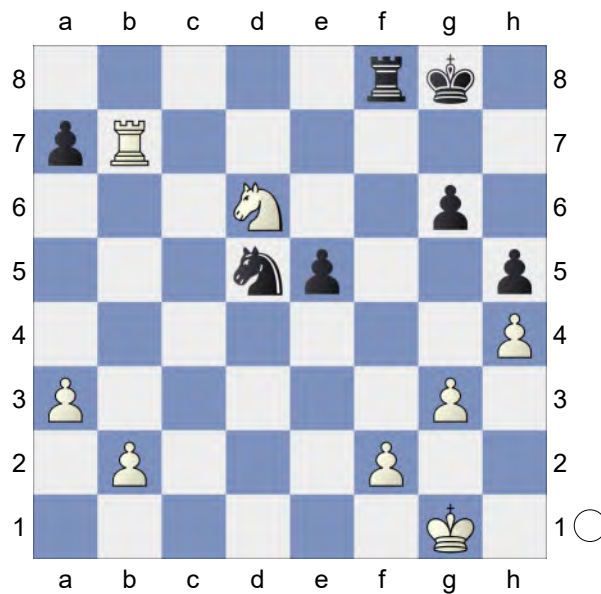
aiming for ...Qd1+. 34.Rb7+ Kg8

35.Qxd5+

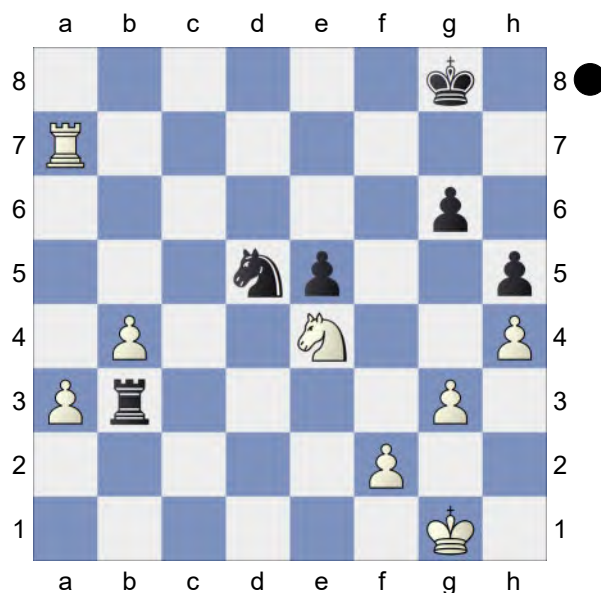
[35.Rxa7 Qxc4 36.Nxc4 Ng4+-]

35...Nxd5

(Diagram)



36.Rxa7 Rf3 37.b4 Rb3 38.Ne4



Weighted Error Value: White=0.06
(flawless) /Black=0.29 (precise)

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□ Sutovsky, Emil

■ Anton Guijarro, David

Poikovsky Karpov 18th (8) 26.04.2017

[Justin Tan]

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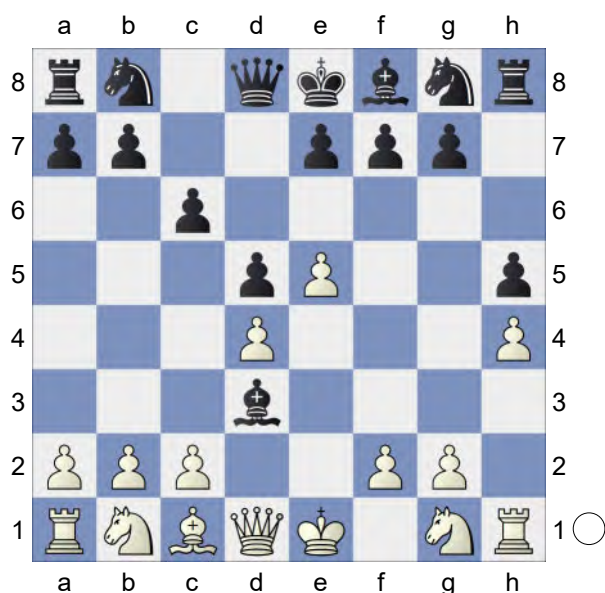
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5

[4...h6 is the other main move, which I might devote some time to at a later date.]

5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 Qa5+!? We haven't yet considered this queen sortie. It is a serious alternative to the more conventional 6...e6 which is covered next in Jones - Fernandez. 7.Nd2

[7.Bd2 leads to an interesting pawn structure in a queenless middlegame, but shouldn't offer much for White. Qa6 8.e6 Qxd3 9.exf7+ Kxf7 10.cxd3 Nd7 (There's not a lot of sense in delaying the queen's knight development. 10...e6 11.Nf3 Bd6 12.Nc3 Ne7 13.Ng5+ Kg6 14.0-0-0 Nf5 15.Rde1 Nxd4 16.Nxe6 Nf5 1-0 (29) Grischuk, A (2785)-Arnaudov, G (2441) Antalya TUR 2017 17.Bf4

Bxf4+ 18.Nxf4+ Kf7 19.Ne6 Nd7 20.Ng5+ Kg6 21.Re6+ Nf6 22.g3↑) 11.Nf3 (11.Nh3?! e5 12.Ng5+ Kg6↑ 0-1 (40) Lagarde, M (2587)-Adhiban, B (2650) Reykjavik 2018)

A) 11...Nh6 indicates that Black would rather not worry about a weak e6-pawn, although arguably a weak e6-square is a cause for more concern. 1/2-1/2 (36) Adhiban, B (2682)-Donchenko, A (2553) Moscow 2017 12.Bc3 Nf5 (It isn't too late to switch to the conventional plan. 12...e6 13.Nbd2 Bd6 1/2-1/2 (47) Sargissyan, S (2363) -Paravyan, D (2540) Moscow 2017) 13.Nbd2 g6 (13...e6?! 14.Ng5+ Kg8 15.Ndf3) 14.Ng5+ Kg8 15.Ndf3 with a slight pull for White.;

B) 11...e6 12.0-0 0-1 (48) Burri, Q (2410)-Sadzikowski, D (2583) Karlsruhe 2018 Ne7 13.Ng5+ (13.Bc3 Nf5 14.Nbd2 Be7 15.g3 b5!?↑) 13...Kg8 14.Nxe6 (White would be better in this position if his d2-knight was situated on f3. But he simply isn't in time to coordinate: 14.Bc3 Nf5 15.g3?! e5̄) 14...Nf5 15.g3 Re8 16.Nxf8 Nxf8 17.Bc3 Ne6=]

7...e6

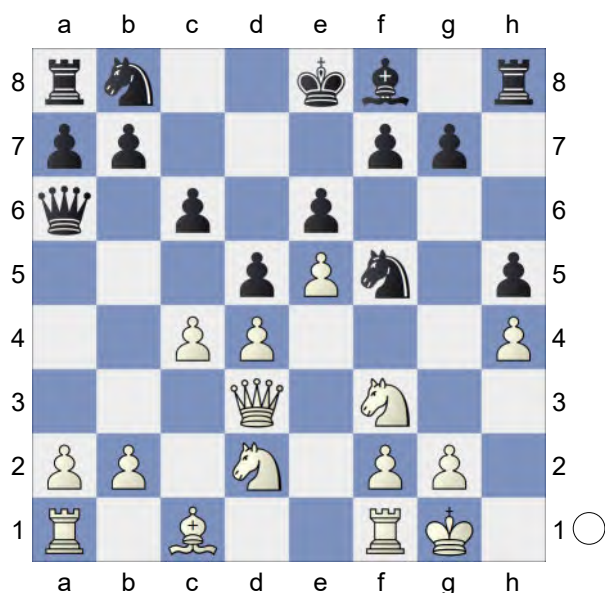
[7...Qa6?! is a clearly inferior version of 7 Bd2. 8.e6 Qxd3 9.exf7+ Kxf7 10.cxd3 Nh6 (10...Nd7 11.Ngf3 e6?! 1/2-1/2 (45) Haug, J (2267)-Gutsko, A (2154) Fagernes 2016 12.Ng5+ Kg6 13.Ndf3±) 11.Ndf3 Nd7 12.Nh3 Nf5 13.Nhg5+ Kg8 14.Ne6± 0-1 (87) Howell, D (2698) -Dvirnyy, D (2542) Heraklio 2017]

8.Ngf3 Qa6

[My recommendation is not to go for

the commonplace Qa6 plan - exactly what Sutovsky punished in the game. Instead, I support quick kingside development with 8...Nh6 9.0-0 Nf5 10.c4 (10.c3 Be7 11.g3 Qa6 12.Qc2 c5↑ is a pretty sound French for Black.) 10...Be7 11.g3 1-0 (43) Ponomarev,R (2712)-Mchedlishvili,M (2605) Minsk 2017 Nd7 12.b3 Rd8 13.Qc2 0-0 (13...Nf8 14.Bb2 Rg8!?) was a creative plan, but probably not completely correct. 15.Ng5 Bxg5 16.hxg5 Ng6 17.Nf3↑ 1-0 (43) Ponomarev,R (2712)-Mchedlishvili,M (2605) Minsk 2017) 14.a3 dxc4 (14...f6 15.b4! Qa6 16.exf6 Bxf6 17.Bb2±) 15.bxc4 Nb6 An instructive sequence of moves. Black's pieces harmonise perfectly. 16.c5 (16.a4 Rxd4! 17.Nb3 Rxc4 18.Qxf5 Qc3 19.Qxh5 g6 20.Qh6 Qxf3 21.Nd2 Qe2 22.Nxc4 Nxc4 23.Bf4 Rd8±) 16...Qa4! 17.Ra2 Qxc2 18.Rxc2 Na4 19.Nb3 b6 20.Rc4 b5 21.Rc2 Rd7= 1/2-1/2 (42) Ponkratov,P (2603)-Dreev, A (2647) Sochi 2017]

9.c4 Nh6 10.0-0 Nf5



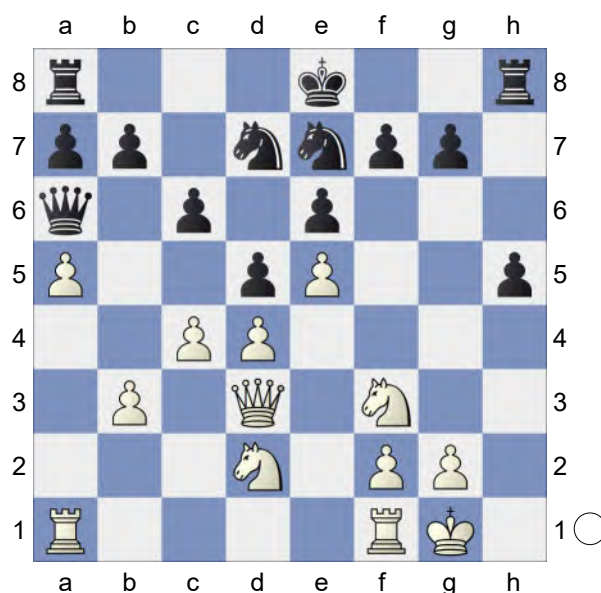
11.b3 Be7 12.a4! Bxh4?!

[12...0-0 13.Ba3 Bxa3 14.Rxa3 Qa5 is a little cramped for Black but this should be manageable.]

13.Ba3 Be7

[13...Nd7 14.Rfc1↑ for Black, it is hard to do without swapping the dark-squared bishops. The engine suggests 14...Bd8 which isn't a good sign.]

14.Bxe7 Nxe7 15.a5 Nd7

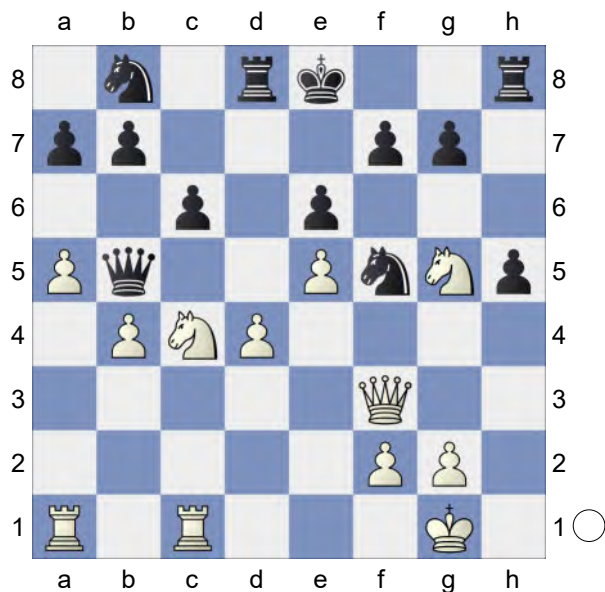


16.Rfc1± White's compensation lies in his space advantage and better placed pieces. In particular, the queen on a6 has been sidelined from the game. In short, Sutovsky displays excellent opening preparation here. **16...Rd8** **17.b4 dxc4 18.Nxc4 Nf5 19.Ng5**

[We can really acquire a far greater range of patterns from our silicon friends: 19.d5! cxd5 would lose to the fantastic (19...Nb8 20.d6±) 20.Qb1! Qb5 and now 21.Nd4!]

19...Nb8 20.Qf3! Qb5

(Diagram)



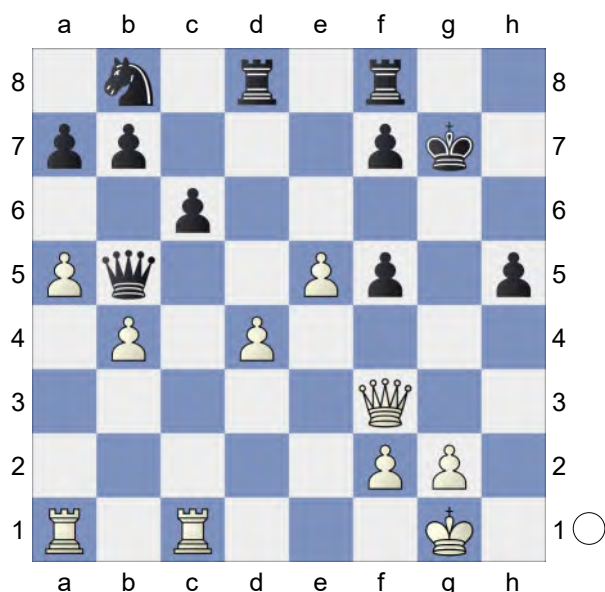
21.Ne3 g6 22.Ne4??

[22.d5 cxd5 23.Rc7 Nd7 (23...Rd7 24.Rc8+-) 24.Rac1! Simple chess. Black can hardly move here and if he does, something bad might happen: Qxb4 25.Rxd7! Rxd7 26.Rc8+ Rd8 27.Rxd8+ Kxd8 28.Nxf7+-]

22...0-0?? Returning the favour.

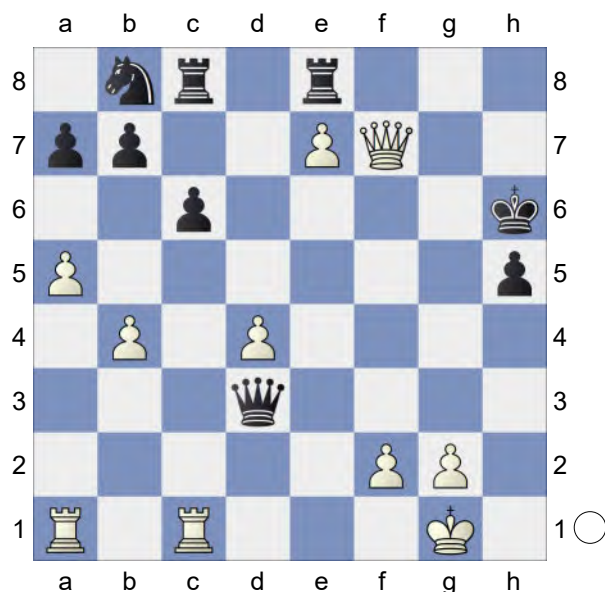
[The cool 22...Nxd4 23.Qf6 0-0 more or less turns the tables.]

23.Nf6+ Kg7 24.Nxh5+! gxh5
25.Nxf5+ exf5

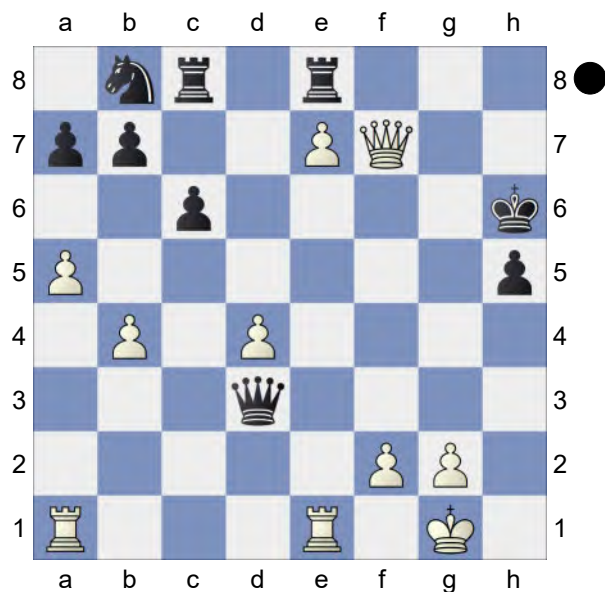


26.Qxf5 Rfe8 27.Qf6+ Kh7 28.e6

Crushing. 28...Qd3 29.Qxf7+ Kh6
30.e7 Rc8



31.Re1



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□ Shirov,Alexei

■ Sivuk,Vitaly

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[Kitty Kat]

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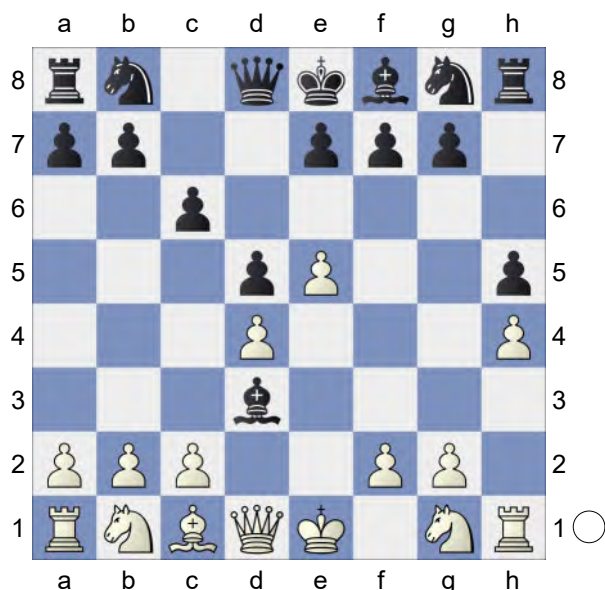
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

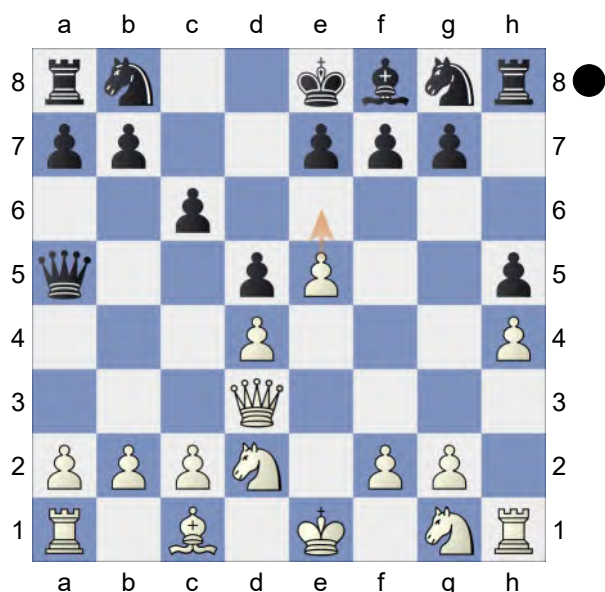
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3

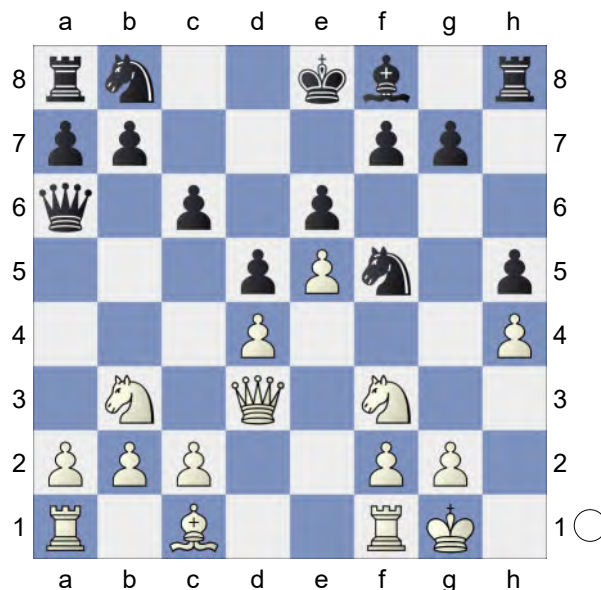
Strongly threatening e6!

6...Qa5+ 7.Nd2



e6! is the strong threat. 7...e6 8.Ngf3

White is slightly better. 8...Nh6 9.0-0
Nf5 10.Nb3 Qa6



11.Qd1 b6 12.Bg5 c5 13.Re1N

0.05/20

Leaves trodden paths.

Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.

[13.dxc5± 0.41/22 feels stronger.

A) 13...Bxc5 14.c3 Nc6 15.Re1

Qa4 (15...Rc8 16.a4 Rc7 17.a5

Qb5 18.axb6 Bxb6 19.Ra3 Rd7

20.Nfd2 Nce7 21.Nc1 Nc6 22.Rb3

Qa4 23.Nd3 Rc7 24.Nf4 Na5

25.Ra3 Qxd1 26.Rxd1 Nc4

27.Nxc4 Rxc4 28.Kf1 0-0

29.Nxh5 Nxh4 30.b3 ½-½ (46)

Soumya,S (2243)-Fiedorek,M

(2301) Rilton Cup 52nd 2024 (7))

16.Nfd2 Be7 17.Bxe7 Ncxe7

18.g3 Nc6 19.Rc1 Rd8 20.Qe2

Kf8 21.c4 d4 22.Qe4 g6 23.c5

Rd5 24.Qf4 b5 25.Qg5 d3 26.Qf6

Rh6 27.Ne4 g5 28.Qxg5

0-1 (50) Kopriva,M (2483)-Runau,R

(2530) Budva 1963 (7);

B) 13...bxc5 14.Nbd2 c4 15.b3

c3 16.Ne4 Bb4 17.Ng3 Nxc3

18.fxc3 Nd7 19.Be3 40. Caro-

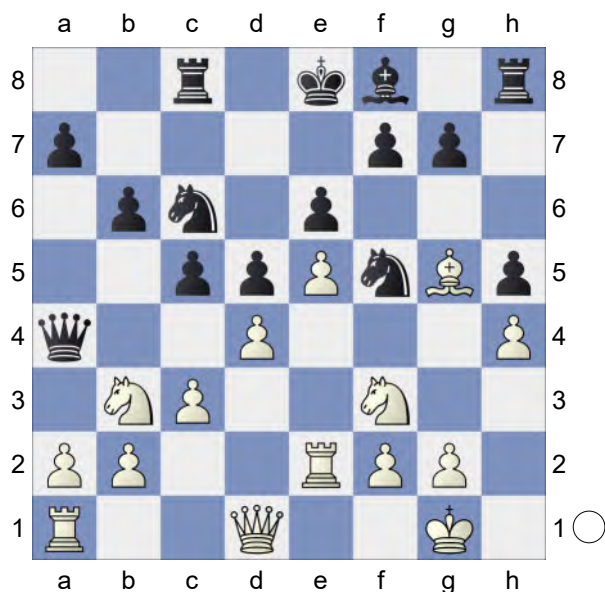
Kann 4.h4 h5 – 7.N-Caro-Kann 7.

Nf3 Qa5 8.Nbd2 Nh]

13...Nc6!= 14.c3 Rc8 15.Re2N

[Vorgänger: 15.g3 Rc7 16.Kg2 Qa4
17.Qd2 c4 0.53/18 (17...cxd4=
-0.03/19 18.Qf4 Bc5) 18.Nc1± b5!
19.Ne2 b4 20.Nf4 Rd7 21.Nh2
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(2570) EU-Cup 37th Mayrhofen 2022
(5.4)]

15...Qa4

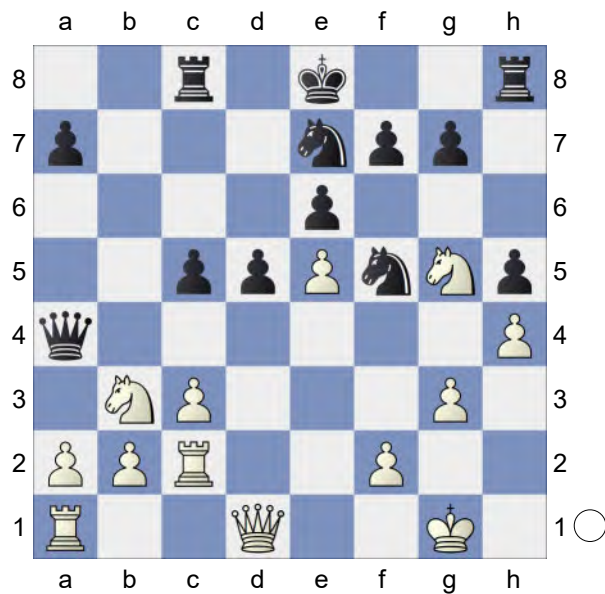


**16.Rc2 Be7 17.g3 Bxg5 18.Nxg5
Nce7 0.26/20**

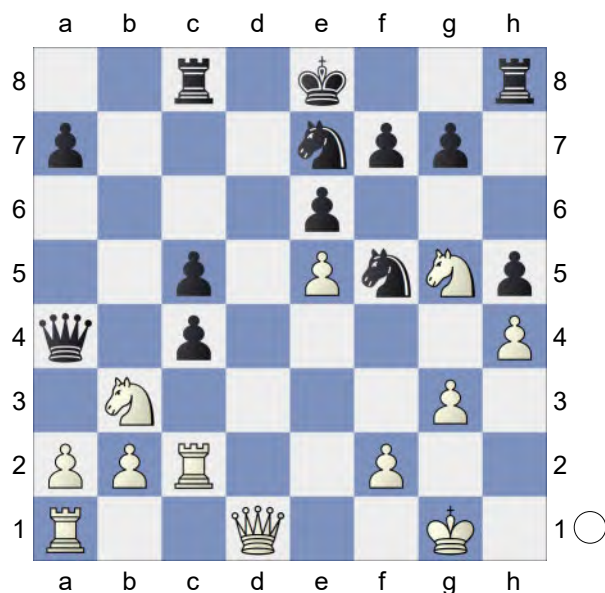
[Better is 18...cxd4± -0.36/20 19.cxd4
Qb5]

19.dxc5= bxc5

(Diagram)

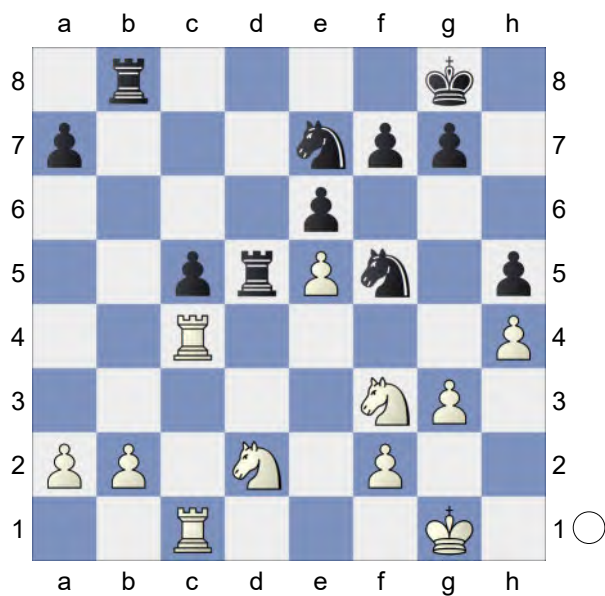


20.c4! dxc4



**21.Nd2 Rd8 22.Rxc4 Qxd1+ 23.Rxd1
Rd5 24.Ngf3 Black should prevent
Rdc1. 24...0-0 25.Rdc1 Rb8**

(Diagram)



(flawless) /Black=0.34

1-0

26.b3 Rb5 1.36/19

[Black should play 26...Rbd8!± 0.32/22]

27.Ne4 Hoping for Nc3! 27...Ng6?

4.29/24

[27...Rb4± 1.26/21]

28.Nc3

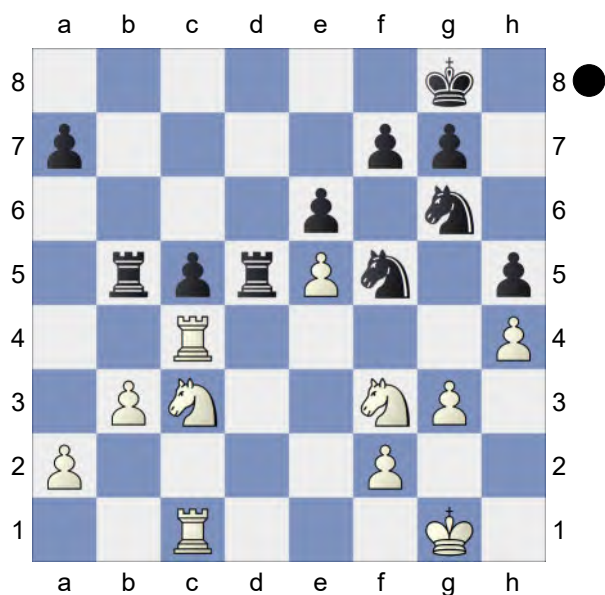
[28.Rxc5 Rbxc5 29.Rxc5 Kf8

30.Rxd5 exd5=]

[28.Nxc5 Rb8 29.Re1 Rc8 30.Nxe6

Discovered Attack Rxc4 31.bxc4

Rd3+-]



Weighted Error Value: White=0.06

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□ Zhu, Jiner

■ Zhang, Pengxiang

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[Kitty Kat]

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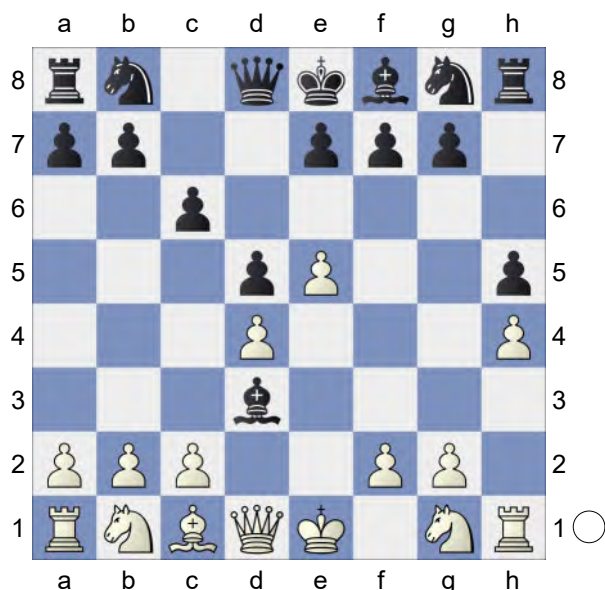
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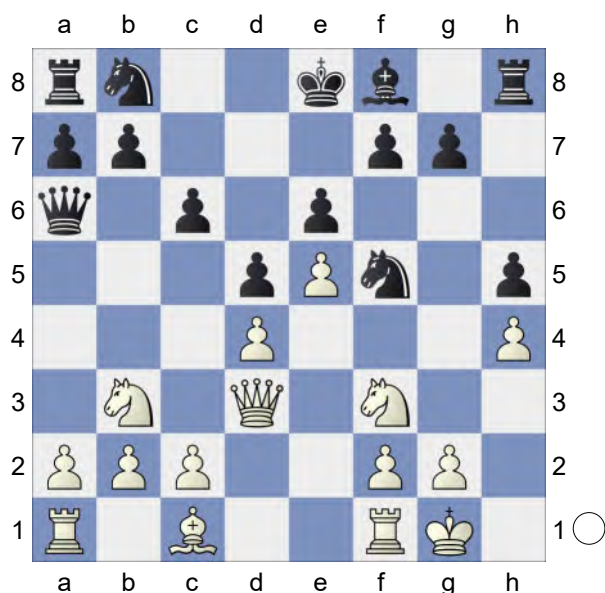
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

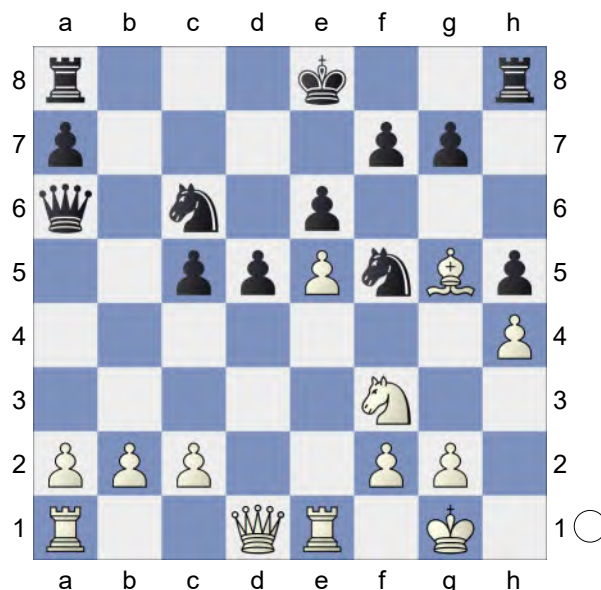
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.Nd2 e6 8.Ngf3
White is slightly better. 8...Nh6 9.0-0
Nf5 10.Nb3 Qa6



11.Qd1 **b6!** The main line 11...b6
scores better than 11...Nd7.
Die Hauptvariante 11...b6 punktet besser
als 11...Sd7. 12.Bg5 c5 13.dxc5 Bxc5
14.Re1 Nc6 15.Nxc5 bxc5



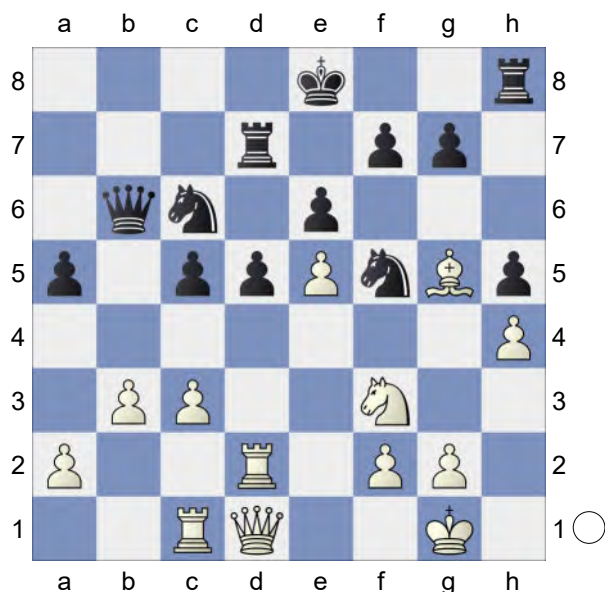
16.c3 Rb8 17.b3 **Rb7N**

[Vorgänger: 17...Qb5 18.Rc1 Qa5
19.Rc2 Qc7 20.Qe2 a5 21.Rd2 Qb6
22.Nh2 -0.70/22 (22.Rc1= 0.15/25)
22...Ra8 0.24/25 (22...a4! 0.70/22
23.bxa4 Qa5) 23.Nf1 Qa6 0.94/23
0-1 Zhu, J (2478)-Svane, R (2637)
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keeps the balance.)]

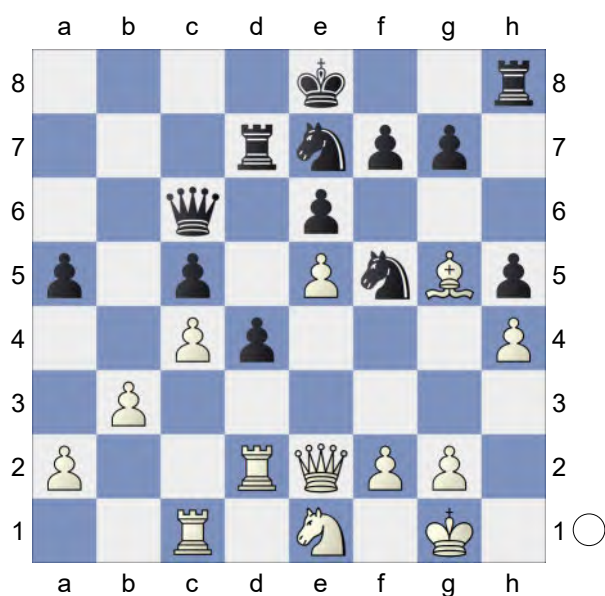
[17...Nce7 18.Re2 Rb7 19.Rc1 Rd7
20.Rd2 Qb7 21.Qe2 Qc7 22.Bxe7
Kxe7 23.c4 d4 24.Rd3 a5 25.Re1
Qb7 26.Qd2 Qb4 27.Qg5+ Kf8
28.a4 Rh6 29.Re4 Qb7 30.Re2 Qa8
31.g3 Kg8 32.Nd2 1/2-1/2 (42) Zhu, J
(2498)-Osmak, I (2444) FIDE World
Cup (Women) 2023 (3.2)]

[17...Qb6 18.Nd2 Rb7 19.Qf3 a5
20.Rad1 Rd7 21.Qf4 Qc7 22.Nf3
Qb7 23.Rd2 d4 24.Qe4
1/2-1/2 Csonka, B (2495)-O'Donnell, C
(2295) BCF-chT 2223 (4NCL) 2022 (3.

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18.Re2 Rd7 19.Rc1 Qb6 20.Rd2 a5

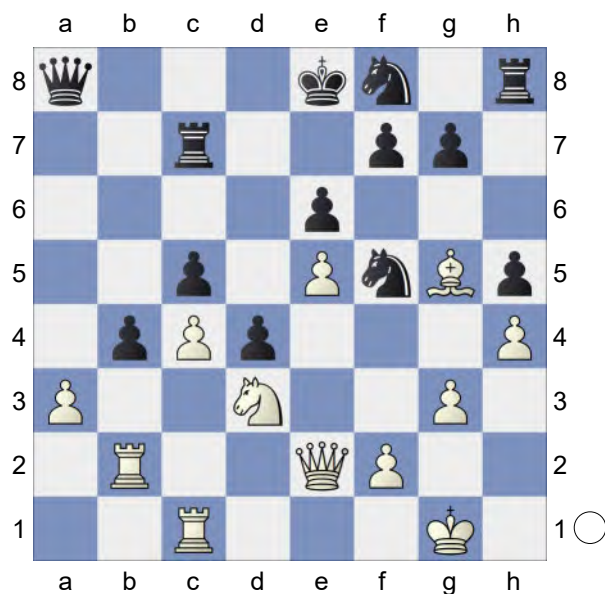


21.c4 d4 22.Qe2 Qc7 23.Qe4 0.00/24
 [23.Rb1± 0.36/23 should be considered.]
23...Qb7 24.Ne1 Nce7 25.Qe2 Qc6 0.51/23
 [25...Ng6= -0.02/28]

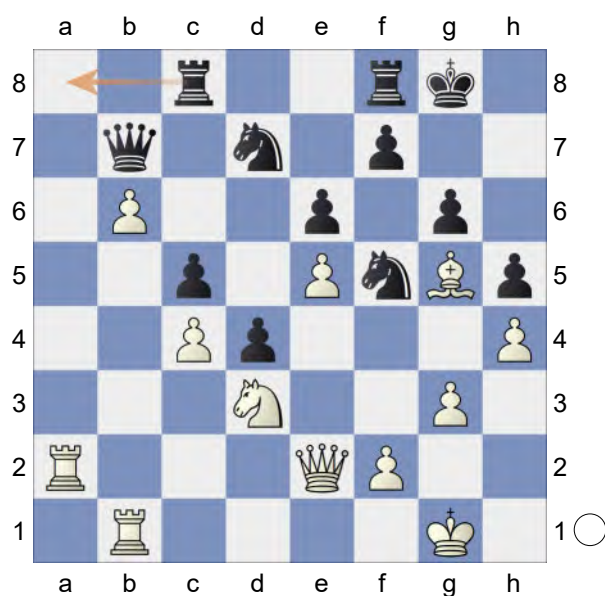


26.Nd3± Ng6 27.g3 Rc7 28.a3 Qa8 29.Rb2 Nf8 30.b4 axb4

(Diagram)



31.axb4 Hoping for Ra2. **31...Nd7 32.b5 1.01/24**
 [32.Ra2+- 1.66/25 Qb7 33.b5]
32...g6 2.38/20
 [32...Ra7± 1.01/24]
33.Ra2!+- Qb7 Black is weak on the dark squares **34.b6 Rc8 3.35/23**
 [34...Nxb6± 1.60/26 35.Rb1 0-0]
35.Rb1 0-0



36.Ra7 Qc6 37.Rb5 Nxb6 38.Ra6!
 [38.Rxc5 Qe8=]
 [38.Nxc5 Ra8 39.Rxa8 Rxa8=]
38...Rb8 39.Bd2!

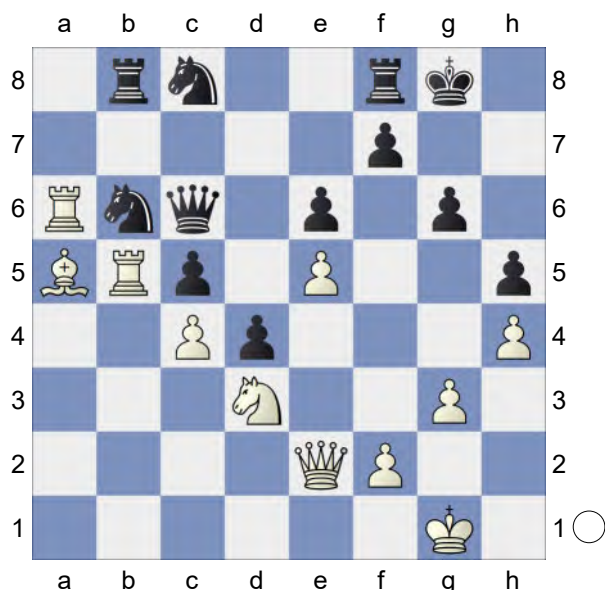
[39.Rxc5 Qb7 40.Ra1 Rbc8 $\mp$]
 [39.Nxc5 Ra8 40.Rxb6 (40.Raxb6
 Ra1+ 41.Rb1 Qxb6=) 40...Qxc5=]

39...Ne7 40.Ba5

[40.Rxc5 Qb7 41.Raa5 Rbc8=]
 [40.Nxc5?! Qc8 $\pm$]

40...Nec8 2.86/22

[40...Nxc4 1.91/24 was worth a try.
 41.Rxc6 Rxb5]



41.f3? 0.68/21

[41.Rxc5 Qb7 42.Nb4 Ra8 43.Rxa8
 Qxa8 $\mp$]
 [41.Nxc5+- 2.86/22 Na7 42.Rb3
 (42.Raxb6 Rxb6 43.Bxb6 Nxb5 $\mp$;
 42.Rxa7 Nxc4 43.Rxb8 Rxb8 $\pm$;
 42.Rxb6 Qxc5 43.Qe4 Rxb6 $\pm$;
 42.Bxb6 Nxb5 43.cxb5 Qd5+-)]

41...Ra8! $\pm$ 42.Rxa8

[42.Raxb6 Nxb6 43.Bxb6 (43.Rxb6?
 Qa4+-) 43...Rfb8 44.Bxc5 (44.Rxc5?
 Qxb6 45.Rb5 Qa7+-) 44...Rxb5
 45.cxb5 Qxb5=]
 [42.Rxc5 Qb7 43.Rxa8 Qxa8=]

42...Nxa8 43.Rxc5 Qa4 1.21/21

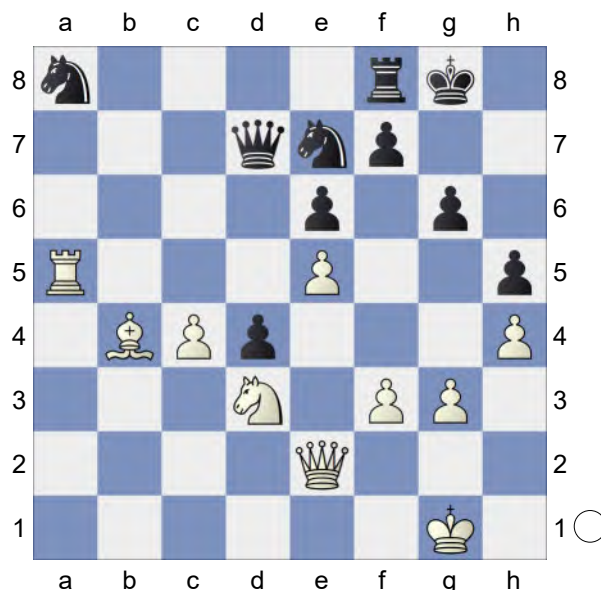
[Black should try 43...Qb7 0.72/20]

44.Bb4! $\pm$ Ne7 2.35/22

[44...Rd8 $\pm$ 1.12/24]

45.Ra5+- Qd7 3.42/20

[$\triangleleft$ 45...Qe8 2.44/22 46.Ra1 (46.Ra7
 Nc6=) 46...Nb6]



46.Qa2 Nc7 47.Bd6 1.68/22

[$\triangleleft$ 47.Nc5 2.84/23 Qd8 48.Qa4]

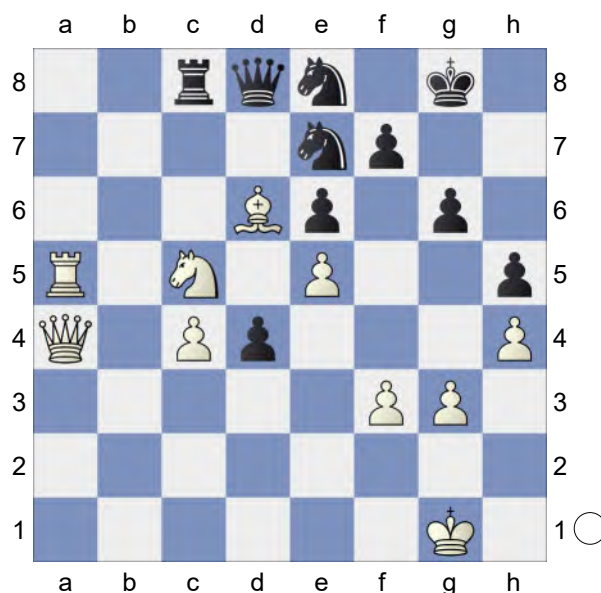
47...Rc8 48.Nc5 Qd8 49.Qa4 0.38/21

Against Nc6

[49.Nb7+- 1.74/23 Qe8 50.Bxe7
 Qxe7 51.Nd6]

49...Ne8 1.16/25

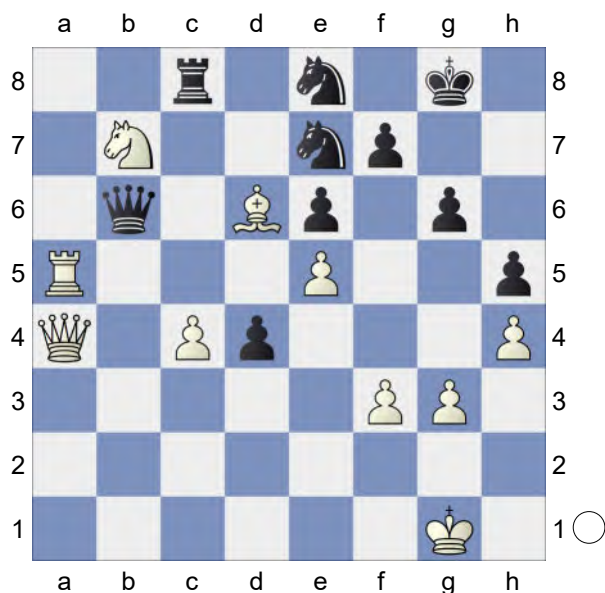
[49...Nf5 $\pm$ 0.38/21]



50.Nb7 0.00/28

[50.Ne4!± 1.16/25]

50...Qb6=

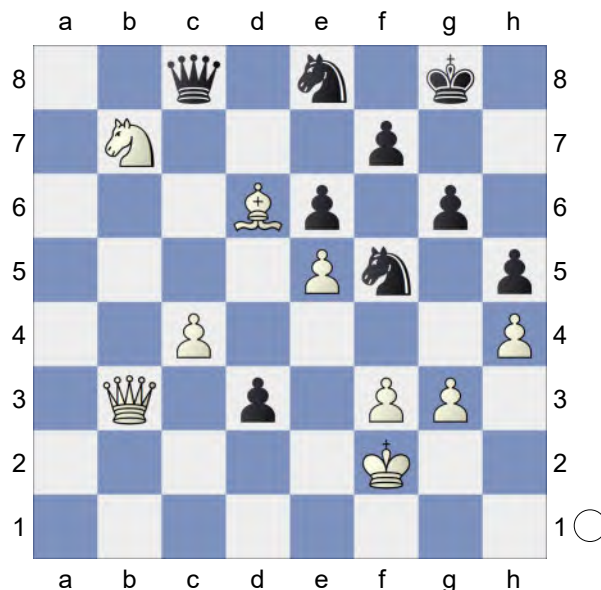


51.Rb5 Qc6 52.Qb3 -0.82/25

[52.Bxe7= 0.00/28 Qxf3 53.Qa2
Qxg3+ 54.Qg2 Qe3+ (54...Qxg2+?
55.Kxg2 Rxc4 56.Nd6+-) 55.Qf2
Qc1+ (55...Qxf2+? 56.Kxf2 Rxc4
57.Nd6+-) 56.Qf1 Qe3+
(56...Qxf1+? 57.Kxf1 Rxc4
58.Nd6+-) 57.Kh1]

52...Nf5± 53.Rc5 Qd7 ...d3 is the
strong threat. 54.Rxc8 Qxc8 55.Kf2
d3!

(Diagram)



Strongly threatening ...d2. 56.Ke1
-2.65/21

[56.Bc5± -0.94/21]

56...Qc6? -0.19/18

[56...Nxg3+- -2.65/21 aiming for ...
Nf5. 57.Nc5 Nxd6 Remove Defender
58.exd6 Qxc5 59.Qxd3 Qa5+ 60.Kf2
Nf5]

57.Qb5= Qc8 ...Nd4! would now be
deadly. 58.c5 -1.31/24

[58.Kd2± -0.56/24]

58...Qa8 -0.63/19

[Black should play 58...Nxg3±
-1.31/24 White must now prevent ...
Qa8. 59.Kd2 (59.c6 Nf5+-) 59...Nf5
(59...Nc7 60.Bxc7 Qxc7 61.Nd6=)
60.Kxd3 Nxh4]

59.Kd2 -2.08/21

[59.c6!± -0.63/19]

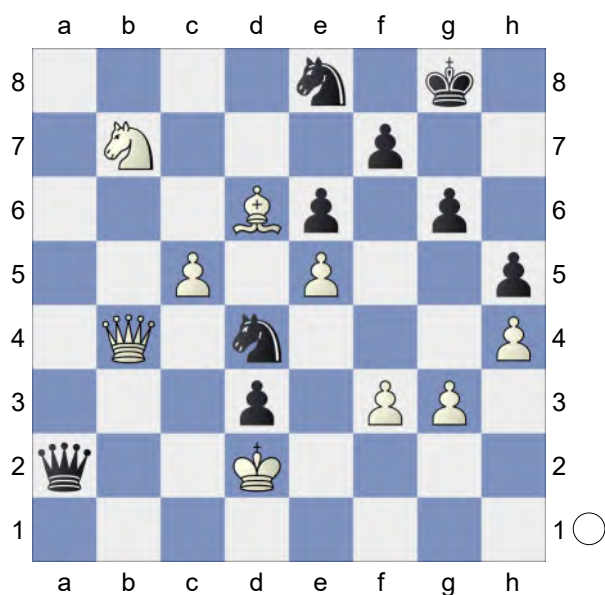
59...Nd4? -0.57/18

[59...Nxg3 60.Kxd3 Nf5 61.Qd7=]
[59...Qa2+-+ -2.08/21 60.Kxd3 Qa3+
(60...Qd5+ 61.Kc3=) 61.Kd2
(61.Kc4? Ne3+ 62.Kd4 Ng7+-)
61...Qe3+ 62.Kd1 Neg7
(62...Qxf3+? 63.Kc1+-)]

60.Qb4? -3.50/24

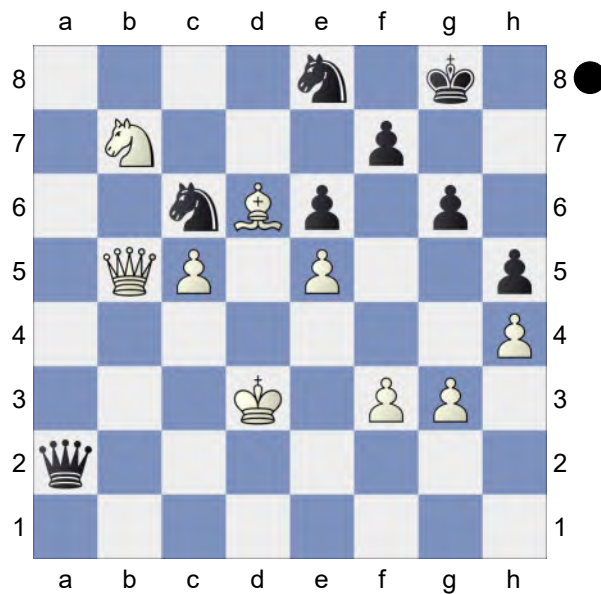
[White has to play 60.Qxd3± -0.57/18

Qa2+ 61.Kc3]
60...Qa2+ -1.87/21
 [60...Nxf3+ 61.Kxd3 Qa2 (61...Nxd6
 62.exd6 Ne5+ 63.Kc3=) 62.Nd8+
 (62.Ke3 Qd5+)]
 [60...Nxd6 -3.50/24 61.Nxd6
 (61.exd6? Qa2+ 62.Kxd3 e5+)
 61...Nxf3+ 62.Kxd3 Nxe5+ 63.Kc2
 Qa2+ (63...Qg2+? 64.Kb3+) 64.Kd1
 Qd5+ 65.Kc2 Qd3+ 66.Kb2 Qxg3]

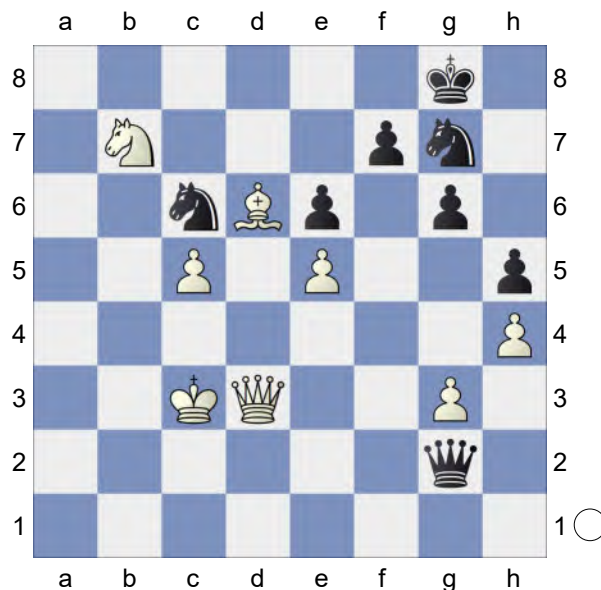


61.Kxd3+ Nc6 ↑ Black is really pushing.
 [61...Nxf3 62.Na5+ (62.Ke3 Qd5+)]
62.Qb5 -2.46/28
 [62.Qb6 -1.66/23]

(Diagram)



62...Qa3+? -0.12/19
 [62...Qd5+!+ -2.46/28 63.Kc3 Ng7
 (63...Qxf3+? 64.Kb2+)]
63.Kd2= Qxf3 64.Qd3? -4.33/22
 [64.Na5= -0.12/19 Qf2+ 65.Kd1
 Qd4+ (65...Qf3+ 66.Kd2=) 66.Ke2
 Nxd6 67.exd6]
64...Qg2+ 65.Kc3 Ng7



66.Bc7 Nf5 -2.26/20
 [66...Qa2 -3.89/21 67.Qb5 Qa3+
 68.Qb3 Qc1+ 69.Qc2 Qe1+ 70.Qd2
 Qxg3+ 71.Kb2 Qxh4 (71...Nxe5
 72.Ka2+)]

67.Nd8? -4.37/22

[67.Na5 -2.26/20 Nce7 (67...Nxcg3
68.Nxc6 Qxc6 69.Qd8+ Kh7
70.Qe7 $\bar{f}$; 67...Ncd4 68.Nb3 $\bar{f}$) 68.Bd6
Nd5+ (68...Qxcg3 69.Bxe7 Qxe5+
70.Kc4=; 68...Qa2? 69.Kb4-+)
69.Kb3]

67...Nce7 -2.25/22 A dynamic duo of knights.

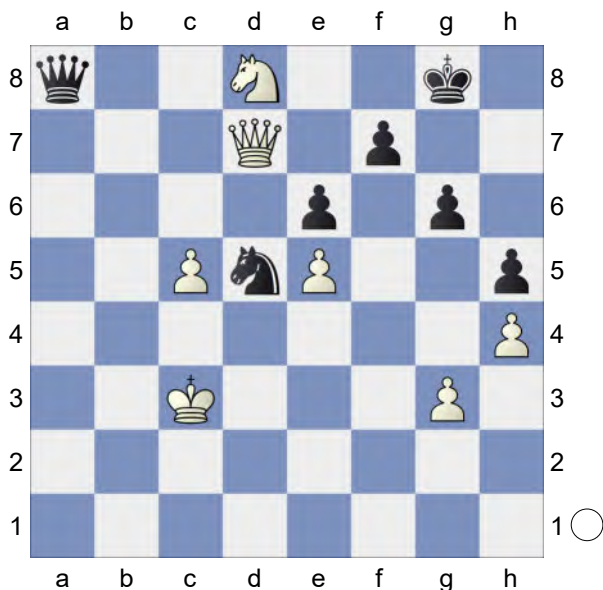
[67...Nxcg3 68.Nxc6 Qxc6 69.Kb4=]
[$\triangle$ 67...Ncd4 -4.37/22 68.Bd6 Qa8
Trapped Piece (68...Qxcg3 69.Qxcg3
Ne2+ 70.Kb3 $\pm$)]

68.Bd6? -4.77/21

[68.Kb3 -2.25/22 Qf2 (68...Nxcg3?
69.Qd7-+) 69.Bd6]

68...Qa8? 0.00/34

[68...Qxcg3 69.Qxcg3 Nd5+ 70.Kd2
Nxcg3 71.c6 $\bar{f}$]
[68...Qa2-+ -4.77/21 69.Bxe7 Nxe7]

69.Bxe7 Threatens to win with Qd7.**69...Nxe7** Endgame. KQN-KQN **70.Qd7**
And now Qe8+ would win. **70...Nd5+****71.Kb3** Qb8+ **72.Kc4?** -6.18/34

[72.Kc2= 0.08/27 Ne3+ 73.Kc1]

72...Qb4+-+

[72...Qxe5? 73.Qxf7+ Kh8 74.Qxe6
Ne3+ 75.Kd3 Qxc5 76.Nf7+

(76.Qxe3 Qb5+ 77.Kd2 Qb2+
78.Kd1 Qb1+ 79.Ke2 Qc2+ 80.Qd2
Qe4+ 81.Kf2 Qf5+ 82.Kg2 Kg7+-)
76...Kg7 77.Ng5+-]

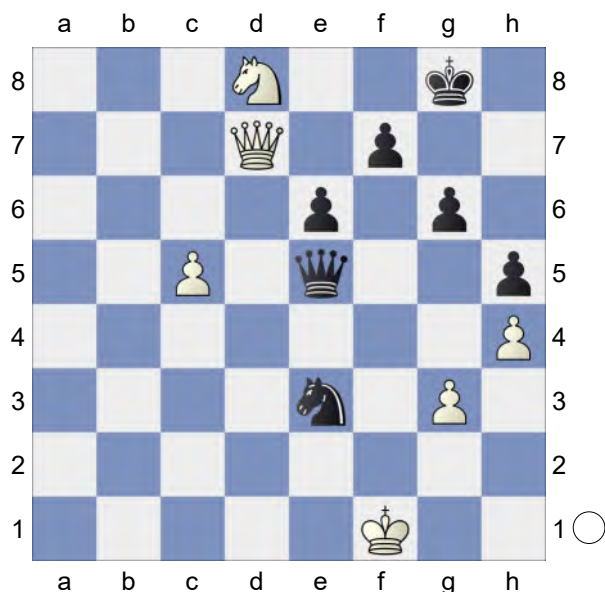
73.Kd3 Qc3+

[73...Qxc5 74.Qxf7+ (74.Nxf7?
Qe3+ 75.Kc2 Nb4+ 76.Kd1 Qg1+
77.Kd2 Qg2+ 78.Ke3 Nd5+ 79.Kd3
Qxcg3+ 80.Kd2 Qf2+ 81.Kd3
Qxf7-+) 74...Kh8 75.Qg7+ (75.Qxe6
Qc3+ 76.Ke4 Qc4+ 77.Kf3 Qf1+
78.Ke4 Qc4+ 79.Kf3 Qd3+ 80.Kf2
Qd2+ 81.Kg1 Qe1+ 82.Kg2 Qe4+
83.Kf2 Qe3+ 84.Kg2 Qd2+ 85.Kg1
Qe1+ 86.Kh2 Qf2+ 87.Kh1 Qf3+
88.Kh2 Qf2+ 89.Kh3 Nf4+ 90.gxf4
Qf3+ 91.Kh2 Qxf4+ 92.Kg2 Qe4+
93.Kf2 Qxh4+ 94.Ke2 Qe4+ 95.Kd2
Qd4+ 96.Kc2 Qxd8=) 75...Kxcg7
76.Nxe6+ Kf7 77.Nxc5 $\pm$]

74.Ke2 Qxe5+ **75.Kf1** Ne3+

[75...Qxcg3? 76.Qxf7+ Kh8 77.Qe8+
Kg7 (77...Kh7? 78.Qd7+ Kg8
79.Qxe6+ Kg7 80.Qxd5+-) 78.Qd7+
Kg8 79.Qxe6+ Kg7 80.Qd7+
(80.Qxd5 Qf4+ 81.Ke2 Qh2+
82.Kd3 Qh3+ 83.Kc4 Qf1+ 84.Qd3
Qg2+-) 80...Kh8 81.Qxd5+-]

(Diagram)

**76.Ke2 Nd5+**

[76...Qxc5? 77.Qxf7+ Kh8 78.Nxe6
(78.Qxg6 Qc2+ 79.Qxc2 Nxc2±)
78...Qc4+ 79.Kxe3+-]

77.Kf1 Qf5+

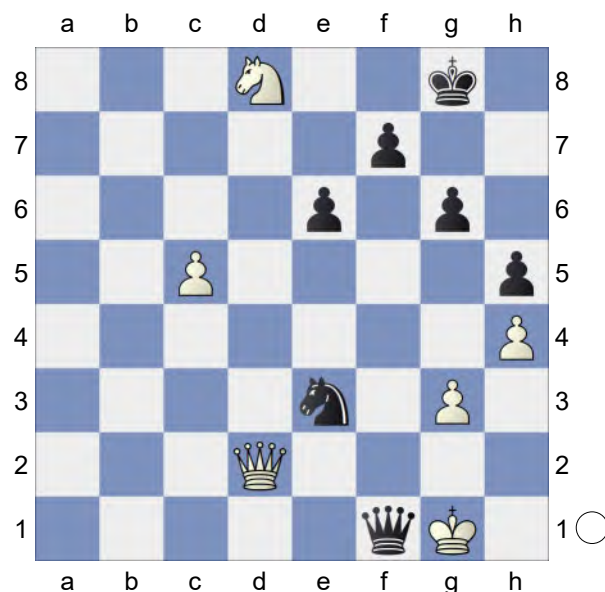
[77...Qxg3? 78.Qxf7+ Kh8 79.Qe8+
Kg7 (79...Kh7? 80.Qd7+ Kg8
81.Qxe6+ Kh8 82.Qxd5+-) 80.Qd7+
Kg8 81.Qxe6+ Kg7 82.Qd7+
(82.Qxd5 Qh3+ 83.Ke2 Qxh4+-)
82...Kf6 83.Qxd5+-]

78.Kg1 -10.10/22

[78.Ke1 -5.00/24 Qb1+ 79.Kf2
Qc2+ 80.Kf1 Qf5+ (80...Qxc5
81.Qxf7+ Kh8 82.Qxg6=) 81.Ke1
Qb1+ 82.Kf2 Qc2+ 83.Ke1 Qc1+
(83...Qxc5 84.Qxf7+ Kh8
85.Nxe6=) 84.Ke2 Qe3+ (84...Qxc5
85.Qxf7+ Kh8 86.Qe8+ Kh7
87.Qd7+ Ne7 88.Nxe6=) 85.Kd1]

78...Ne3 (-> ...Qf1+) 79.Qd2 Qf1+

(Diagram)



What a bad dream for White.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/
Black=0.39

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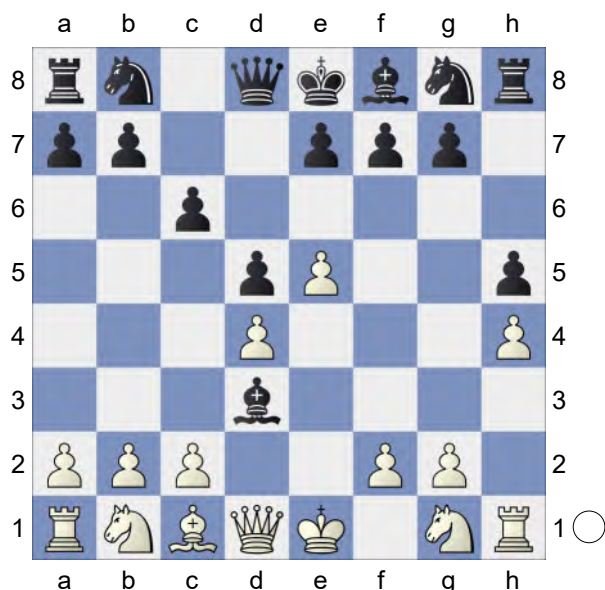
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[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3

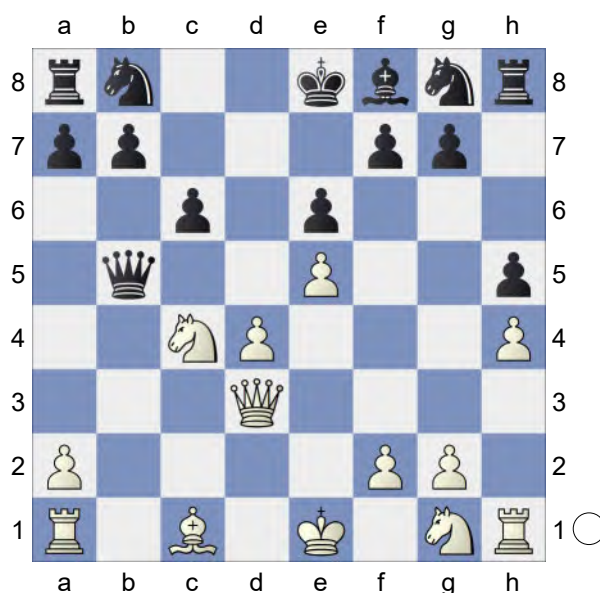


6.Qxd3 aiming for e6! 6...Qa5+ 7.b4
Qxb4+ 8.Nd2!? Threatens to win with
Rb1. The position is equal. Exploring
less charted territory. Erkundet wenig
bekanntes Terrain. 8...Qb5N 0.89/20

[8...e6= 0.20/23 9.Rb1 Qe7 10.c4
(10.Ne2 b5 11.Nf3 Na6 12.Nf4 Nc7
13.Ng5 a5 14.Rh3 Nh6 15.Nxh5
Nf5 16.g4 b4 17.a4 Rxh5 18.gxh5
c5 19.dxc5 Qxc5 20.c3 Qc4
21.cxb4 axb4 22.Bd2 Rxa4 23.Rc1
Qxd3 24.Rxd3 Ra7 ½-½ (47)
Cheparinov, I (2659)-Anton Guijarro, D
(2658) Espana 2021; 10.a4 b6
11.Ne2 Qd7 12.0-0 Ne7 13.Nf3 Qc8
14.a5 Nd7 15.Ng3 Ng6 16.Bg5 Be7
17.Bxe7 Nxe7 18.Ng5 g6 19.Qf3
Nf5 20.Nxf5 gxf5 21.axb6 axb6

22.Ra1 Ke7 23.Nh3 Qg8 24.Qc3
c5 1-0 (55) Martinez Alcantara, J
(2606)-Pultinevicius, P (2579) Titled
Tuesday intern op 07th Jan Early blitz
2025 (4)) 10...Nh6 11.Ne2 Nf5
12.Ng3 Nxh4 13.Kf1 Ng6 14.Nxh5
b6 15.Nf3 Qd7 16.Rh3 c5 17.Ng5
dxc4 18.Qf3 Nc6 19.Nxf7 Nxd4
20.Qxa8+ Kxf7 Chapter Advance
Variation-Caro-Kann Advance 4.h4 h5
5.B]

9.c4!± dxc4 10.Nxc4 e6



11.a4N

[11.Ne2]

11...Qa6

[11...Qd5 12.Nf3]

12.Ba3

[12.Nf3]

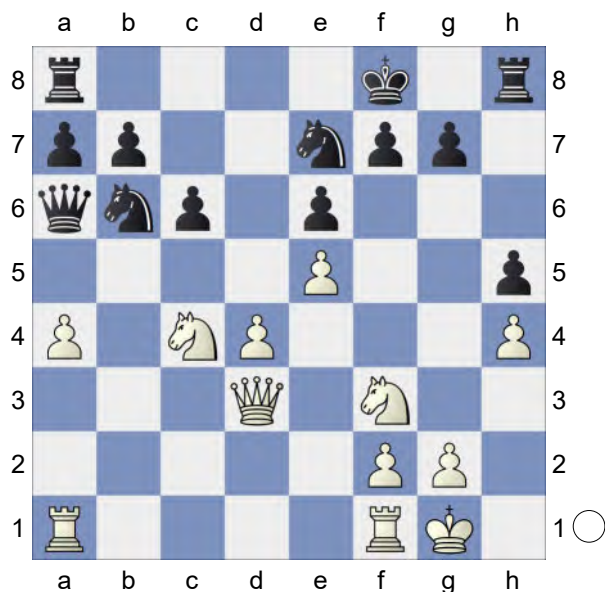
12...Nd7

[12...Qxa4 13.Qc3 b5 14.Nd6+
(14.Bxf8 Qxc4 15.Qxc4 bxc4)
14...Bxd6 15.Bxd6±]

13.Bxf8 0.00/23

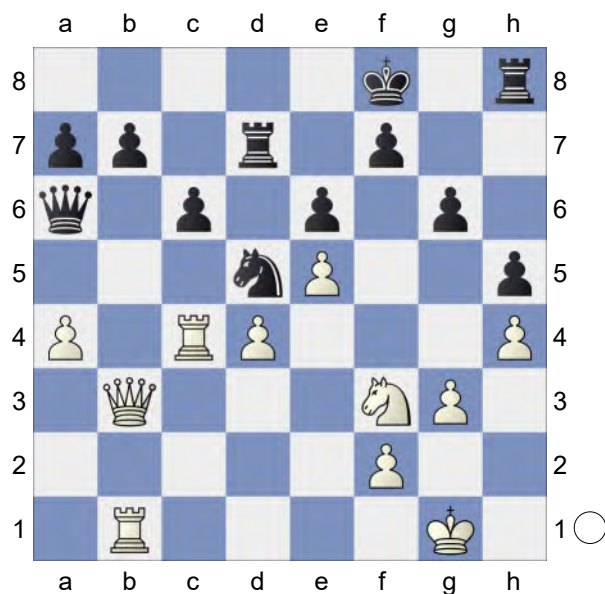
[13.a5 Bxa3 14.Rxa3 Nd6+ is the
strong threat. Ne7 15.Nd6+
½-½ (26) Schulz, K (2235)-Hohenberg,
G (2112) corr 1997 Kf8 16.Qf3 Nf5!
17.Nxf5 exf5 1.14/20 (17...Qb5!±

0.59/21) 18.Ne2]
 [13.a5± 0.51/22]
13...Kxf8= 14.Nf3 Ne7 15.0-0
Hoping for Qc3. 15...Nb6

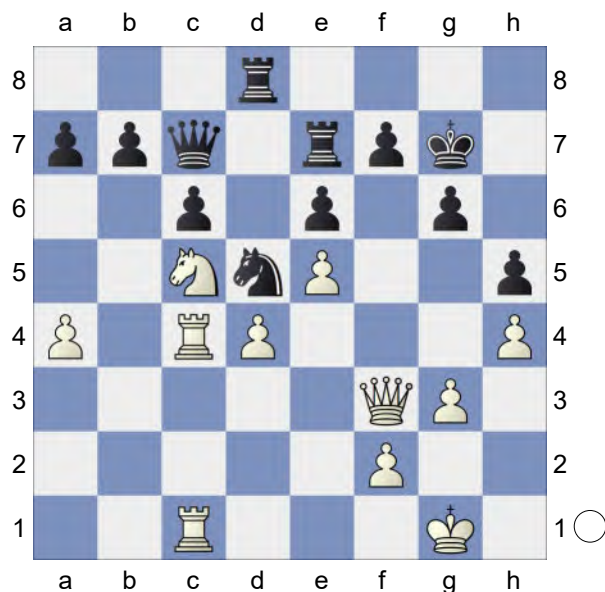


16.Rfc1 Rd8 0.40/20
 [16...Nxc4= -0.11/22 17.Rxc4 Re8]
17.Rab1 -0.01/21
 [17.Ng5± 0.40/20 should be considered.]
17...Rd7 1.29/22
 [17...Nxc4= -0.01/21 remains equal.
 18.Qxc4 (18.Rxc4 g6=) 18...Qxc4
 19.Rxc4 b6]
18.Qb3 0.00/23
 [Only move: 18.Nxb6!± 1.29/22 Qxd3
 19.Nxd7+ Discovered Attack Kg8
 20.Rxb7]
18...Nxc4 19.Rxc4 Nd5 0.46/24
 [19...g6= 0.00/23 feels stronger.]
20.g3 0.01/25
 [20.Nd2± 0.46/24]
20...g6

(Diagram)

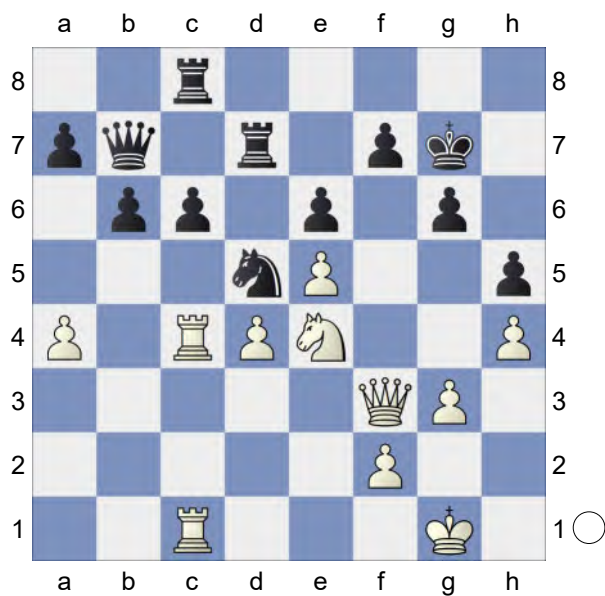


21.Ng5 Kg7 22.Rbc1 Rhd8 23.Qf3
Qa5 24.Ne4 Qc7 25.Nc5 Re7

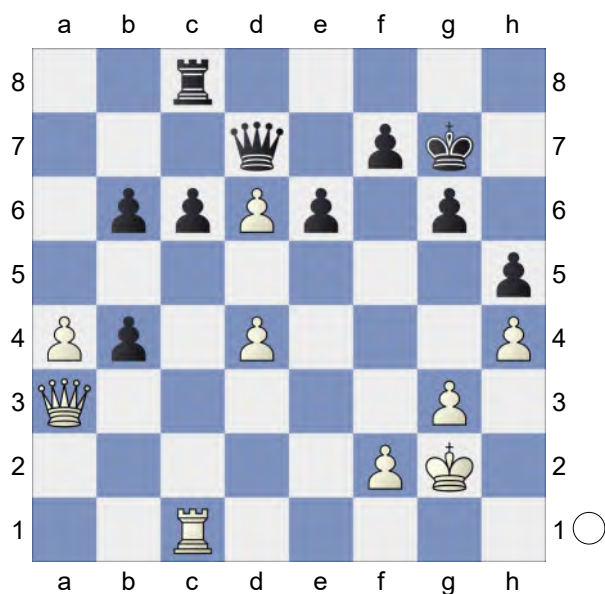


26.Rb1 b6 27.Ne4 Qd7 0.47/22
 [27...Red7= 0.00/19]
28.Rbc1 White has compensation.
28...Rc8 29.Nf6 Qb7 30.Ne4
Strongly threatening Nd6. 30...Rd7

(Diagram)

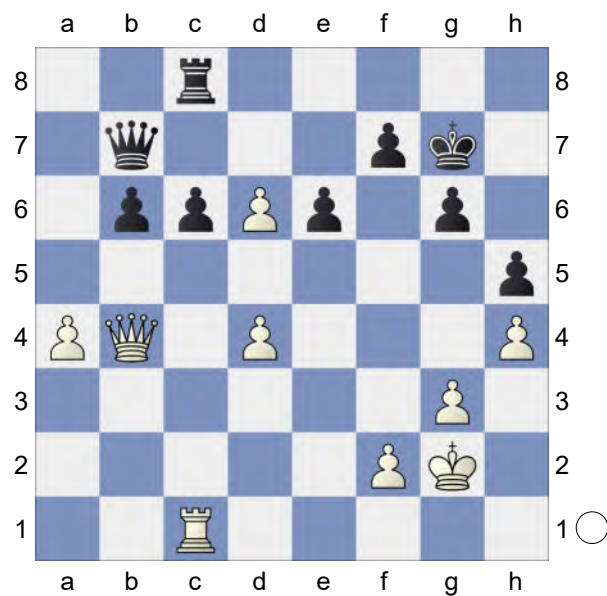


31.Nd6 Rxd6 32.exd6 Qd7 33.Qa3↑
 Black is under pressure. **33...a5 34.Kg2**
Nb4 35.Rxb4 axb4

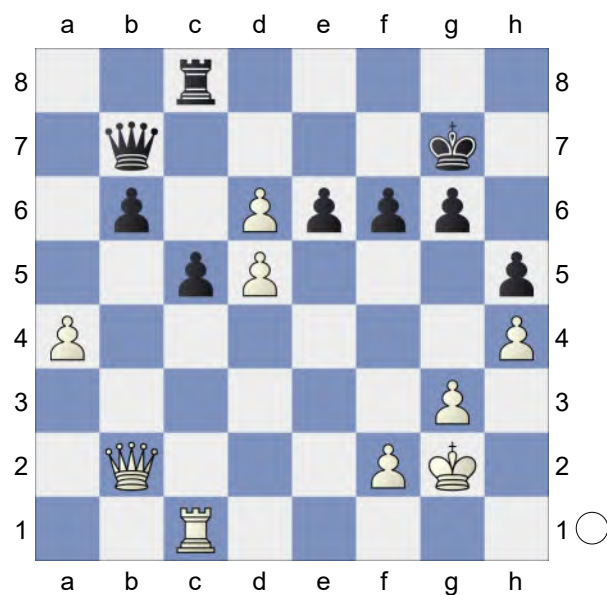


36.Qxb4 KQR-KQR 36...Qb7 0.93/20
 [36...Rd8]
 [36...Rd8= 0.25/23]

(Diagram)

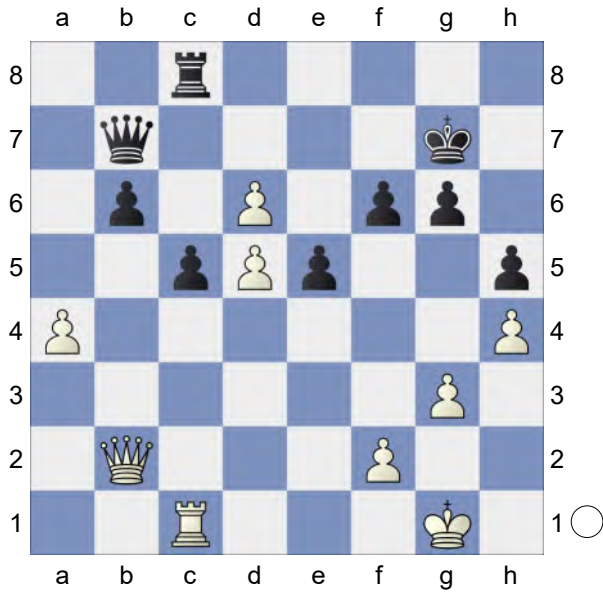


37.d5 0.00/27 c5! 38.Qb2+
 Predecessor: **38...f6 1.50/23**
 [38...Kh7= 0.00/27 39.Kh2 Rd8]



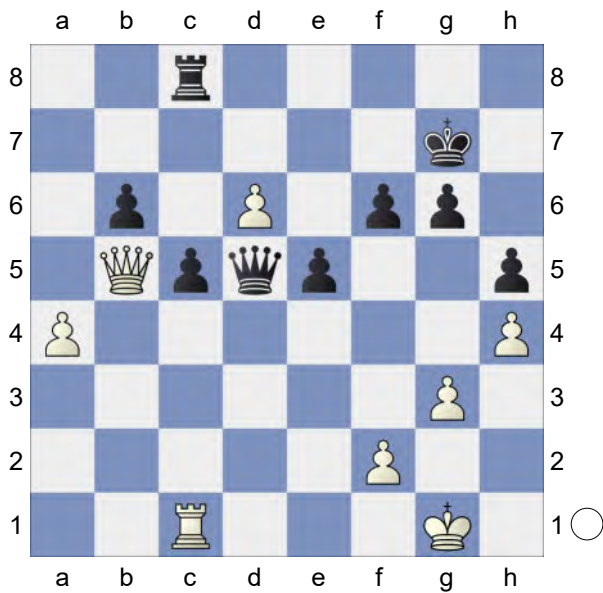
39.Kg1 0.47/20 White is more active.
 [39.Kh2!± 1.50/23 Rb8 40.dxe6]
39...e5 3.18/21
 [39...Rd8!]
 [39...Rd8!± 0.47/20]

(Diagram)



40.Qb5!+- Qxd5? 11.18/21

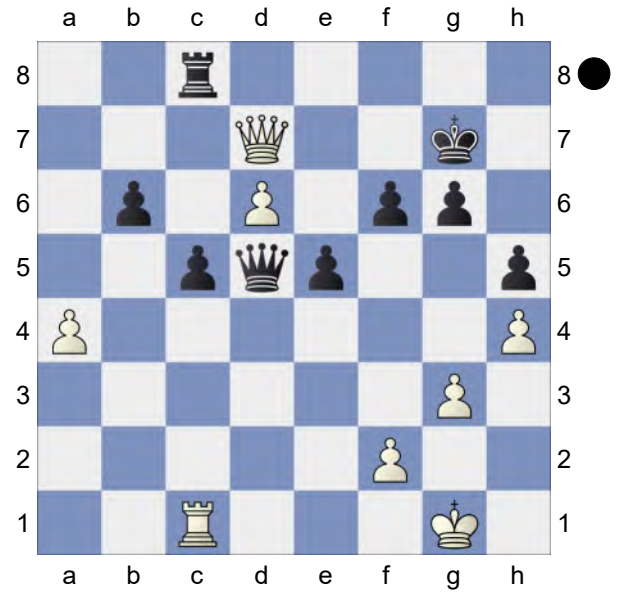
[Don't go for 40...Rd8? 41.Rxc5
Rxd6 42.a5+-]
[40...Kh6 2.50/19 41.a5 Qxd5]



41.Qd7+

[Not 41.Qxb6 e4±]

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.20
(precise) /Black=0.35
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[Kitty Kat]

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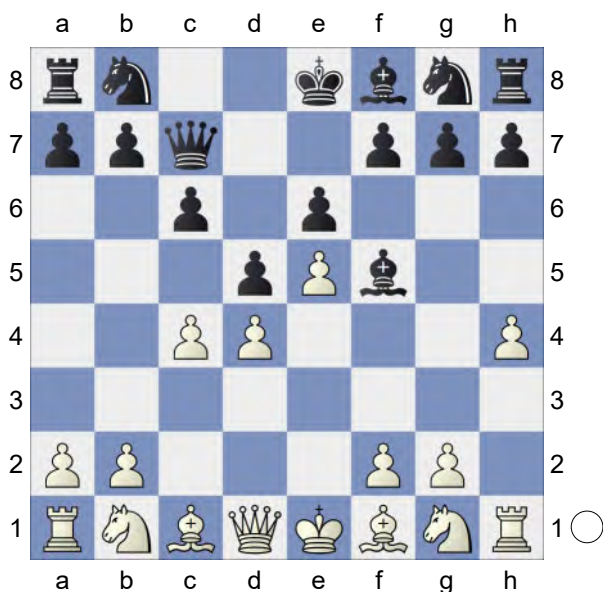
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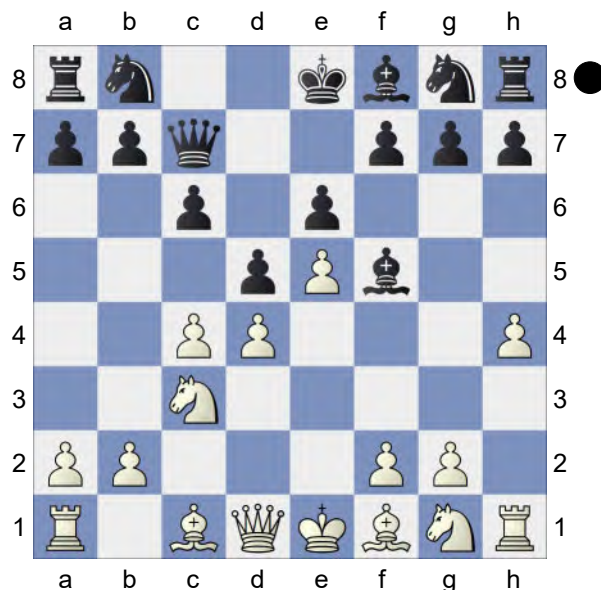
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00GHz 1995 MHz W=14.8 plies; 2.
256kN/s; Perfect2021.ctg B=15.0 plies;
2.181kN/s; Perfect2021.ctg **1.e4 c6**
2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 Qc7 5.c4

[5.h5 c5 6.dxc5 Nc6 7.Nc3 d4
8.Nb5 Qxe5+ 9.Ne2 0-0-0 10.Bf4
Qxc5 11.Ng3 Bxc2 12.Rc1 d3
13.Bxd3 Bxd1 14.Rxc5 Rxd3
15.Nxa7+ Kd7 16.Nxc6 bxc6 17.Bd2
Bg4 18.Ra5 Nf6 19.Rh4 e6
0-1 (34) Winkler,T (2668)-Sprenger,E
(2662) 82/507 Amsterdam 2001 (2)]

5...e6**6.Nc3**

(Diagram)



Strongly threatening g4. 6...h6 7.Be3N
Leaves trodden paths.Verlässt die
ausgetretenen Pfade.

[7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3
Nc6 10.Nge2 a6 11.0-0 Nge7
12.Bd2 Nc8 13.h5 Nb6 14.b3 Ba3
15.Qg3 Rh7 16.Qd3 Rh8 17.Qg3
Rh7 18.Bc1 Bb4 19.Nd1 0-0-0
20.a3 Be7 21.Qd3 Rhh8 1-0 (43)
Chandra,A (2459)-Margvelashvili,G
(2531) Dallas UT-USA Juniors 2015
(4.3) 22.Ne3 Kb8 23.Bd2 Rc8 24.b4
Na7 25.a4 Qd7 26.b5 Nc4 27.bxa6
bx a6 28.Rfb1+ Ka8 29.Nxc4 Rxc4
30.Qg3 Rg8 31.Bxh6 g5 32.Rb6
Rxa4 33.Rab1 Ra3 34.Qg4 Nb5
35.Rc1 Rc8 36.Rxc8+ Qxc8
1/2-1/2 (43) Chandra,A (2495)-Bodek,M
(2425) USA-ch U16 Saint Louis 2015
(6)]

[7.Nge2 Ne7 8.Ng3 Bh7 9.Qg4
Nd7 10.Be3 Nf5 11.cxd5 cxd5
12.Rc1 Nxe3 13.fxe3 0-0-0 14.Nce2
Bc2 15.a3 Kb8 16.Qf3 f6 17.exf6
Nxf6 18.Nf4 Rc8 19.Bd3 Qa5+
20.Kf2 Bxd3 21.Rxc8+ Kxc8
0-1 (62) Deep Fritz-Ktulu SCCT
(3m+2s(Champions 2021 (12.12)]

7...Ne7 8.Rc1 White is slightly better.

8...Qa5N 0.91/18

[Vorgänger: 8...dxc4 9.Bxc4 Nd7
10.Nge2 a6 11.Ng3 Bh7 12.f4
0.34/22 (12.Bb3± 0.73/20) 12...Nb6
13.Bb3 0-0-0 14.Qf3 Kb8
0-1 Schulze,T (2266)-Abel,D (2466)
Niedersachsen-ch 2020 (3)]

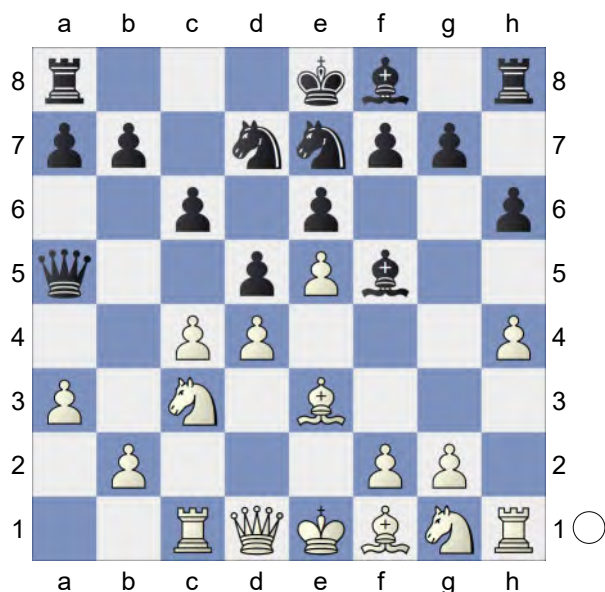
[8...dxc4± 0.39/21 9.Bxc4 h5]

9.a3 0.51/19

[9.c5± 0.91/18]

9...Nd7 1.02/20

[9...dxc4± 0.51/19 10.Bxc4 Bh7]

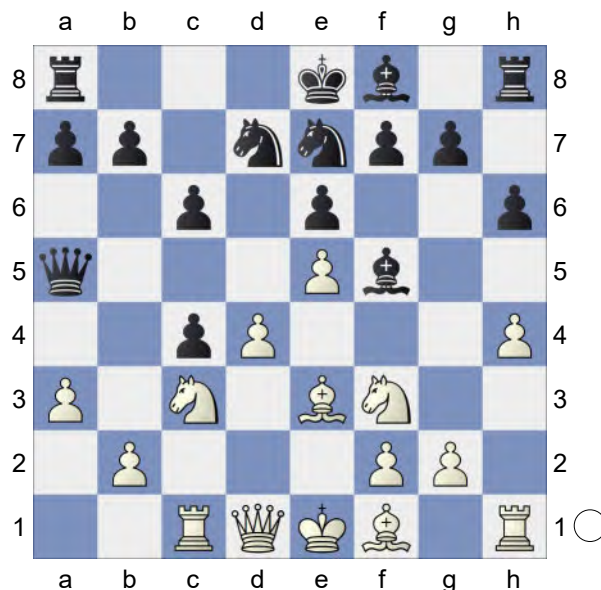


10.Nf3 0.43/22

[10.c5!± 1.02/20]

10...dxc4

(Diagram)



11.Bxc4 0.11/21

[11.Nd2± 0.55/21 Nd5 12.Nxc4 Nxc3
13.Nxa5 (13.bxc3 Qd8=) 13...Nxd1
14.Rxd1 (14.Kxd1 0-0-0±)]

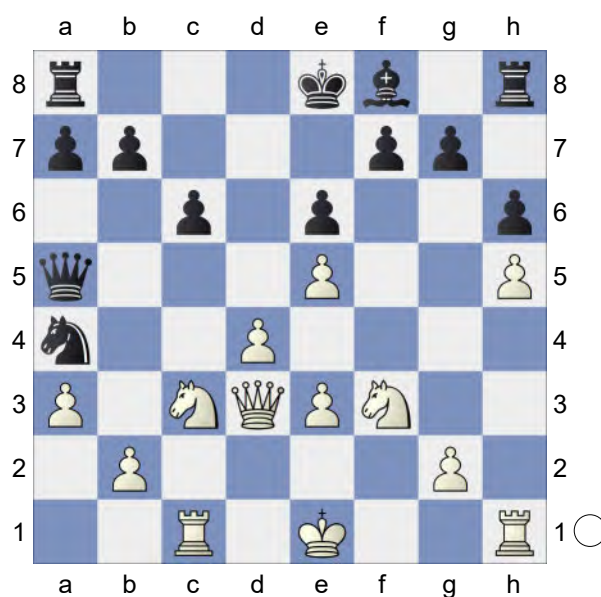
11...Nb6 12.Bd3 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Nf5

14.h5 0.31/18

[14.Bd2± 0.72/19 aiming for g4. h5
15.g3]

14...Nxe3± 15.fxe3 Na4 0.83/22

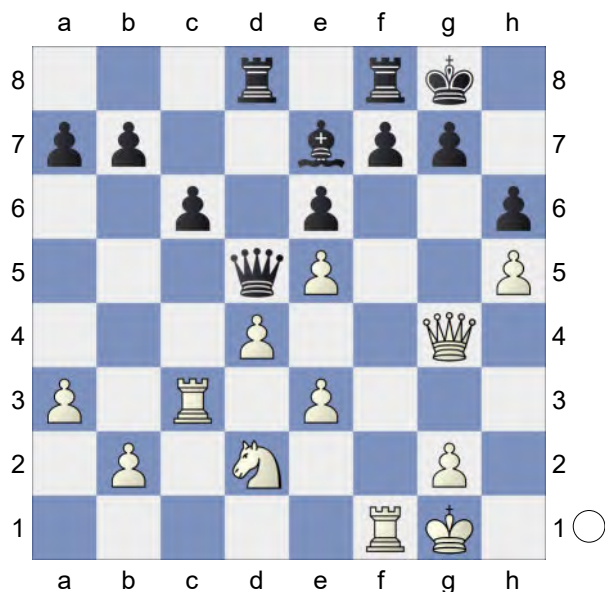
[Better is 15...Nd5± 0.31/21]



16.Nd2 0.37/22

[16.b4± 0.83/22 Nb2 17.Qe2 Qxa3

18.0-0]
16...Nxc3! 17.Rxc3 Rd8 18.0-0 Qd5
19.Qe2 Qg4 would now be deadly.
19...Be7 20.Qg4 0-0



21.Ne4 Kh8 22.Rf3 b6 23.b4 0.25/23
 White is more active.

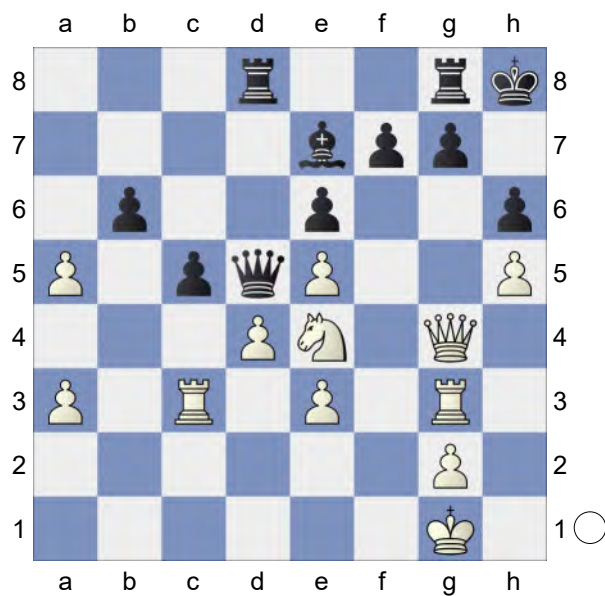
[23.Rc1± 0.66/26 deserves consideration.]

23...a5 24.bxa5 c5! 25.Rg3!→
 White has some attack.

[25.axb6 cxd4 26.exd4 (26.Rc7 dxe3 27.Rxe3 Qd4±) 26...Qxd4+ 27.Kh2 Qxe5+ (27...Qxb6 28.Rg3±) 28.Qf4 Qxh5+ 29.Rh3 Qf5=]

25...Rg8

(Diagram)



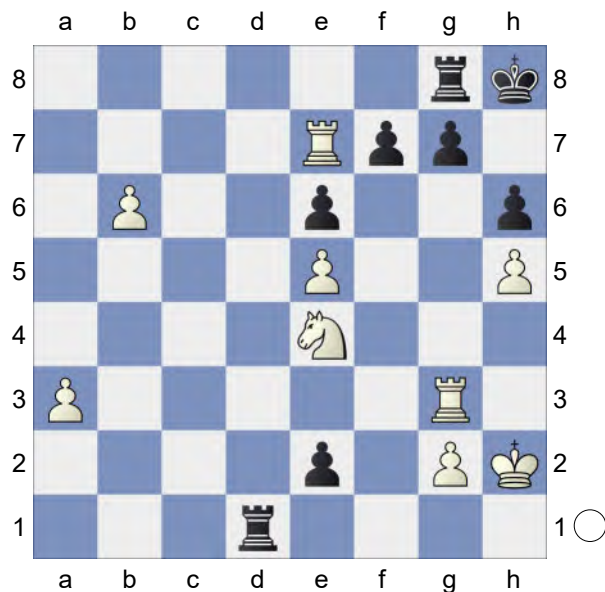
26.axb6 cxd4 27.Rc7 dxe3? 2.49/20
 A mistake that costs the game.

[27...Bxa3± 0.48/18 28.b7 (28.Rxf7 dxe3 29.Qf4 Rg8=) 28...dxe3]

28.Rxe7+- Qd1+? 4.35/20

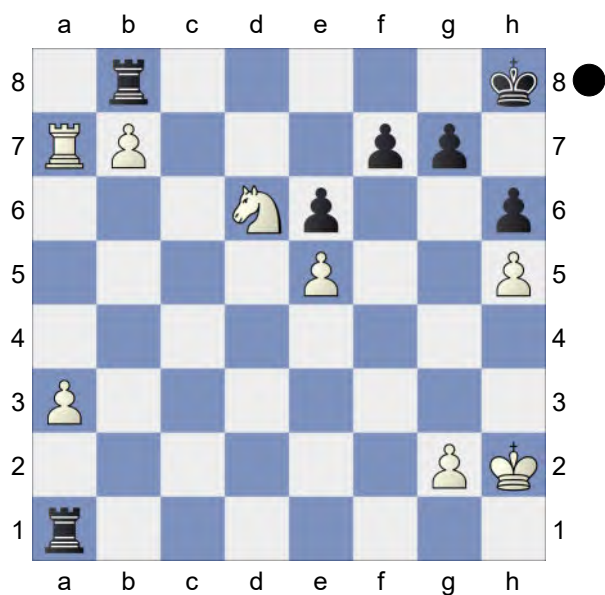
[28...Qd4 2.60/21 was called for. 29.Nd6 Discovered Attack (29.Rxf7? e2+ 30.Kh2 e1Q+-) 29...Rxd6 30.exd6 Qe5]

29.Qxd1 Rxd1+ 30.Kh2 e2



31.Re3!

[31.Rxf7? is the wrong capture. e1Q (31...e1B? loses. 32.Rg6+-) 32.Nf2

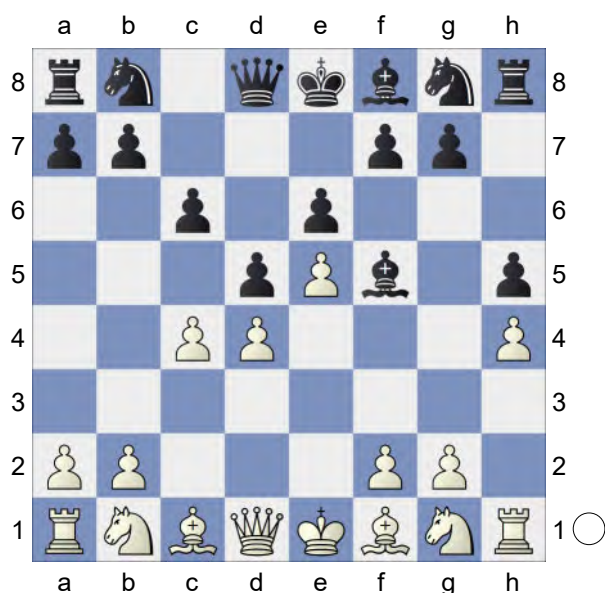


Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.34

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 □ **Durarbayli,Vasif** **2625**
 ■ **Haring,Filip** **2446**
 EU-chT 24th Budva (2.12) 12.11.2023
 [Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
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 L: 'Inf 51/(131)' 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5
 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.c4 e6



6.Nc3 dxc4! now scores much better
 than the old 6...Ne7.punktet besser als
 das ältere 6...Se7. **7.Bxc4 Nd7 8.Nge2**
Ne7 0.63/19

[8...Be7= 0.17/20]

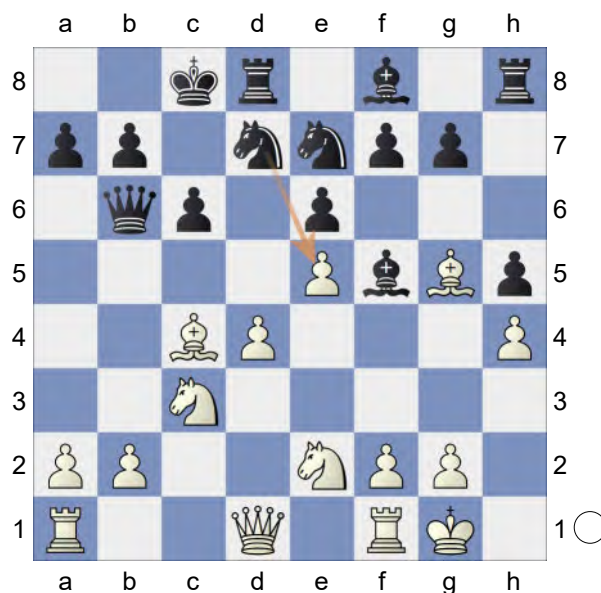
9.Bg5 Qb6 0.72/17

[9...f6!± 0.36/20 deserves
 consideration.]

10.0-0± 0-0-ON

[Vorgänger: 10...f6 11.exf6 gxf6
 12.Be3 Bxe6! would now be deadly.
 Nd5 1.72/20 (12...Qb4± 0.99/20
 keeps fighting.) 13.Bd3? -0.18/20
 (13.Nxd5+- 1.72/20 exd5 14.Bd3)
 13...Nxe3= 14.fxe3 Bg4 15.Bg6+
 Ke7 16.Qd3 -0.81/19 (16.Bc2=
 -0.15/19) 16...Bh6 0-1 Lacasa Diaz,J

(2411)-Aloma Vidal,R (2406)
 Catalunya-ch 2014 (1.1)]



11.Na4N

[11.Qc1 Kb8 12.a3 Qc7 13.b4 f6
 14.exf6 gxf6 15.Bf4 e5 16.dxe5
 Nxe5 17.Ng3 Bg4 18.Nce4 N7g6
 19.Bxe5 Nxe5 20.Be2 Bh6 21.Qc3
 Bxe2 22.Nxe2 Rd3 23.Qc2 Rg8
 24.N4g3 f5 25.f4 Rdxg3 1-0 (53)
 Alekseev,E (2563)-Melkumyan,H
 (2640) Chessable Masters Play In
 rapid 2024 (6)]

11...Qc7 12.Qb3 f6 13.exf6
White is much more active. 13...gxf6
14.Bf4 Qa5

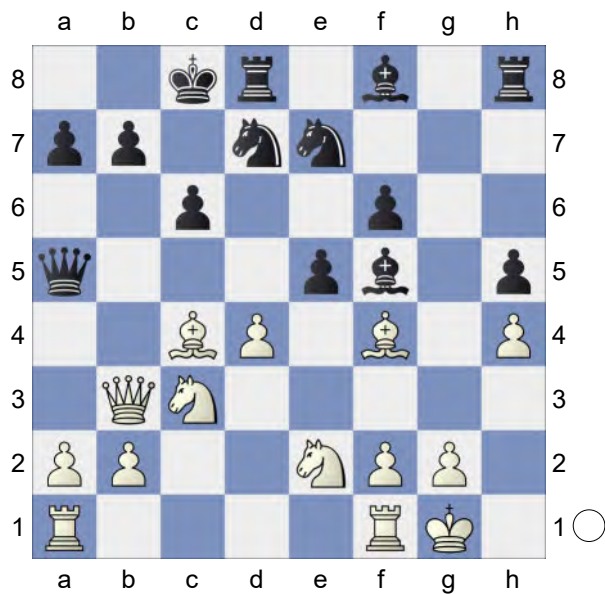
[14...e5 15.dxe5 Ng6 16.Bg3 Ngxe5
 17.Nd4+-]

15.Nac3 Threatens to win with Rad1!

[15.Bxe6 Bxe6 16.Qxe6 Qxa4=]

15...e5

(Diagram)



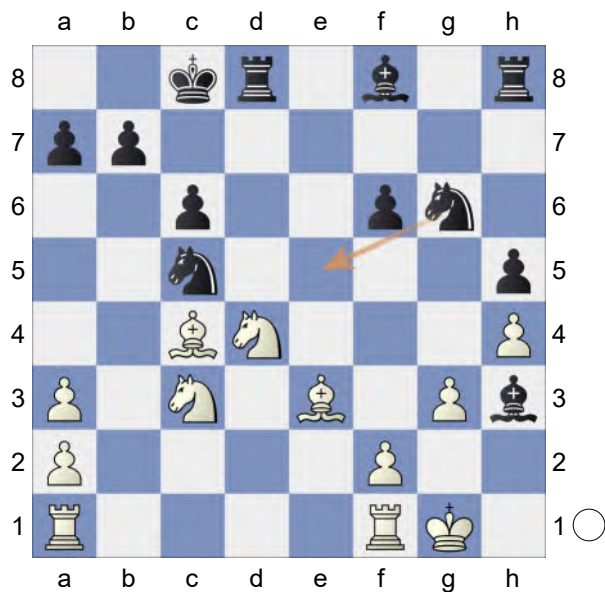
16.Be3 Ng6 17.g3 0.34/19

[17.Rad1± 0.97/18]

17...exd4± 18.Nxd4 Nc5 19.Qa3

[19.Nxf5 feels hotter. Nxb3 20.Be6+ Rd7 21.axb3 Qe5 22.Nd4]

19...Qxa3 20.bxa3 Bh3



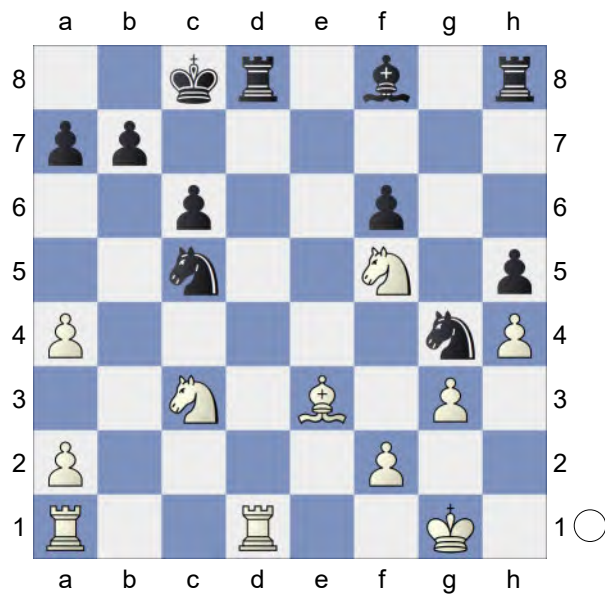
aiming for ...Ne5! 21.Rfd1! Ne5 22.Be2

Be7 23.a4 Bg4 0.55/19

[23...a5= -0.01/19]

24.Bxg4+ Nxg4 25.Nf5 Bf8

(Diagram)



26.Rxd8+ Kxd8 27.Rd1+ Kc8 1.10/19

[27...Ke8!± 0.38/23]

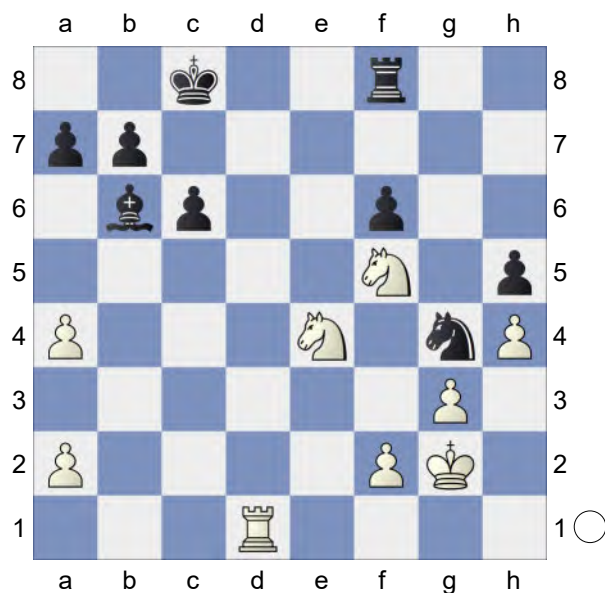
28.Bxc5!± Remove Defender 28...Bxc5

29.Ne4 Bb6 1.50/21

[29...Bb4 1.06/20]

30.Kg2 Rf8 1.95/21

[30...Kb8± 1.46/20 31.Rd7 (31.f3 Ne3+ 32.Nxe3 Bxe3+-) 31...a5]



31.Rd2 Bc7 32.Nc5 0.22/20

Excellent horsemanship.

[White should try 32.f3± 1.59/21 Ne5 33.Rc2]

32...Re8!= 33.Ng7 Re7 1.14/22
 [33...Re5= 0.17/23 keeps the
 balance. 34.Nce6 Ba5]

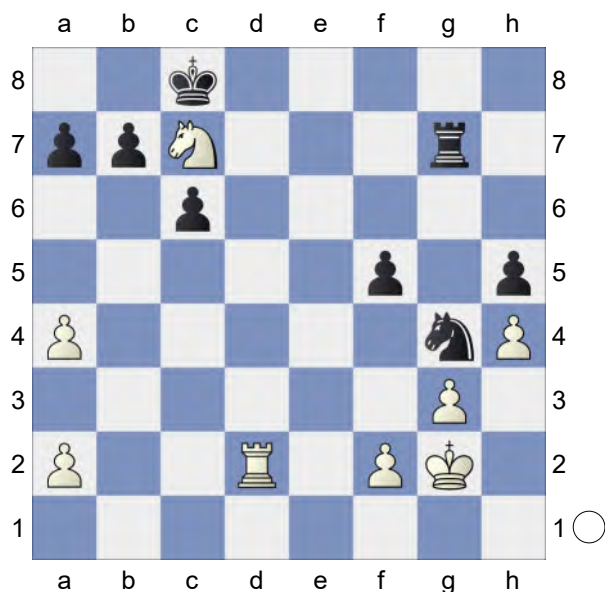
34.Nce6!±

[34.Nxh5? Re5 35.Nxf6 Nxf6-+]

34...f5 1.87/21 35.Nxc7!+-

[35.Nxf5 Rxe6 36.Ng7 Re5-+]

35...Rxc7



Endgame. KRN-KRN 36.Ne8 Re7

[36...Rd7 37.Rxd7 Kxd7 38.Ng7]

37.Nd6+ Kc7 38.Nxf5 Re5 39.Nd4 0.93/23

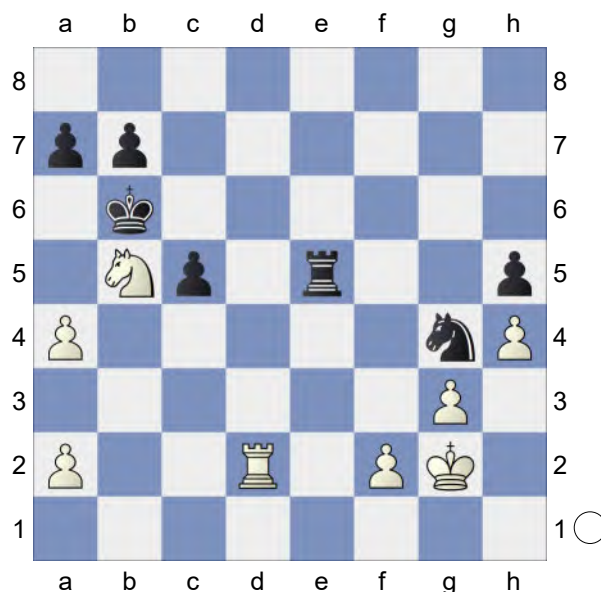
[39.Ng7!+- 1.89/22 and White stays
 clearly on top.]

39...c5 1.67/19

[39...a6± 0.93/23]

40.Nb5+ Kb6

(Diagram)

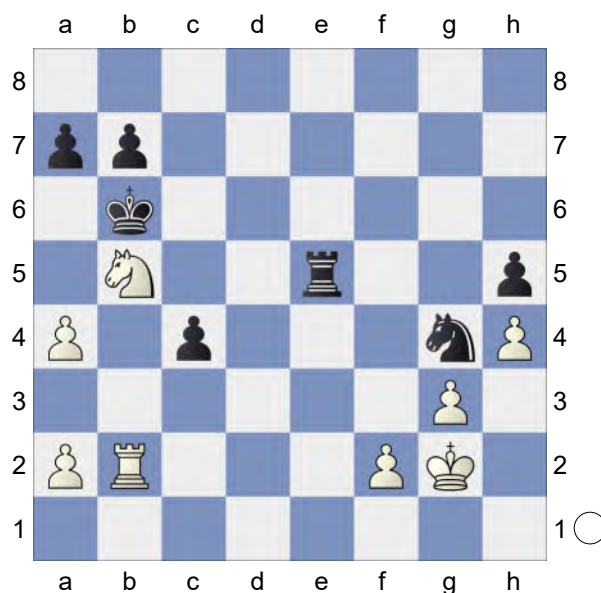


41.Rb2 0.44/23

[41.f3+- 1.63/21 Ne3+ 42.Kf2]

41...c4 1.04/21

[41...Ka5± 0.44/23]



42.Nc3+ 0.23/22

[42.f4!± 1.04/21 Re7 43.Na3+ Kc5
 44.Rb5+ Kd4 45.Rxh5]

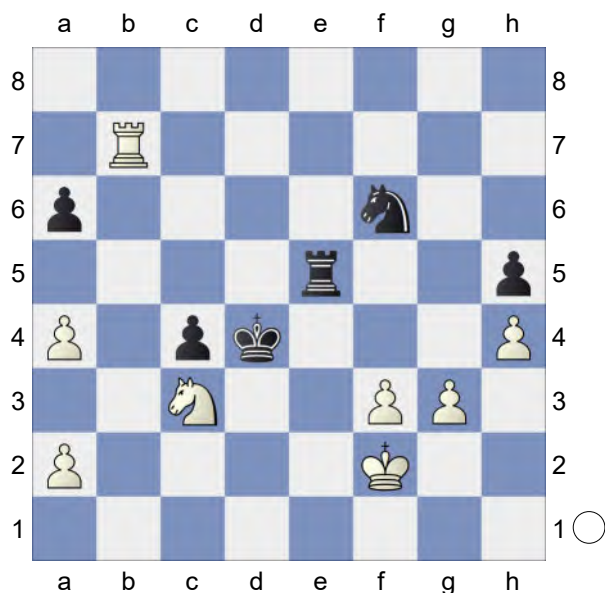
42...Kc5!= 43.Rxb7 a6 44.f3 Nf6 0.70/20

[44...Ne3+!= 0.23/23 was preferable.
 45.Kf2 Kd4 46.Ne2+ Kd3]

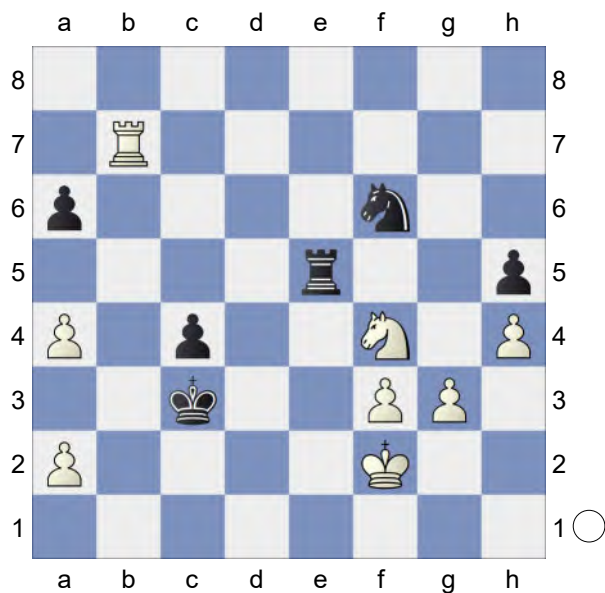
45.Kf2!± Hoping for Rb8. 45...Kd4?

2.38/25

[45...Nd5!± 0.63/20 46.Nxd5 Kxd5]



46.Ne2+- Kd3 47.Nf4+ Kc3



48.Rb6 0.57/19

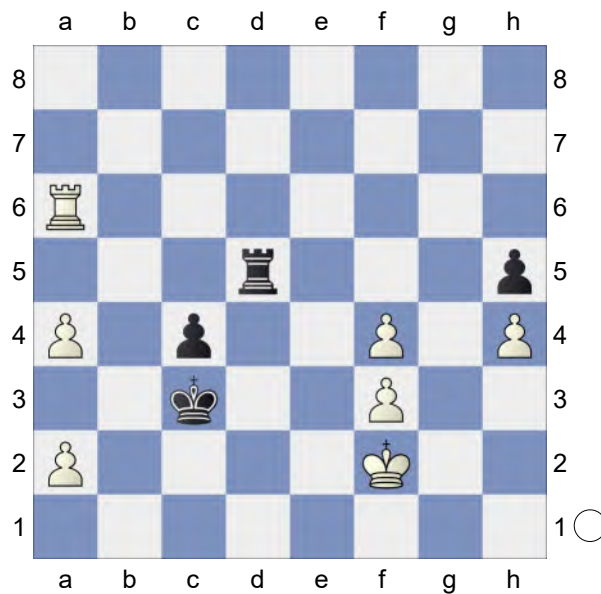
[48.Rc7!+- 1.73/21]

48...Nd5± 49.Rxa6 Black must now prevent Rc6.

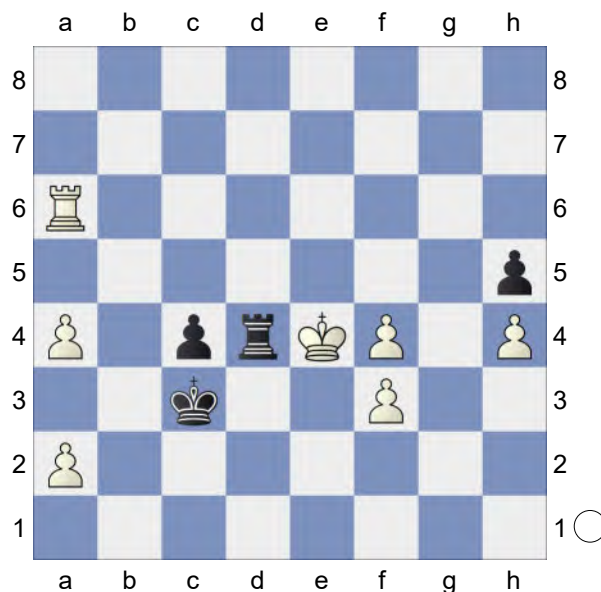
[49.Nxd5+ Rxd5 50.Rc6 (50.Rxa6 Kd2=) 50...Kd3=]

49...Nxf4 50.gxf4 KR-KR 50...Rd5

(Diagram)



51.Ke3 Rd3+! 52.Ke4 Rd4+! 53.Ke3 Rd3+ 54.Ke4 Rd4+!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.21 (precise)
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□ Abdusattorov, Nodirbek

■ Murzin, Volodar

Kramnik Challenge 2021 rapid (6.8)

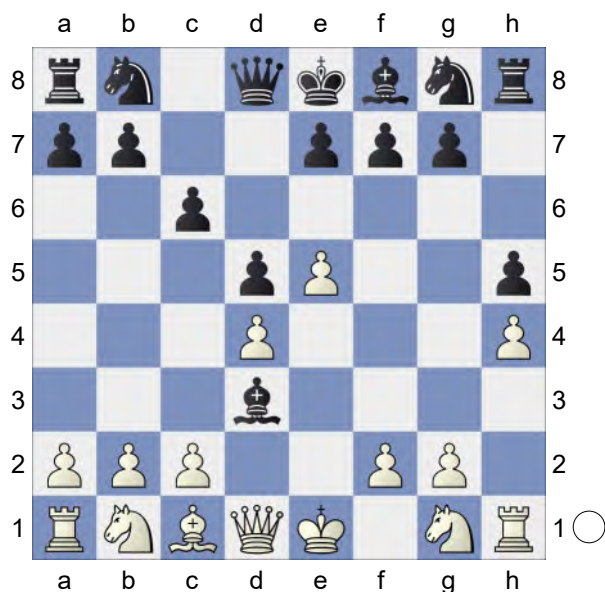
[Daniel Fernandez]

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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.Nd2 This move has returned to fashion after both 7.b4 and 7.Bd2 enjoyed their time in the sun. 7...e6 8.Ngf3 Nh6 More flexible than ...Ne7 and the route I have endorsed before.

[In general playing 8...Qa6 proactively is kind of wishful thinking, though it can be justified: 9.c4 Bb4 (9...Nh6 10.0-0 Nf5 11.b3± Sutovsky, E-Anton Guijarro, D Poikovsky 2017 (see Justin's annotations)) 10.0-0 Ne7 11.Rd1 c5∞ See my notes to Radzhabov, R-Girya, O Cheliabinsk 2021.]

9.0-0 Nf5 This still looks like the best order.

[When the theory was still in an early state of evolution I also noted 9...Be7 but in some lines it can be a

disadvantage to have moved this bishop already. 10.a4!?N A novelty in this exact position, but the idea had been used before (against the same Black player.) (10.c4 Nf5 11.g3 0-0 Vucinic, G-Kobalia, M Budva 2019; 10.Nb3 Qb5 11.Qd1 Nf5 12.a4 also leads to something similar to 10...Qb5 but without Black having had the chance to push ...c5. Qb6 13.Bg5!±) 10...Nf5 11.Nb3 Qa6 12.Qd1± Sunilduth Lyna, N-Murzin, V INT 2020]

10.Nb3

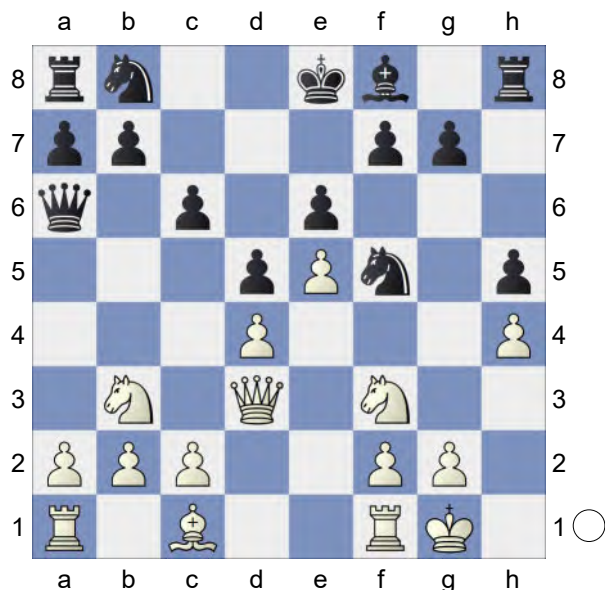
[After 10.c4 Be7 White has little better than 11.g3, transposing into the previous note.]

[10.a4 can also be considered here, but is less strong since Black hasn't yet spent any time moving the f8-bishop: Qa6 11.c4 Bb4 12.b3 c5= Dominguez Perez, L-Caruana, F INT 2020]

10...Qa6

[10...Qb5! The move seems very artificial, but does support the c5-square and this fact makes it useful. 11.Qd1 c5 12.a4 (12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Bg5 Nc6 14.a4 Qb6 15.c3 Dominguez Perez, L-Caruana, F INT 2020 Rc8!=) 12...Qb6! (12...Qc4 13.Bg5± is less pleasant) 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.a5 Qb5 15.Re1!? (15.Nxc5 Qxc5 16.Ra4 White has better minor pieces and the ideas like g4 or b3/Ba3 are not so easy to meet, but Black is solid. a6↑) 15...Nc6 (15...a6 Dominguez Perez, L-Caruana, F INT 2020 16.Nxc5 Qxc5 17.Be3±) 16.Nxc5 Qxc5 17.Ra4 Rc8 18.b3 d4 19.Ba3 Qd5∞]

(Diagram)



The most common move, but one that leads to some problems for Black in my opinion. **11.Qd1** It is only in the era of NN-engines that we can actually appreciate the problems Black still faces after this apparently placid queen retreat. **11...Nd7**

[11...Be7 Kollars,D-Kobalia,M INT 2020 12.g3! Nd7 13.a4±]

[11...b6 might be the best bet theoretically here, but there aren't any guarantees, e.g. 12.Bg5 c5 13.dxc5 bxc5?! 14.Nbd2± followed by c4.]

12.Bg5! Good knowledge. Black struggles with the f8-bishop now.

[The less confrontational 12.Bf4 was tried in Jones, G-Xiong,J Saint Louis 2019, and Black was able to just develop: Be7 13.g3 Rc8=]

12...c5

[12...f6 13.Bf4 Be7 14.Re1→]

[12...Be7 13.Bxe7 Nxe7 14.c3 (14.Nc1!?± Sutovsky,E-Batsiashvili,N Douglas 2018) 14...Rc8 15.Qd2 c5 16.Rfe1→ Due to ideas of Qg5 or of blockading the d4-square, Black doesn't find it so easy to finish

development.]

13.c3 c4 Admitting to being worse, but this was already the case, so the move is not bad. **14.Nc1**

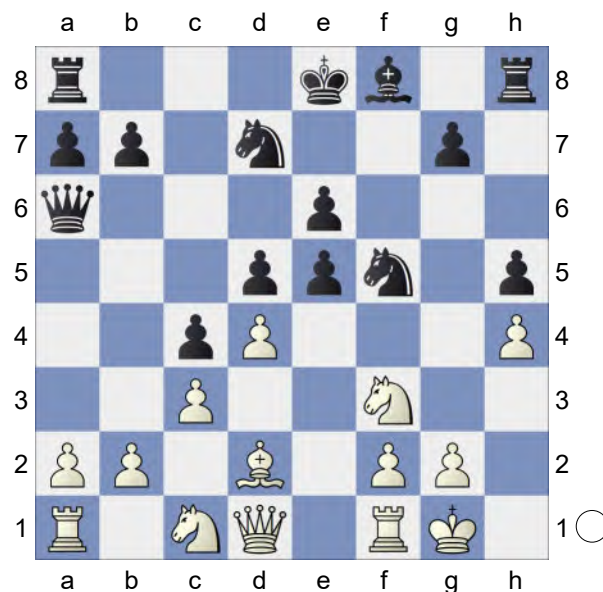
[The knight's future plans are maybe clearer after 14.Nbd2± and Re1, Nf1 preparing Ne3 or Ng3.]

14...f6 15.Bd2

[15.Bf4! keeps a piece blockade on e5.]

15...fxe5

[The engines indicates the more nuanced 15...Be7 threatening ...fxe5 rather than playing it yet. After 16.g3 0-0-0 White's control is wearing a bit thin.]



16.dxe5 Be7 17.Ne2!?

[A very human impulse would be 17.Bg5 Bxg5 18.Nxg5 but in fact Black can just snatch the pawn and give it back under reasonable circumstances: Nxe5! 19.Re1 Qd6= Since f4 is clearly out of the question, White must continue Qe2 and take the e6-pawn with a trade of queens.]

17...0-0-0

[Black was being dared to take the

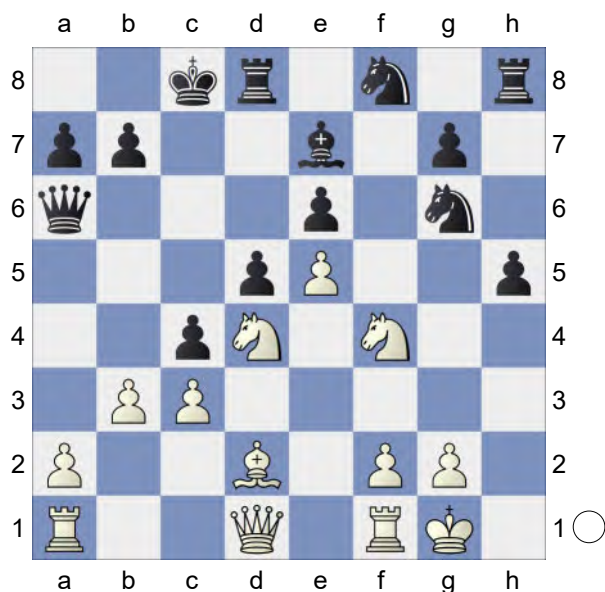
pawn with 17...Nxh4 and in fact this seems to be the most playable continuation, e.g. 18.Nxh4 Bxh4 19.f4 Bd8!?]

18.Nf4 Nf8 19.b3?

[19.g3± keeps better control.]

19...Nxh4 20.Nd4 Nhg6?

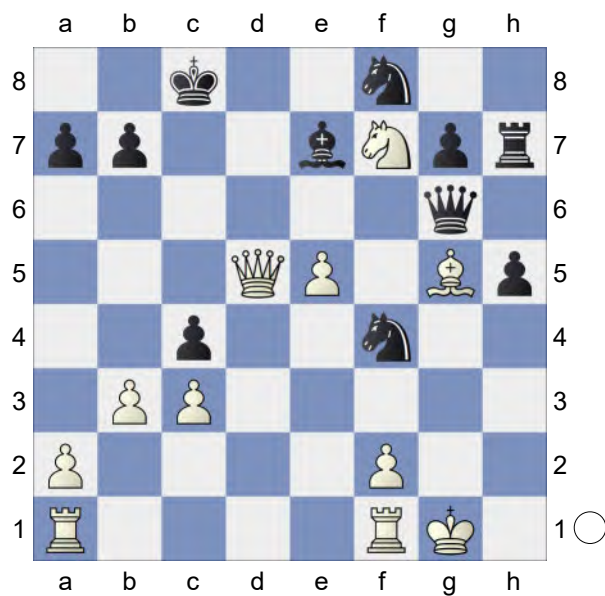
[After 20...g5 White would have minimal compensation for the pawn.]



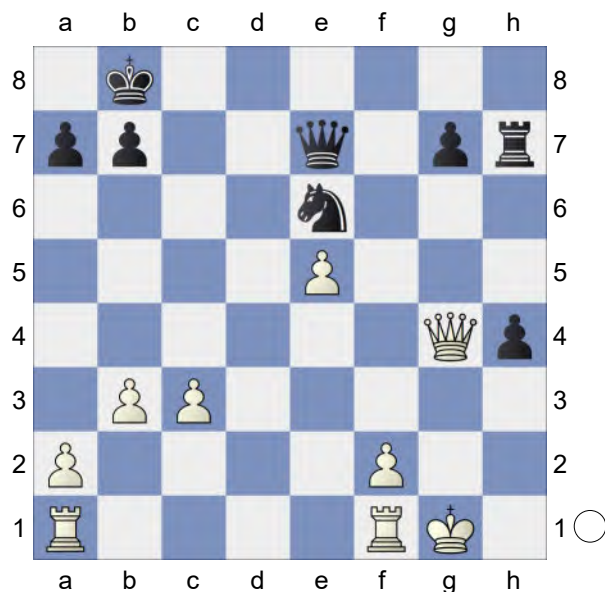
21.Ndxe6 Nxf4 22.Nxd8 Nxc2 23.Nf7 Rh7 24.Bg5 Qg6 25.Qxd5!

The last move where White had to do some real calculation. Now the game kind of wins itself. **25...Nf4**

(Diagram)

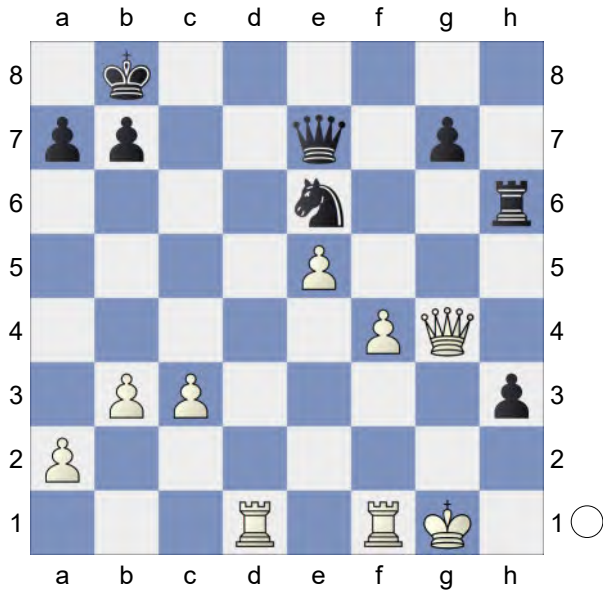


26.Qxc4+ Kb8 27.Qxf4 Ne6 28.Qg3 h4 29.Qg4 Qxf7 30.Bxe7 Qxe7



31.Rad1 Rh6 32.f4 h3

(Diagram)



Black resigned without waiting for a reply such as Rd6 or Kh2.

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□ Afanasiev, Nikita

■ Daneshvar, Bardiya

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[Kitty Kat]

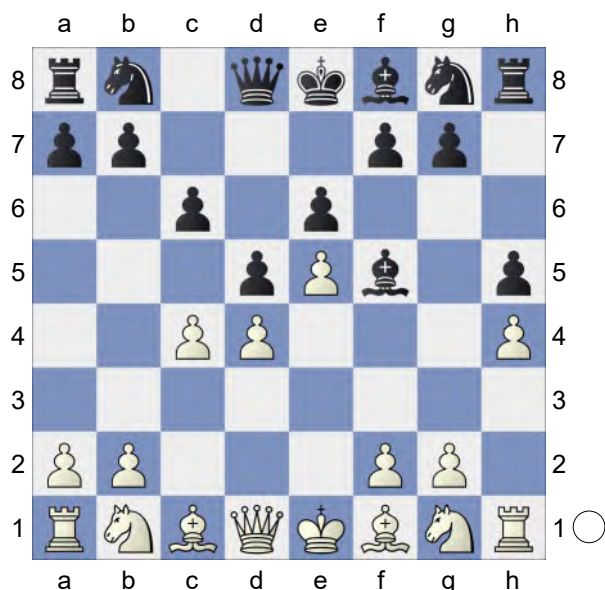
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.c4 e6

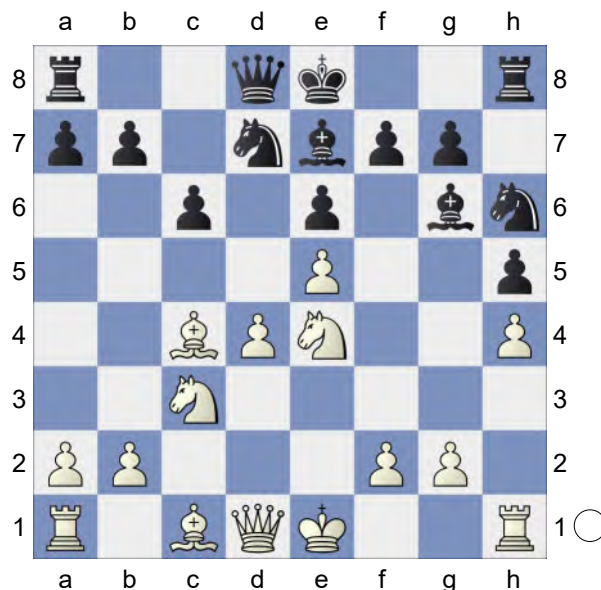


6.Nc3 dxc4! now scores much better than the old 6...Ne7. punktet besser als das ältere 6...Se7. 7.Bxc4 Nd7 8.Nge2 Be7 9.Ng3 Bg6 10.Nge4

[10.Nge2 Nh6 11.Nf4 Nf8 12.g3 Nf5 13.Be3 Qb6 14.Qb3 Nxe3 15.fxe3 Bf5 16.Bd3 Bxd3 17.Nxd3 Nd7 18.Rf1 0-0 19.Nf4 Qxb3 20.axb3 g6 21.Ke2 c5 22.Rad1 cxd4 23.exd4 Rfe8 24.Nb5 Rec8 0-1 (57) Gokerkan, C (2473)-Anton Guijarro, D (2664) Titled Tuesday intern op 07th Jan Early blitz 2025 (7)]

10...Nh6

(Diagram)



The position is equal. 11.Bxh6 Rxh6
12.Bb3N -0.68/22

[Vorgänger: 12.Qe2 Nb6 13.Rd1 Nxc4 14.Qxc4 Qb6 15.0-0 Rd8 16.Rfe1 Qb4 Repels Nd6+ 17.Qxb4 Bxb4 18.a3 ½-½ (50) Short, N (2626)-Keymer, V (2607) Malmo 2021]

[12.Qe2= -0.21/25]

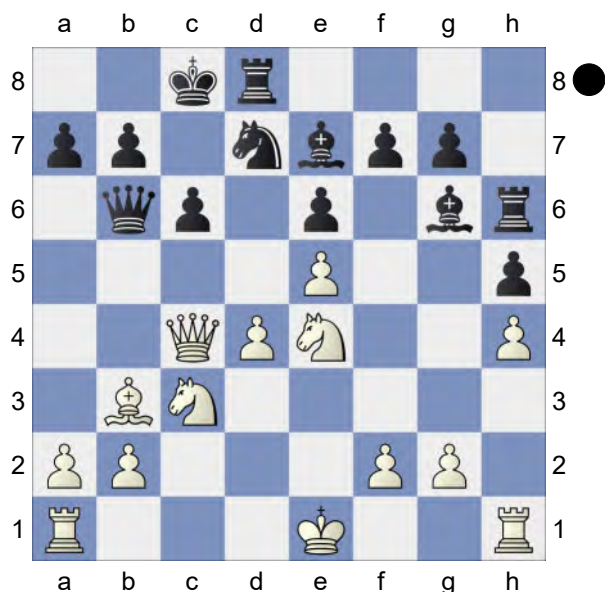
[12.Qd2 Nb6 13.Be2 Nd5 14.Bf3 Qb6 15.g3 0-0-0 16.0-0 Kb8 17.Rfd1 Rhh8 18.Rac1 Bxe4 19.Nxe4 g6 20.Rc4 Rd7 21.Nc5 Bxc5 22.dxc5 Qc7 23.Qe1 Qd8 24.b4 g5 25.hxg5 Qxg5 26.Rh4 Kc8 1-0 (45) Adams, M (2706)-Keymer, V (2568) ch-Schachbundesliga 2020 (1.6) 27.a4 Ne7 28.Rxd7 Kxd7 29.b5 Ng6 30.bxc6+ Ke7 31.Rxh5 Rxh5 32.Bxh5 Qxh5 33.cxb7 Nxe5 34.Qe4 Ng4 35.Qf3 Qh2+ 36.Kf1 Qh5 37.Qc6 Ne5 38.Qd6+ Kf6 39.Qd8+ Kf5 40.b8Q Qh1+ 41.Ke2 Qf3+ 1-0 (45) Ellithorpe, G (2706)-Glaser, G (2568) 77/539 Batumi 1999 (1.6)]

12...Qb6! ...0-0-0 is the strong threat.

13.Qd3 0-0-0 Hoping for ...Nxe5!

14.Qc4

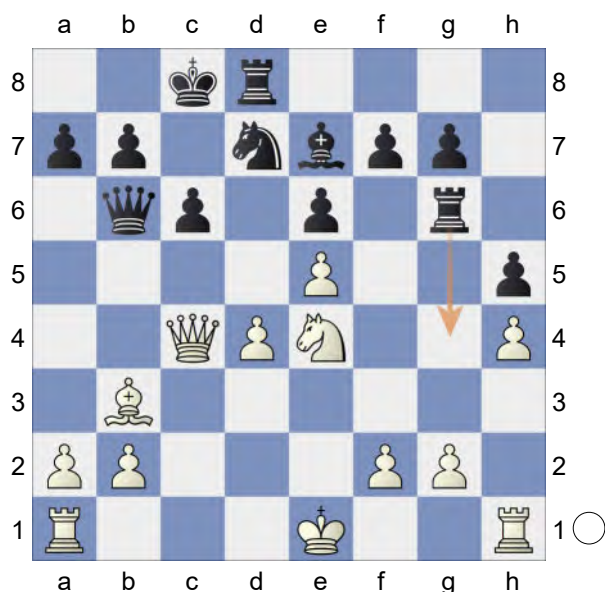
(Diagram)



Bxe4 -0.45/16

[Black should try 14...Qa5! -0.89/18
15.Qe2 Qb4]

15.Nxe4 Rg6!



16.Kf1? -2.12/19 Black continues to play with concentration.

[16.0-0-0! -0.53/20]

16...Rg4!+ 17.Re1 -2.48/19

[17.Bc2 -1.94/22 might work better.]

17...Nf8!

[17...Rhx4? 18.Rhx4 Bxh4 19.Nd6+ Kc7 20.Nxf7+-]

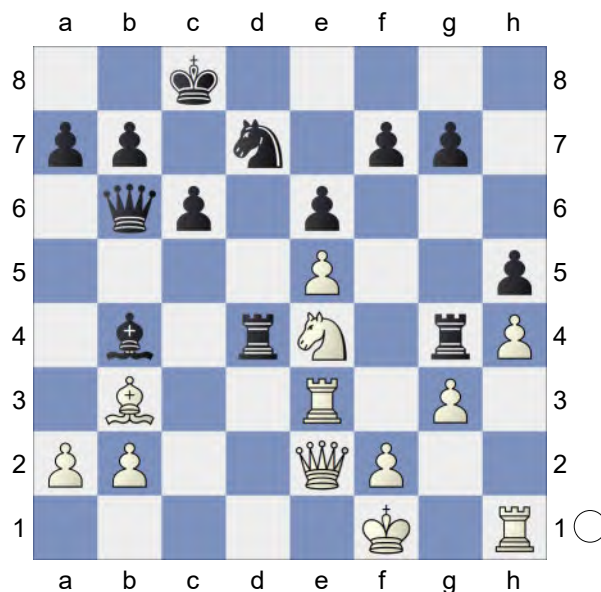
18.g3 Bb4

[18...Qxd4 19.Qxd4 Rxd4 20.Bc2+]

19.Re3 Rxd4

[19...Qxd4 20.Qxd4 Rxd4 21.Ng5=]

20.Qe2 Nd7



21.Nc3 Nc5 22.Kg2 Qd8 23.Qf3 Qe7

24.Bc2 g6 25.Rc1 -1.67/20

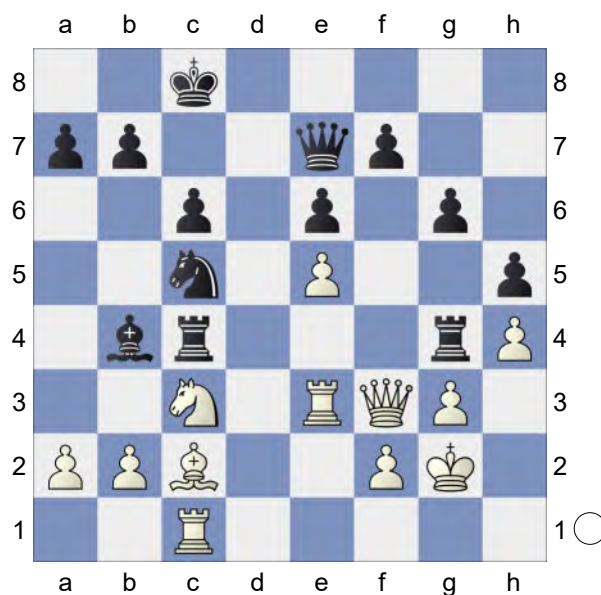
[25.Re2+ -1.10/18]

25...Rc4 -1.12/19

[25...Qxh4 26.Qxf7 Qd8 27.Bb3=]

[25...Rdf4 26.Qe2+]

[25...Ba5+ -1.67/20 26.Rh1 Bc7]



26.Bb1 -1.97/16

[26.Rd1♣ -1.12/19]

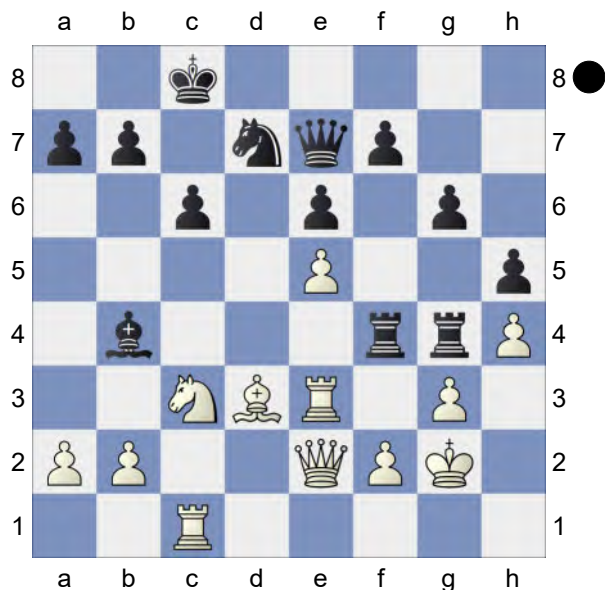
26...Nd7

[26...Qxh4 27.Qxf7 Rcd4 28.a3±
(28.Bxg6 Qg5=; 28.Ne4 Nxe4
29.Qxe6+ Kb8=)]

27.Bd3 -2.72/19

[⚡27.Rd1 -1.93/18]

27...Rcf4 28.Qe2



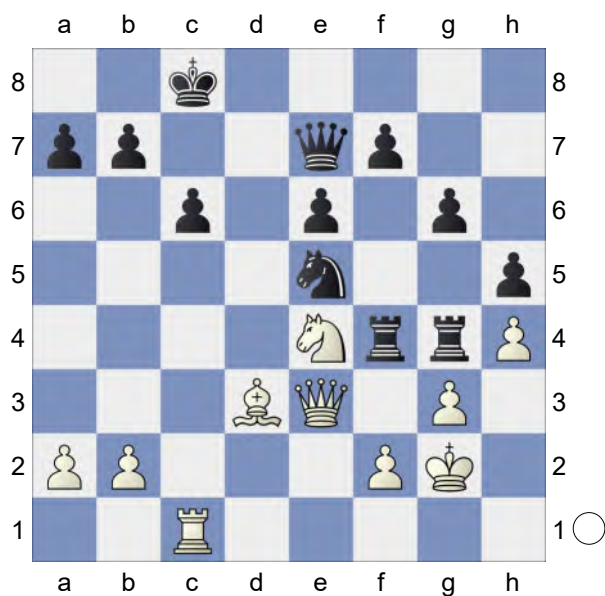
Bc5!

[28...Qxh4 29.Ne4♣]

29.Ne4 -3.85/20

[⚡29.Bb1 -2.65/18]

29...Bxe3 30.Qxe3 Nxe5



31.Bb1 Qb4

[31...Qxh4 32.Nd6+ Kb8
33.Qxe5+-]

32.Re1 Nc4

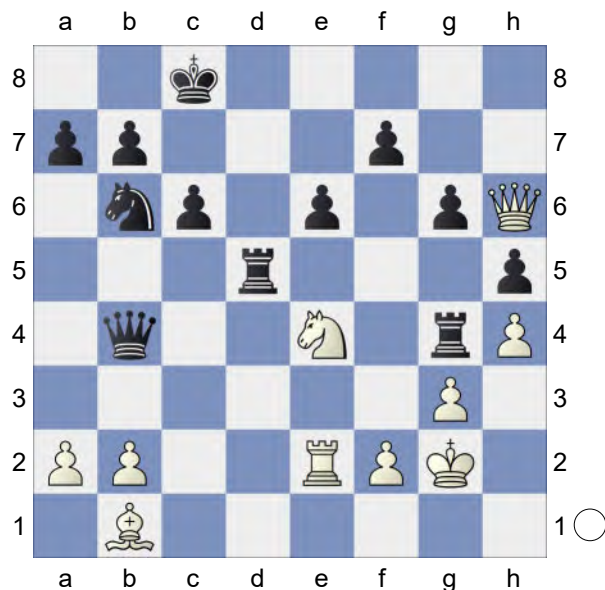
[32...Qxb2 33.Qc5 Nd7 34.Qe7♣]

33.Qc1 Rf5

[Weaker is 33...Nxb2 34.f3+-]

[Less strong is 33...Qxb2 34.Qxb2
Nxb2 35.Re2+-]

34.Re2 Nb6 35.Qh6 Rd5



36.Nf6 Rd8 -1.75/19 Prevents Qg7.

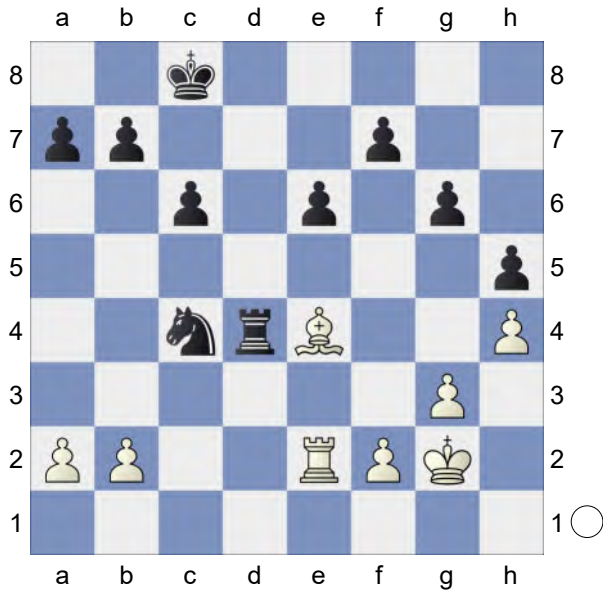
[⚡36...Rgd4 -2.95/21 Strongly
threatening ...Rd8. 37.Qg7 Qc4]

37.Nxg4? -3.49/20

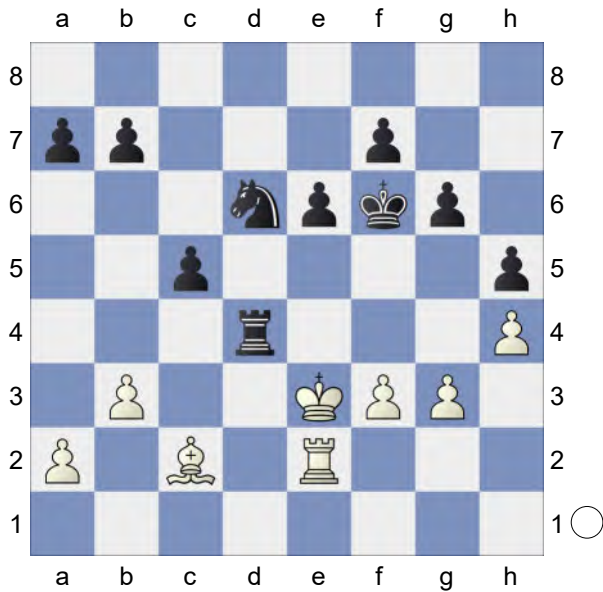
[37.Qg7 -1.75/19 Qf8 38.Qxf8 Rxf8
39.Nxg4 hxc4 40.Re4]

**37...Qxg4 38.Qe3 Nc4 39.Qe4 Qxe4+
40.Bxe4 Endgame. KRB-KRN 40...Rd4**

(Diagram)

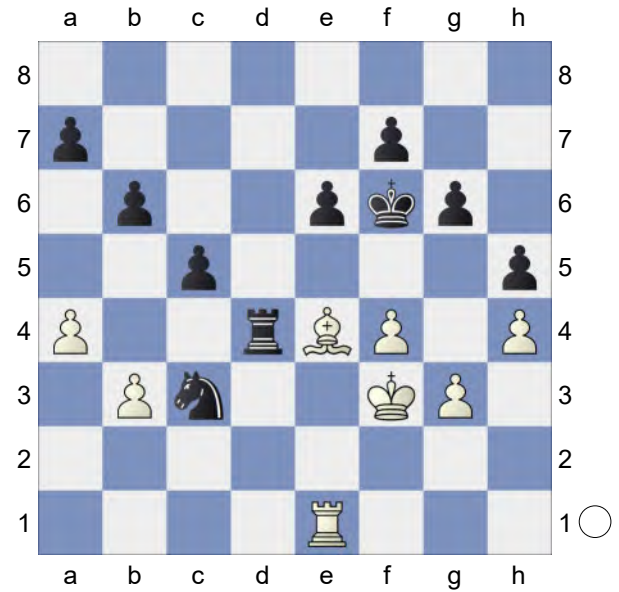


**41.b3 Nd6 42.Bc2 Kd7 43.f3 Ke7
44.Kf2 c5 45.Ke3 Kf6**



**46.f4 b6 Black is clearly winning. 47.Kf3
Nb5 48.a4 Nc7 49.Be4 Nd5 50.Re1
Nc3**

(Diagram)



**Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/
Black=0.23 (precise)**

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□ Maurizzi, Marc Andria

■ Manon, Reja

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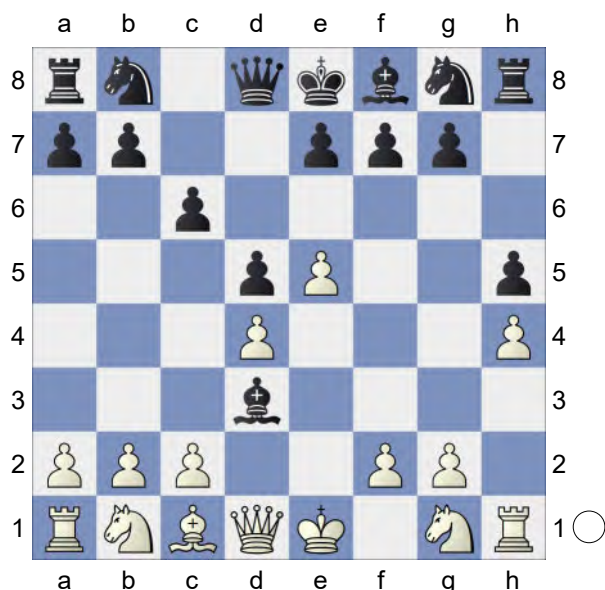
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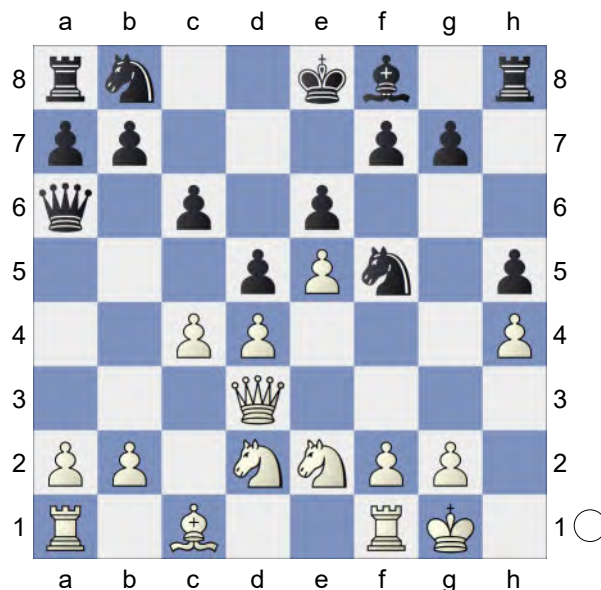
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 Hoping for e6! 6...Qa5+ 7.Nd2
e6! would now be deadly. 7...e6 8.Ne2
White is slightly better. 8...Qa6 9.c4
Ne7 10.0-0! is currently scoring better
than 10.b3. wohl besser als 10.b3.
10...Nf5

(Diagram)



11.Rb1N

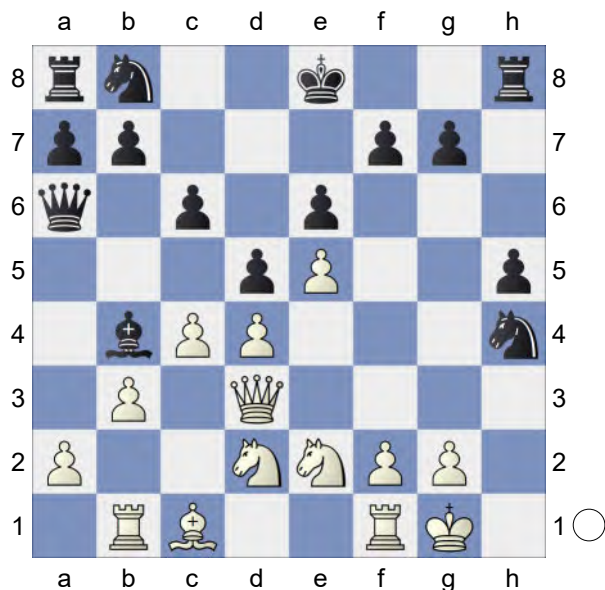
[11.g3 c5 12.b3 Nc6 13.Nf3 dxc4
14.bxc4 Rd8 15.Bg5 Rd7 16.Nc3
Nfxd4 17.Ne4 Nb4 18.Qd1 Qxc4
19.Nfd2 Qc2 20.Qe1 Qd3 21.Rc1
Ne2+ 22.Kg2 Nxc1 23.Qxc1 Qd5
24.f3 Nd3 25.Qb1 Nxe5 0-1 (39)
Paichadze, L (2546)-Yoo, C (2588)
Titled Tuesday intern op 26th Nov
Late blitz 2024 (8)]

[11.b3 c5 (11...Be7 12.g3 c5
13.dxc5 Nc6 14.Bb2 0-0-0 15.Qf3
g5 16.hxg5 d4 17.Qe4 d3 18.Nf4
Bxg5 19.Nf3 Bxf4 20.Qxf4 Rhg8
21.Kg2 Nb4 22.Ng5 d2 23.Nxf7
Nd3 24.Qxd2 Qc6+ 25.Kh2 Nh4
26.f4 0-1 (41) Pap, M (2419)-Goliz, W
(2313) Budapest One Week GM-B 12
2024 (8)) 12.dxc5 Nc6 13.a3 Bxc5
14.b4 Nxe5 15.Qb1 Nxc4 16.bxc5
Nxd2 17.Bxd2 Qxe2 18.Qxb7 0-0
19.Bf4 Qg4 20.Bd6 Nxh4 21.g3
Nf3+ 22.Kg2 Qe4 23.Kh1 Ne1+
24.f3 Nxf3 25.Rf2 Ne5+ 0-1 (40)
Pape, J (2648)-Mladenov, P (2669)
European Rapid Championship,
Wroclaw 2014]

11...Bb4N

[Vorgänger: 11...Nd7 12.b4! Be7
13.b5 Qa5 14.c5 0-0 1.38/18
(14...Qc7= 0.19/20 remains equal.)
15.Nf3± f6 16.bxc6 bxc6 17.Rb7
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(2534) RUS-ch 75th Cheboksary 2022
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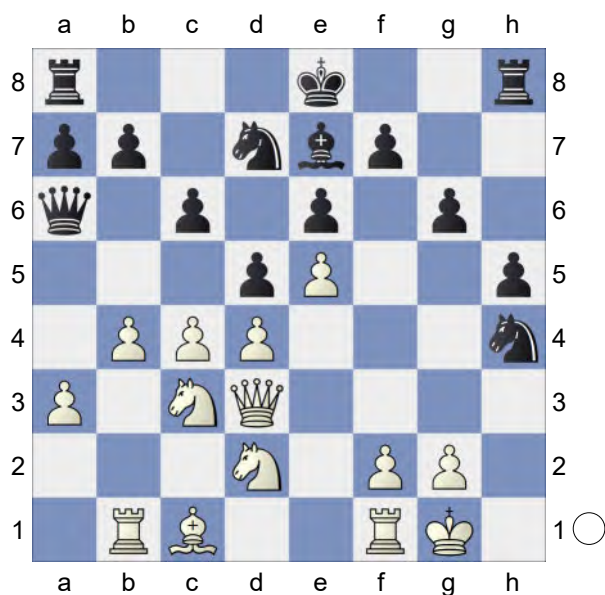
12.b3! Nxh4



13.a3! Be7

[13...Bxa3? 14.Ra1+-]

14.b4 Nd7 15.Nc3 g6

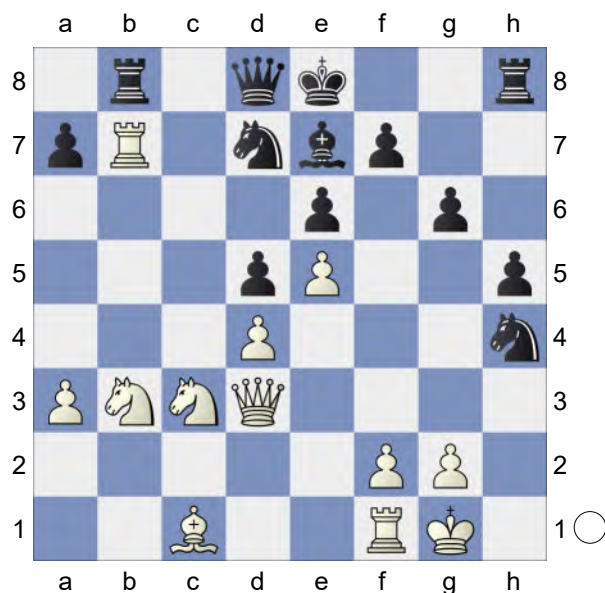


16.b5 Qa5 17.bxc6

[17.c5 simplifies Qc7 18.Nf3 Nf5

19.bxc6 bxc6 20.Ne2]

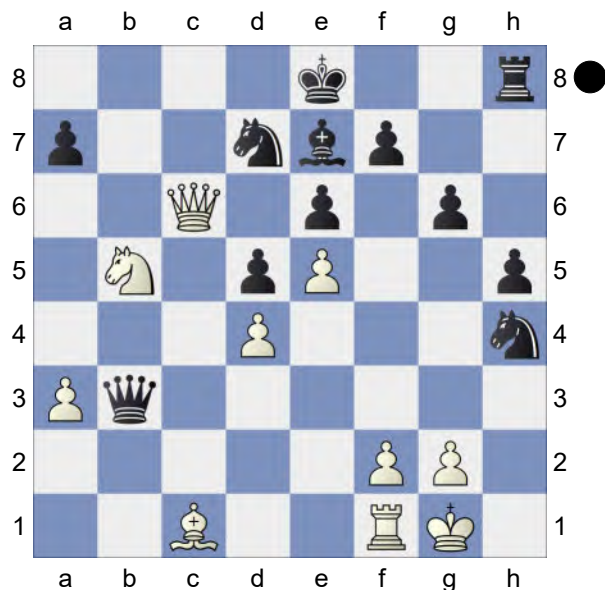
**17...bxc6 18.cxd5 cxd5 19.Rb7 Rb8!
20.Nb3 Qd8**



21.Qb5 aiming for Rxd7! **21...Rxb7**

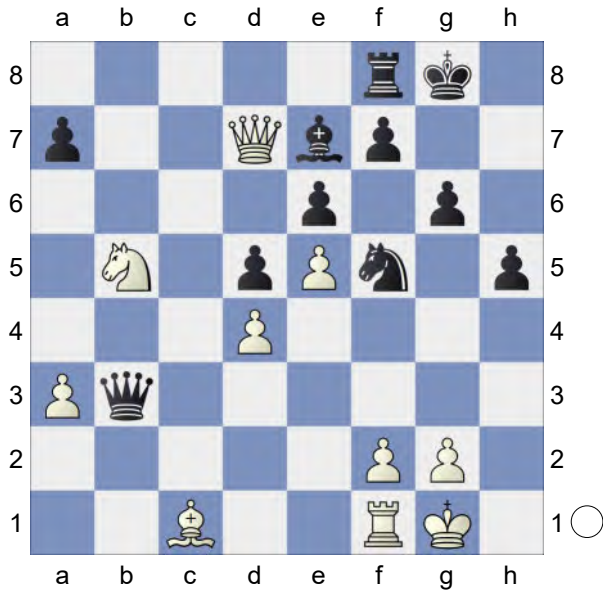
22.Qxb7 Qb8 Deflection 23.Qc6 Qxb3

24.Nb5

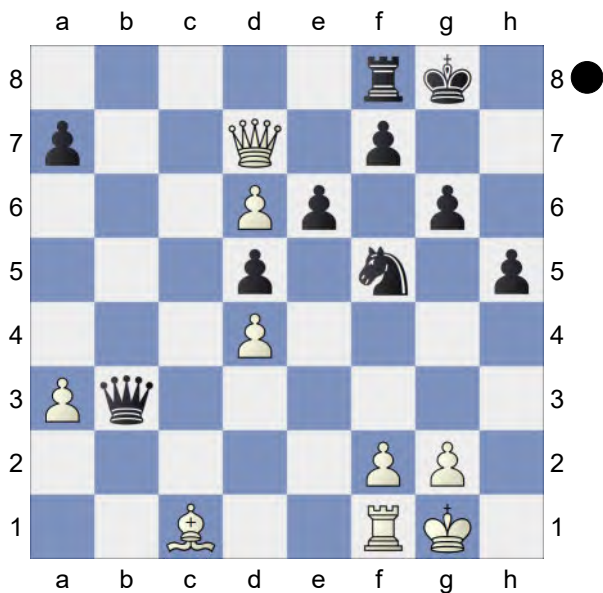


0-0! 25.Qxd7 Nf5

(Diagram)



26.Nd6 Bxd6 27.exd6



Qb6 -1.10/23

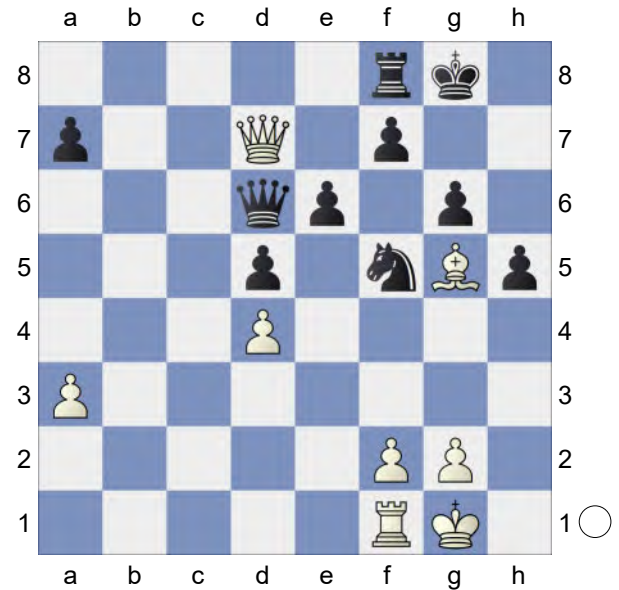
[Don't play 27...Nxd4?! 28.Bg5 Qb6
(28...Qxa3 29.Qe7±) 29.Bf6=]

[Δ27...h4! -1.46/22 ...h3 is the strong
threat. 28.Bg5 Qxa3]

28.Bg5± Qxd6 -0.09/30

[28...Rb8± -1.13/24 29.Bf6 Nxd6
(29...Qxd6 30.Qxa7 Qb6 31.Qxb6±)]

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very
precise) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
 $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$

122□ **Remizov, Yaroslav**■ **Murzin, Volodar**

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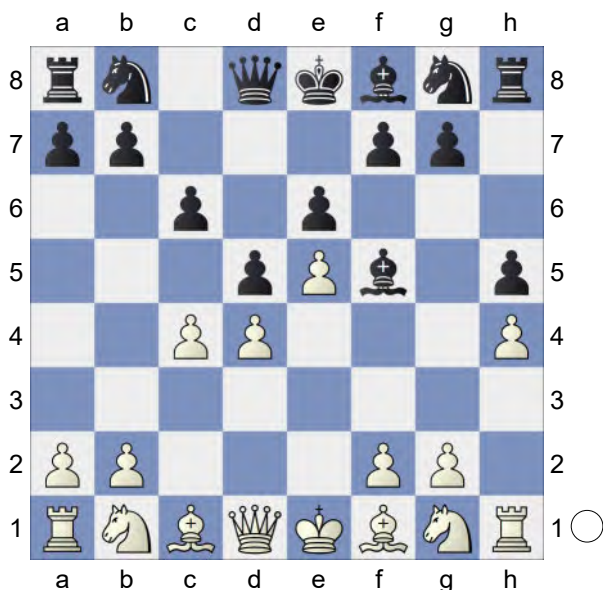
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B12**2437****2633**

17.10.2023

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

On the one hand I was plagued by doubt as to whether I should actually try and tackle this game, because there is just such an awful lot to talk about. On the other hand, I suspect it is not the last time we have occasion to cover 11.a4 and so this represents, on some level, the first iteration of an undoubtedly protracted and iterative process. **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.c4 e6**



6.Nc3 dxc4 is now more promising than **6...Ne7**. im Vergleich zu **6...Se7** vielversprechender. **7.Bxc4 Nd7 8.Nge2 Be7! 9.Nf4N**

[9.Ng3 Bg6 10.Be2 Qb6 11.a4 a5 12.Be3 Rd8 13.0-0 Qb4 14.Ra3 Nc5 15.Bxh5 Qxb2 16.Ra2 Qxc3 17.Bxg6 fxc6 18.Qg4 g5 19.dxc5 Qb3 20.Qe2 gxc4 21.Ne4 h3 22.g3 Qd5 23.Bf4 Bxc5 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (50)]

Karthikeyan, M (2611)-Maghsoodloo, P (2707) Qatar Masters 2023 (6.5)]

[9.g3

A) 9...b5 10.Bb3 b4 11.Na4 Nh6 12.Nf4 (12.0-0 g5 13.hxg5 Bxg5 14.Bxg5 Qxg5 15.Qc1 Qxc1 16.Raxc1 h4 Chapter Advance Variation-Caro-Kann Advance 4.h4 h5 5.c) 12...g6 13.Be3 Be4 14.f3 Bd5 15.Nxd5 cxd5 16.Bf2 Nf5 17.Bc2 Kf8 18.Rc1 Kg7 19.Bxf5 exf5 20.e6 fxe6 21.0-0 f4 22.Qe2 fxg3 23.Bxg3 Bxh4 24.Bh2 0-1 (61) Remizov, Y (2432)-Kushko, D (2444) Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Sep Late blitz 2024 (9);

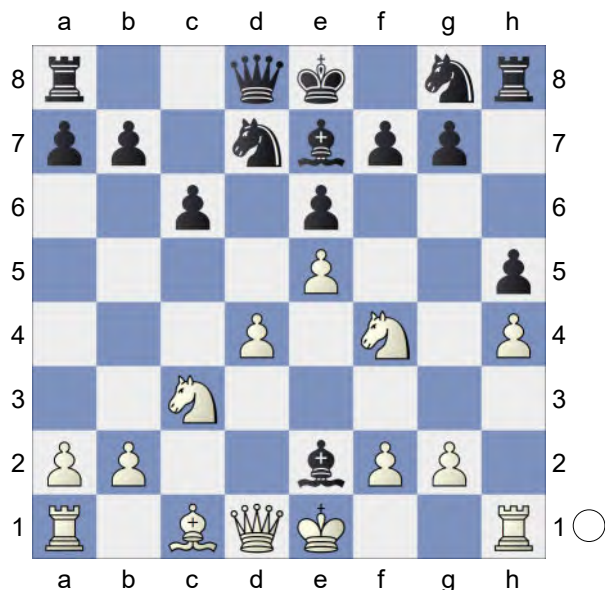
B) 9...Nh6 10.Bf4 Qb6 11.Qd2 (11.0-0 Bg6 12.Be3 Ng4 13.Nf4 Bf5 14.Bd3 g6 15.Rc1 Rd8 16.Qe2 Bxd3 17.Nxd3 Qa6 18.Rfd1 Nh6 19.Bxh6 Rxh6 20.Ne4 Rh8 21.a3 Kf8 22.Qf3 Kg7 23.Ndc5 Qb6 24.b4 Rhf8 25.Qc3 Kh7 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (50) Ragger, M (2632)-Haba, P (2451) AUT-chT 2223 2022 (7.2) 11...Qb4 12.Bb3 Rd8 13.Rd1 Nb6 14.Bg5 Ng4 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Qf4 Qb4 17.0-0 a5 18.Qc1 Nh6 19.Bc2 Bxc2 20.Qxc2 Nf5 21.a3 Qe7 22.Ne4 0-0 23.Rd3 Nd5 1-0 (41) Martirosyan, H (2656)-Kukhmazov, A (2480) Qatar Masters Open 2024 (3.12)]

9...Bg4N 0.48/23

[Vorgänger: 9...g6 10.Be2 Qb6 11.0-0 Bxh4 0.29/20 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ Tiemann, H (2430)-Boeken, M (2416) GER MA01 email 2012 (11...Nh6 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ -0.31/23)] [9...g6= -0.16/24]

10.Be2 Bxe2

(Diagram)



White is slightly better. 11.Qxe2 g6

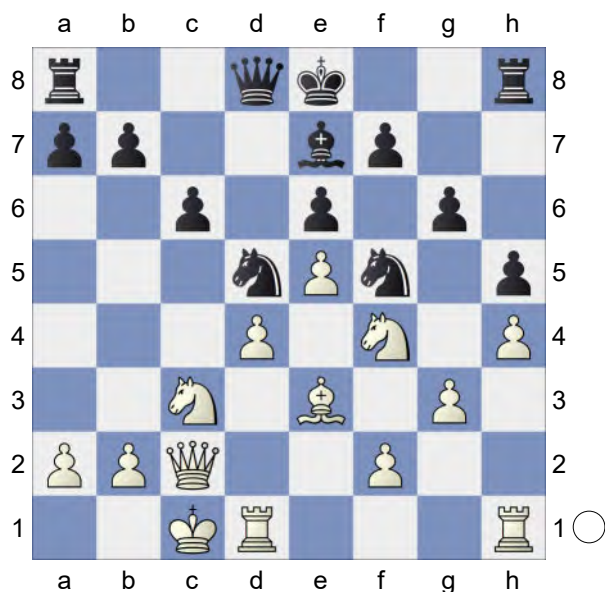
12.Qc2 -0.12/21

[12.Nd3± 0.33/21]

12...Nh6!= 13.Be3 Nf5! 14.g3 Nb6

Strongly threatening ...Nc4! 15.0-0-0!

Nd5



16.Rhe1 Kf8 17.Kb1

[17.Ncxd5 simplifies cxd5 18.Kb1 a5 19.Rc1]

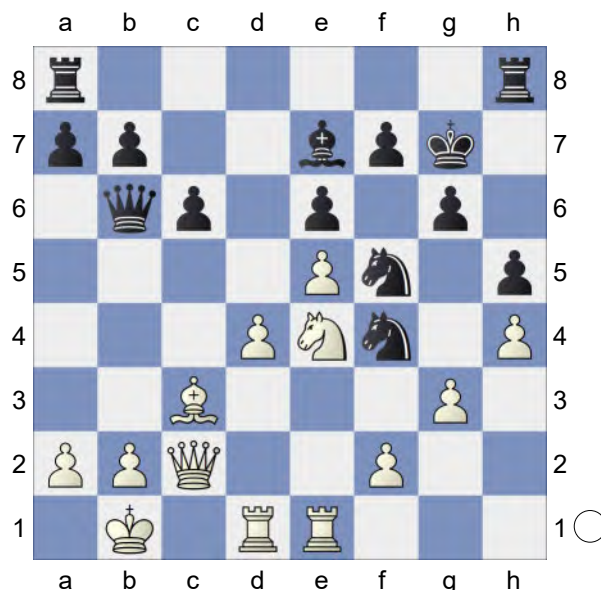
17...Kg7

[17...Nxc3+ simplifies 18.Qxc3 a5 19.Qc1 a4]

18.Ne4 -0.51/19

[18.Ncxd5= -0.04/23 cxd5 19.Rd3]
18...Qa5 19.Bd2 Qb6 20.Bc3 -1.72/20
[20.Ne2± -0.36/17]

20...Nxf4-+



21.gxf4 Rad8 Against Nd6

[21...Nxf4 22.Nd6±]

22.Nd6 Nxd6?? 3.38/14

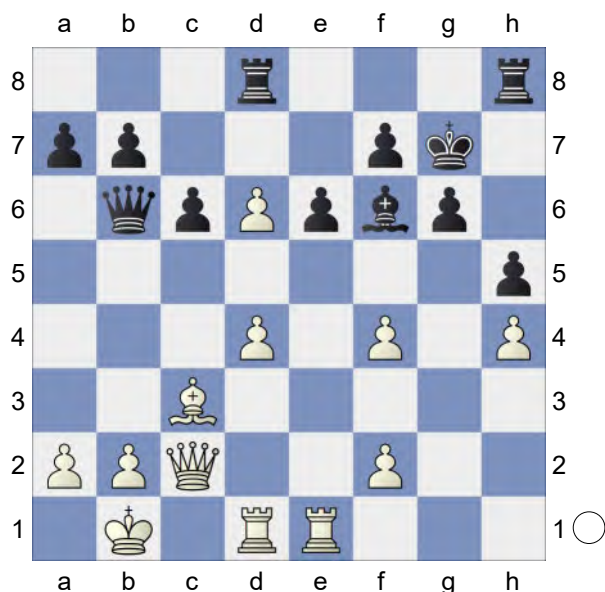
[22...Nxf4± -1.49/20 keeps the pressure on. 23.Qd3 Kg8 (23...Ng2 24.Re4±)]

23.exd6+- Bf6 5.30/25

[23...Bxf4? perishes. 24.d5+ e5 25.fxe5+- (25.Bxe5+ Kh7+-; 25.Rxe5 Kh6+-)]

[23...Rxd6 3.53/18 keeps fighting. 24.d5+ f6]

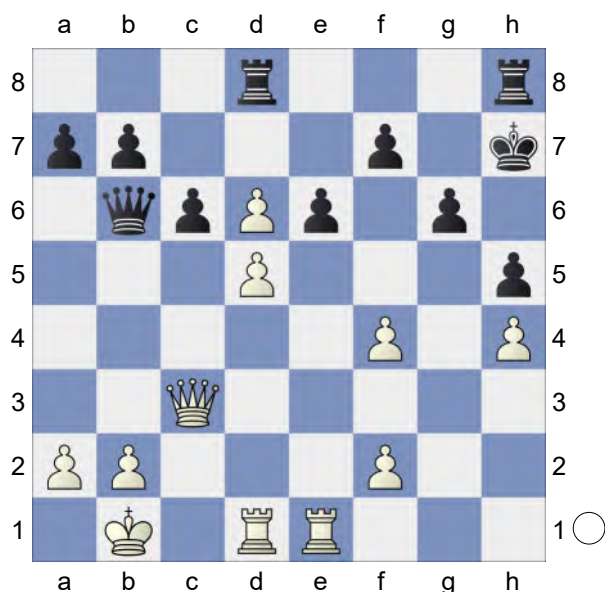
(Diagram)



24.d5! Bxc3

[24...Rxd6 25.Bxf6+]

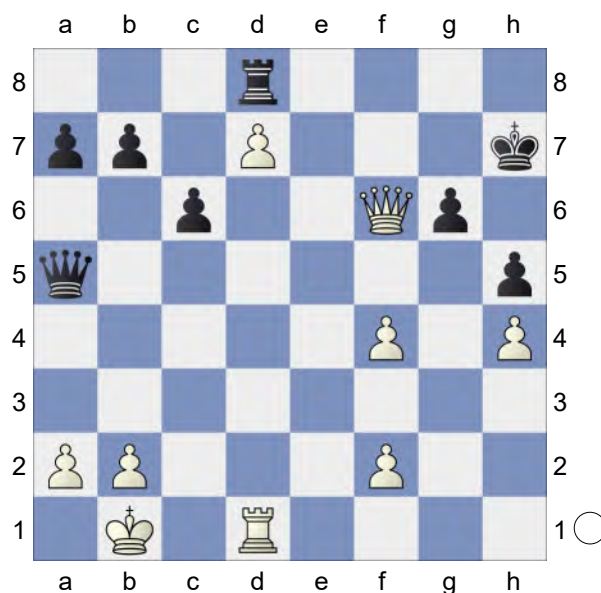
25.Qxc3+ Kh7



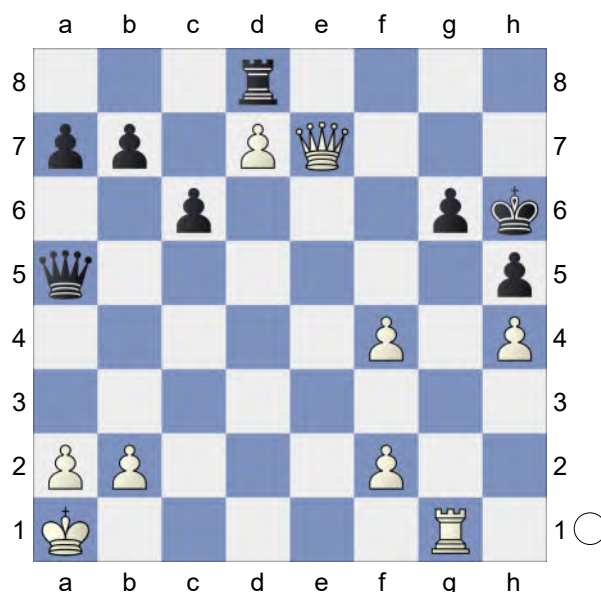
Black is weak on the dark squares
26.dxe6 fxe6 27.Rxe6 White wants to
 mate with Re7+. **27...Rhe8 28.Rxe8**
 10.45/18

[28.Rde1 250.00/21 Rxe6 29.Rxe6
 Rd7 30.Qf6 Qd8 31.Qxg6+ Kh8
 32.Re8+ (32.Qxh5+ Rh7 33.Re8+
 Qxe8 34.Qxe8+ Kg7 35.h5 Rxh5
 36.Qxh5 Kf6) 32...Qxe8 33.Qxe8+
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 40.Qh1#) 35...Kf5 36.d7 (36.Qxb7
 Kxf4 37.Qxc6 Kg4 38.d7 Kh3
 39.d8Q Kh2 40.Qg5 Kh3 41.Qh1#)]
28...Rxe8 Endgame. KQR-KQR 29.d7
Rd8 30.Qf6 Qa5



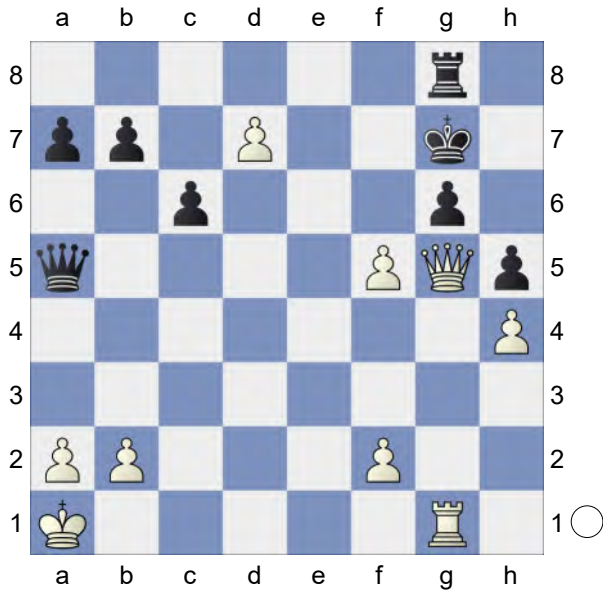
31.Ka1 f5! would kill now. 31...Qa4
32.Qe7+ White mates. 32...Kh6 33.Rg1
Qa5



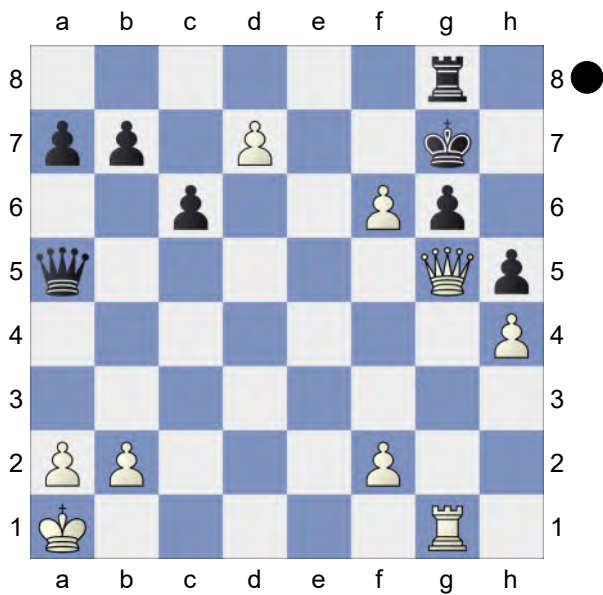
34.f5! Rg8

[34...Qxf5 35.Qxd8]

35.Qg5+ Kg7



36.f6+



Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.92

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□ Petrosyan, Manuel

■ Pham, Le Thao Nguyen

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[Kitty Kat]

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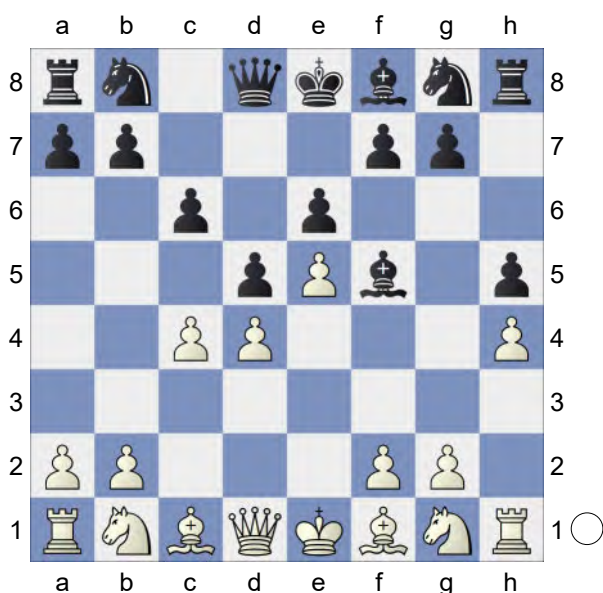
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4

[1.f4]

1...c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.c4 e6

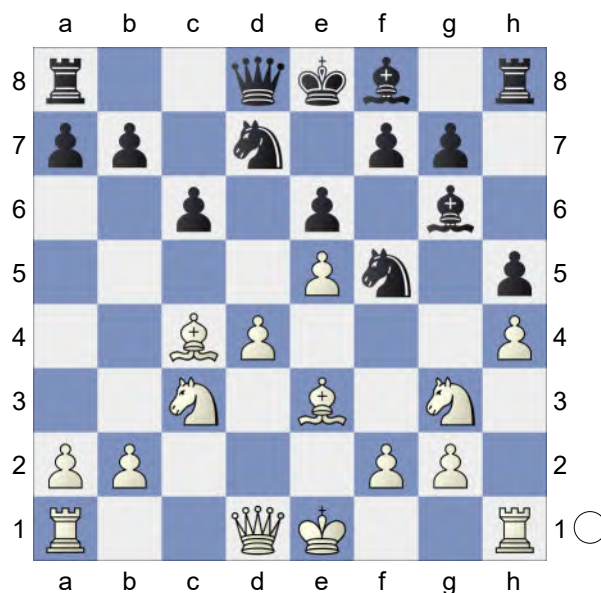


6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Nge2 '!' 7.Nge2 is better than 7.Bg5. 7.Sge2 ist besser als 7.Lg5. 7...dxc4 8.Ng3 Bg6 9.Bxc4 White is slightly better. 9...Nd7 10.Be3 0.28/20 White is more active.

[10.Bg5± 0.69/19 was preferable. Qb6 (10...b5 11.Bb3 Qb6 12.Nge4 Nd5 13.0-0 a5 14.a4 b4 15.Nxd5 cxd5 16.Ng3 Be7 17.Bxe7 Kxe7 18.f4 Rhd8 19.f5 exf5 20.Nxf5+ Kf8 21.Bxd5 Rab8 22.Kh1 Re8 23.Bxf7 Bxf7 24.Nd6 Kg8 25.Rxf7 1-0 Nagare,K (2352)-Valle Luis,L (2266) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (6) 1-0 (46) Nagare,K (2352)-Valle Luis,L (2266)

Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (6)) 11.Rc1]

10...Nf5=



11.Nxf5 Bxf5 12.g3N

[12.Be2 Bg6 13.Qb3 Qb6 14.Qxb6 axb6 15.0-0 b5 16.f3 Be7 17.g3 Nb6 18.Ne4 Nd5 19.Bd2 Ra4 20.Bc3 Nxc3 21.bxc3 Kd7 22.Bd1 Ra3 23.Bb3 Kc7 24.Rae1 b6 25.Rf2 Rd8 26.Ng5 c5 0-1 Baum,J (2436)-Gumularz,S (2587) Warsaw Szansa blitz op 2023 (9) 0-1 (41) Baum,J (2436)-Gumularz,S (2587) Warsaw Szansa blitz op 2023 (9) 27.Bc2 Bxg5 28.Bxg6 fxg6 29.hxg5 Rxc3 30.dxc5 bxc5 31.Kg2 Kc6 32.Rb1 b4 33.Re1 Rd4 34.Ree2 Kd5 35.Re1 Rcd3 36.Ree2 c4 37.Rb2 c3 38.Rb3 Kc4 39.Rb1 Rd2 40.Kf1 c2 41.Rc1 Rd1+ 0-1 Peynichon,J (2436)-Jones,K (2587) London Classic KO 5th rapid 2013 (9) 0-1 Peynichon,J (2436)-Jones,K (2587) London Classic KO 5th rapid 2013 (9)]

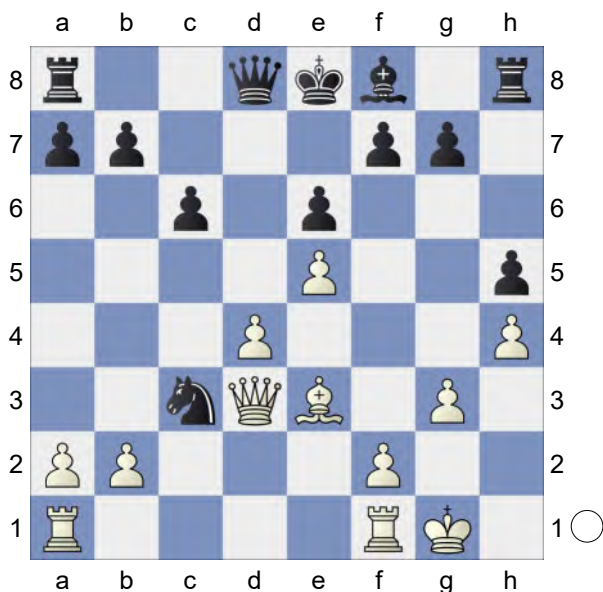
[12.a3 Be7 13.g3 a6 14.Be2 c5 15.0-0 cxd4 16.Bxd4 Nb8 17.Bf3 Nc6 18.Bxc6+ bxc6 ½-½ (38) Svane, R (2633)-Deuer,M (2452) German

Masters 95th 2024 (9)]

12...Nb6 13.Bd3 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 Nd5

15.0-0 Nxc3 1.03/24

[15...Be7± 0.47/22]

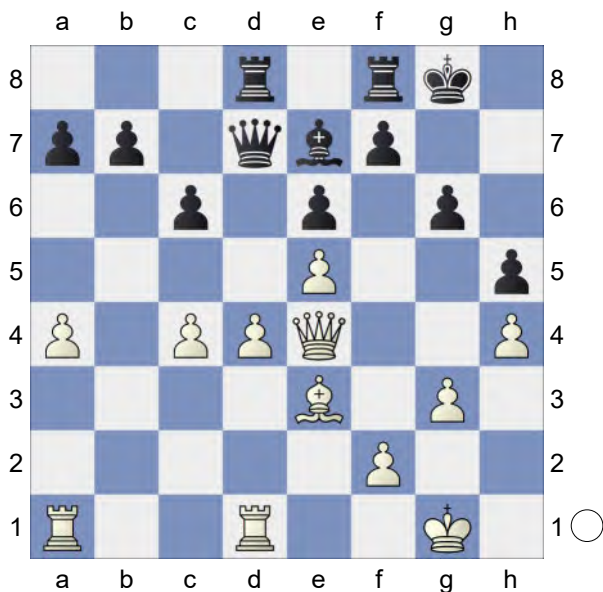


White now steadily converts the win.

16.bxc3± Be7 17.c4 Qd7 18.a4 g6 1.38/23

[18...0-0 1.02/18]

19.Rfd1 0-0 20.Qe4 Rad8



21.Rd3 f5 2.33/20

[21...b6± 1.38/18 was worth a try.

22.Bh6 Rfe8]

22.exf6+- Rxf6 23.a5 Hoping for Rb3.

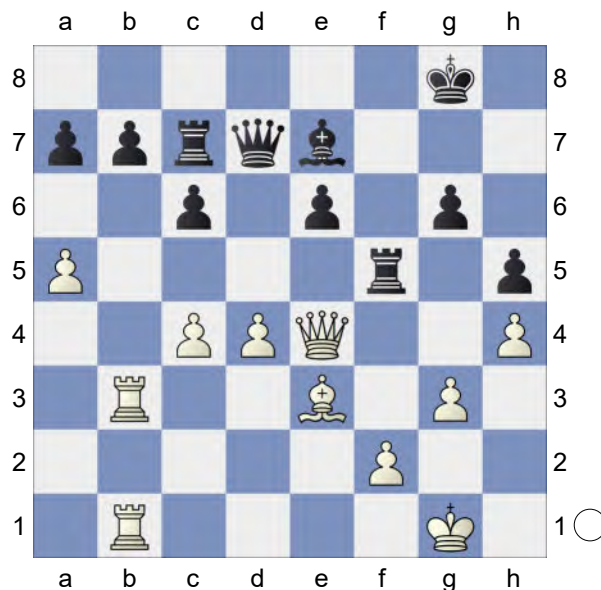
23...Rf5? 3.89/21

[23...e5 2.02/19 24.Rb1 (24.Qxe5 Re6=) 24...Qf5 25.Qxf5 Rxf5]

24.Rb3 Rc8 4.11/19

[24...e5 2.90/22 keeps fighting. 25.dxe5 Discovered Attack Qe6]

25.Rab1 Rc7



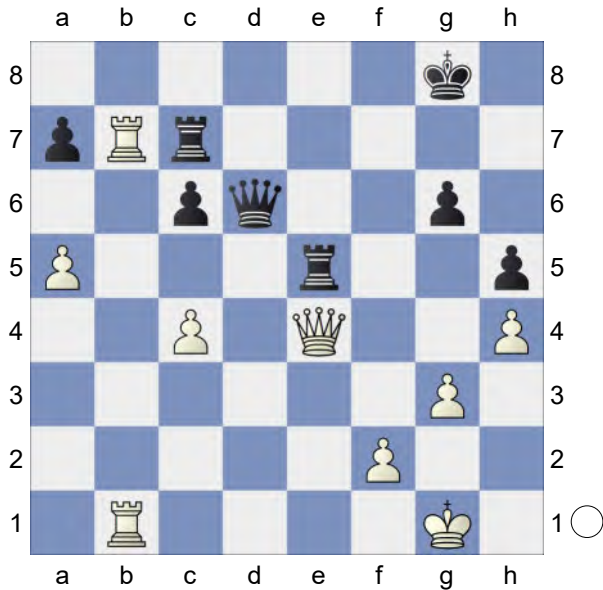
26.Bf4 Bd6 27.Bxd6 Qxd6 28.Rxb7 e5 7.18/18

[28...Rxb7 4.12/18 29.Rxb7 e5 30.dxe5 (30.Rxa7 Qxd4 31.Qxd4 exd4+-) 30...Qc5]

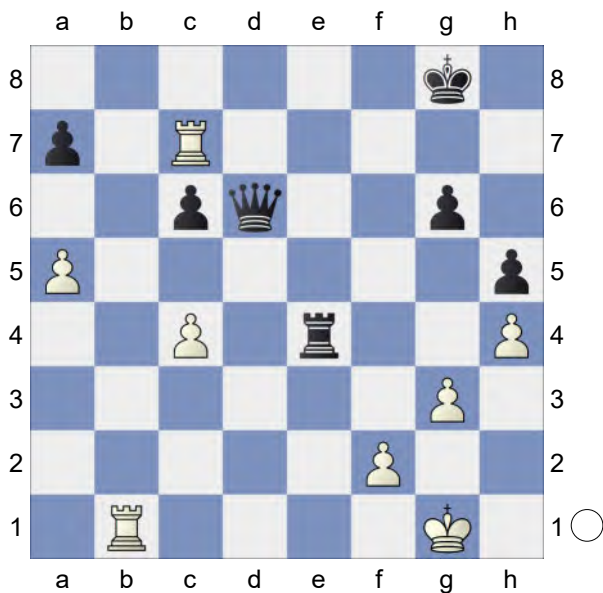
29.dxe5 White is clearly winning.

29...Rxe5

(Diagram)



30.Rxc7! Rb8+ would kill now. 30...Rxe4

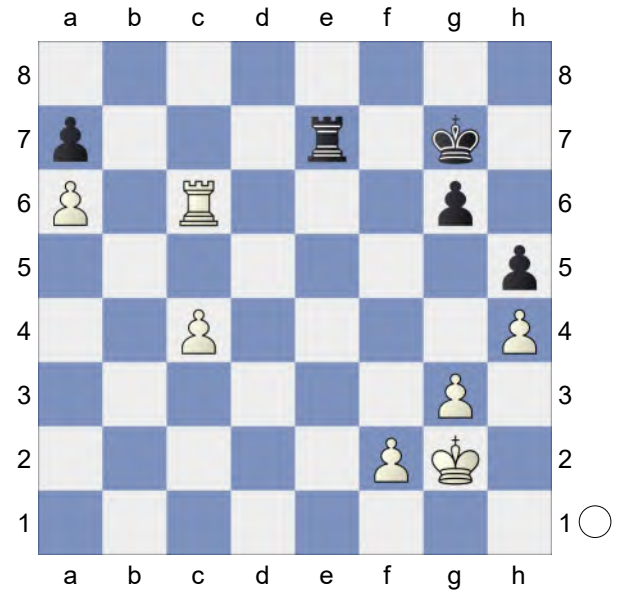


31.Rb8+

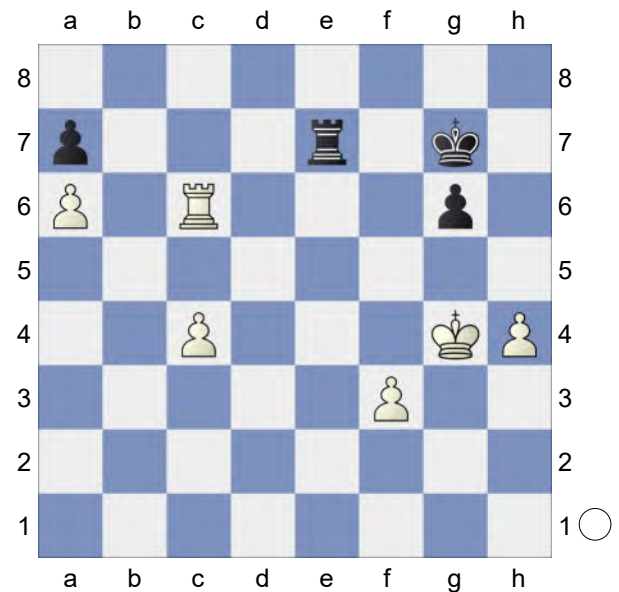
[31.Rxa7? too greedy. Re8
(31...Rxc4? 32.Rb2-+) 32.Rf1
Qd4-+]

31...Qf8 32.Rxf8+ Kxf8 33.Rxc6
Endgame. KR-KR Endgame. KR-KR
33...Kf7 34.a6 Re7 35.Kg2 Kg7

(Diagram)

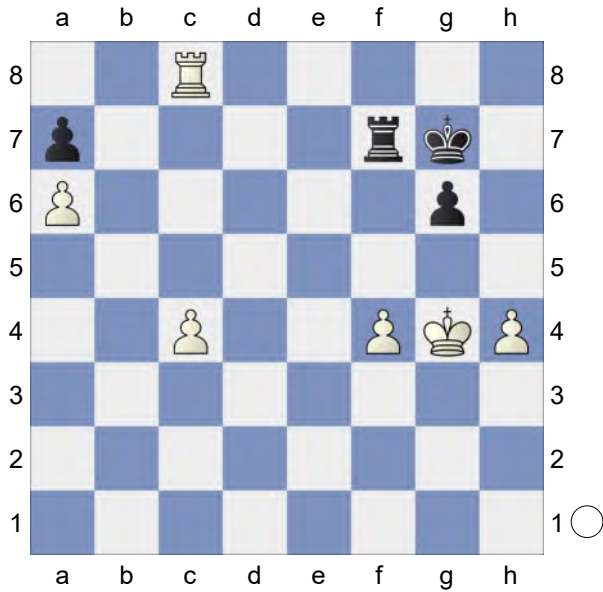


36.Kf3 Kf7 37.Kf4 Kg7 38.f3 Kh6
39.g4 hxg4 40.Kxg4 Kg7

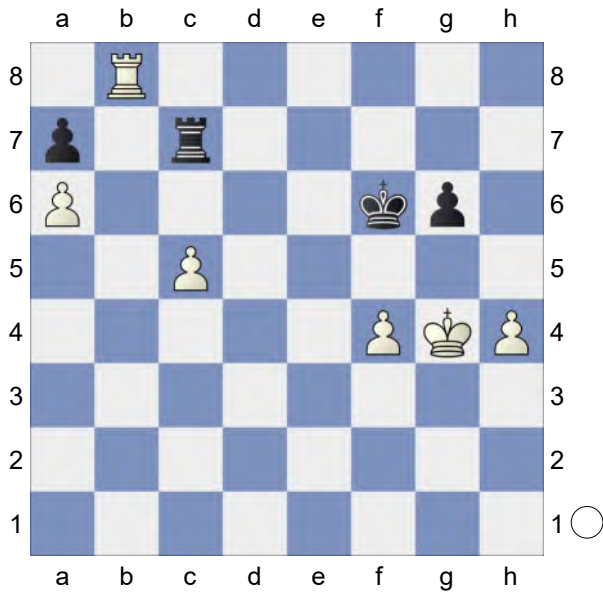


41.f4 Rf7 42.Rc8 Kf6 43.Rc5 Kg7
44.Rc6 Kh7 45.Rc8 Kg7

(Diagram)

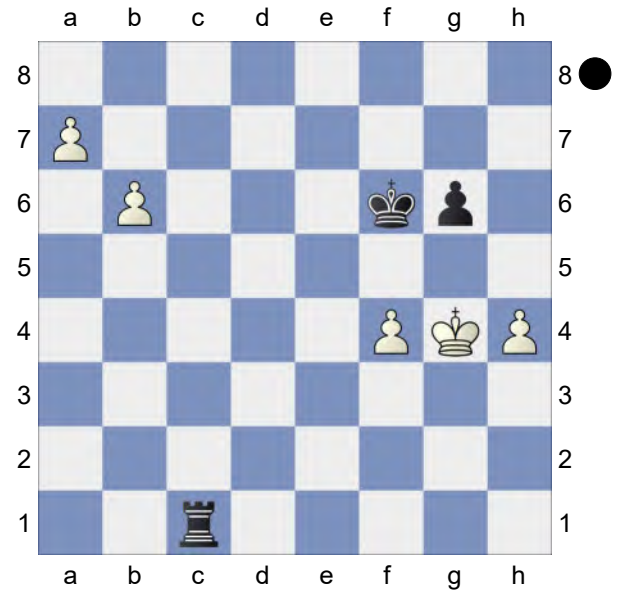


46.Rb8 Threatens to win with Rb7.
46...Kf6 47.c5 Rc7



48.Rb6+!! Skewer **48...axb6 49.cxb6**
Rc1 50.a7

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.33
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□ Kadric, Denis

■ Deuer, Marius

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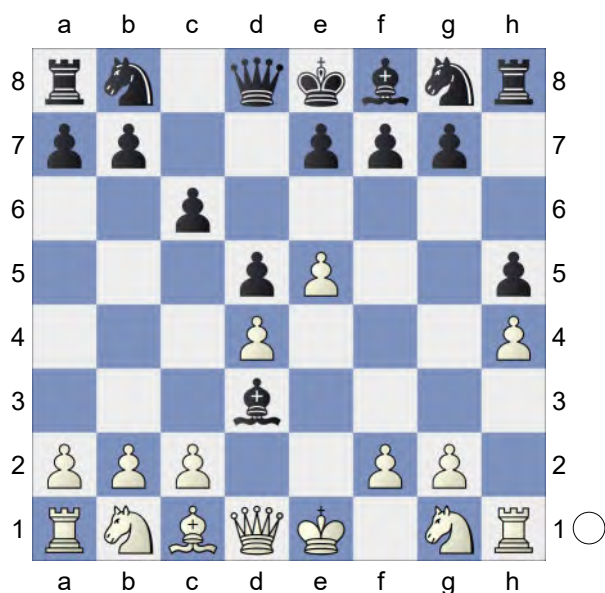
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation The current world number two Firouzja had an impressive year in 2021, winning the FIDE Grand Swiss and surpassing the 2800-rating barrier. The only game he did lose in the Grand Swiss, though, was his game against Caruana, mentioned by many as the world's best-prepared chess player. So what opening did Caruana choose to beat Firouzja? He played our recommendation against the Caro-Kann. **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3**



6.Qxd3 e6! would now be deadly.
6...Qa5+ **7.Nd2** Strongly threatening e6!
7...e6 8.Ne2 White is slightly better.

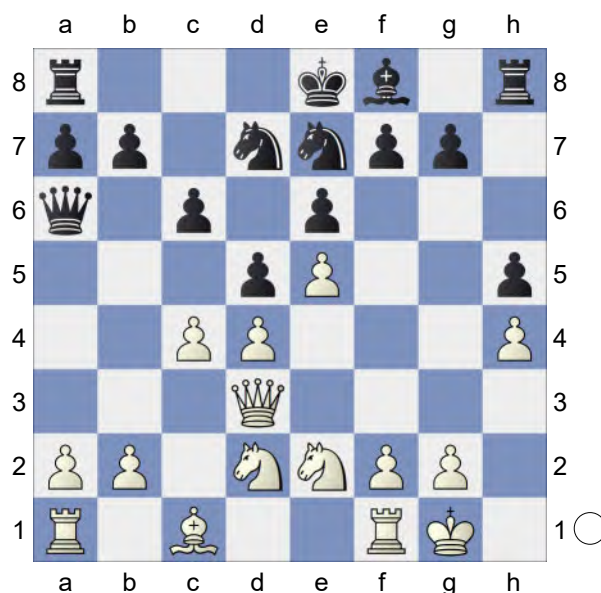
[8.Ngf3 Ne7 9.0-0 Nf5 10.Nb3 Qb5
 11.Qd1 c5 12.a4 Qb6 13.dxc5 Bxc5
 14.Nxc5 Qxc5 15.c3 Nc6 16.Re1
 Rd8 17.Bg5 Rd7 18.Rc1 Qb6
 19.Nd4 Ncxd4 20.cxd4 Rc7 21.Rc3

Kd7 22.Qd3 Rhc8 Fier,A (2583)-
 Vazquez,G (2545) City 154/(43)
 2022]

8...Qa6N

[8...Ne7 9.b4 (9.0-0 Nf5 10.g3 Be7
 11.c4 0-0 12.b3 Rd8 13.c5 b6
 14.b4 Qxb4 15.Rb1 Qa5 16.Nb3
 Qa6 17.Qf3 Nd7 18.cxb6 axb6
 19.Qxh5 c5 20.Bg5 Qxa2 21.Bxe7
 Nxe7 22.Qf3 Ra3 23.Nbc1 Rxf3
 Pellicoro,N (1845)-Loetscher,R (2386)
 SUI-ch Rapid 2023 (1) 0-1) 9...Qa6
 10.Qb3 Nf5 11.Nf3 Nd7 12.a4 Qc4
 13.Bd2 Qxb3 14.cxb3 f6 15.0-0 Be7
 16.g3 Kf7 17.Rfe1 fxe5 18.dxe5
 Rac8 19.Nf4 d4 20.Rac1 c5 21.Nd5
 cxb4 22.Nxe7 Nxe7 23.Ng5+
 Model Games-Fabiano Caruana vs.
 Alireza F,R Kg6 24.Rxc8 Rxc8
 25.Nxe6 Nc6 26.f4 Kf5 27.Nxg7+
 Kg6 28.Ne6 Kf5 29.Ng5 Nc5 30.Nf7
 Ke6 31.Nd6 Rg8 32.Kg2 Kd5
 33.Rb1 Ne4 34.Nxe4 Kxe4 35.Rc1
 Kd3 36.Be1 Ke2 37.e6 d3 38.f5 3
 Chapter-Games Chapter 11 Game]

9.c4 Ne7 10.0-0! is more profitable
 than 10.b3 at the moment. scheint
 profitabler als 10.b3. **10...Nd7**



11.b3! Nf5 12.a4N

[Vorgänger: 12.g3 0.00/23
12.Nf3 0.48 Rd8 13.Qc3 Be7 14.a4
-0.40/21 (14.Nf3= 0.03/22
is superior.) 14...dxc4 15.bxc4 c5
16.d5 exd5 -0.27/23 (16...Nxe5!±
-0.65/23 should be considered.
17.Bb2 0-0) 17.Qf3 g6 0.00/20
(17...Qg6± -0.36/20 deserves
consideration. 18.Qxd5 0-0)
18.cxd5? -1.60/21 (18.Qxd5= 0.00/20
0-0 19.Rb1) 18...Nxe5 Vasquez
Schroder,R (2554)-Fontaine,R (2549)
PRO League Stage rapid 2017 (7)
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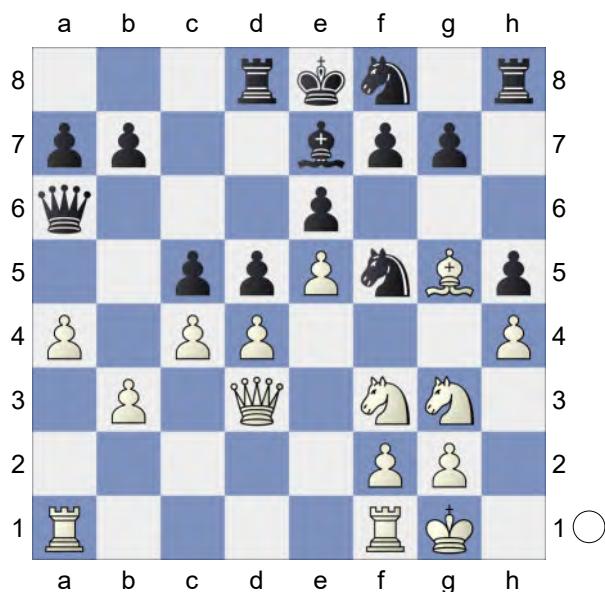
12...Rd8 0.76/21

[12...Be7= 0.17/20]

13.Nf3± And now Ng3 would win.

13...c5 14.Bg5 Be7 15.Ng3 Nf8?
3.67/19

[15...dxc4± 0.85/23 was necessary.
16.bxc4 Nxd4]



Black cannot hold the game after this.

16.Nxf5+- exf5 17.Bxe7

[17.Qxf5 g6 18.Qc2 dxc4±]

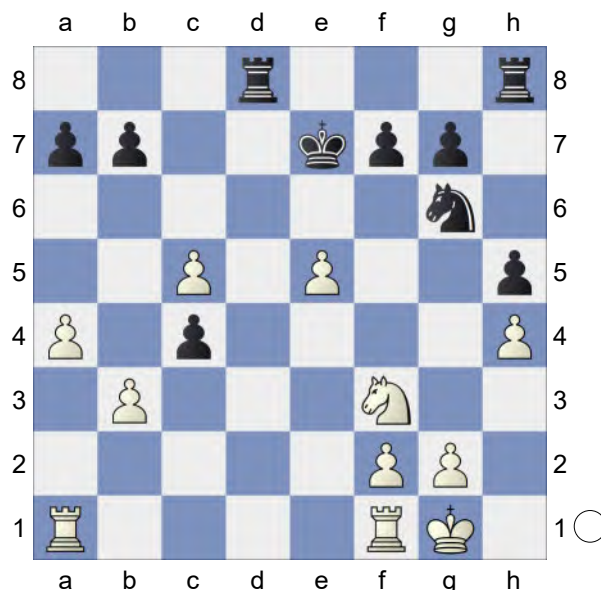
17...Kxe7 18.Qxf5 1.40/17

[18.dxc5 dxc4 19.Qxc4 (19.Qxf5

Qg6±) 19...Qxc4 20.bxc4 Ne6±]

[18.Rad1+- 3.68/23 is more deadly.]

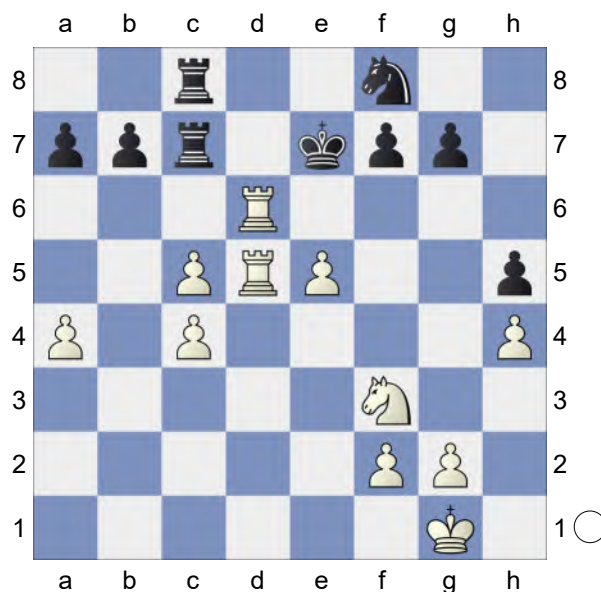
**18...Qg6± 19.Qxg6 Nxc6 20.dxc5
dxc4**



21.bxc4 Rd7 22.Rfd1 Rhd8 2.65/22

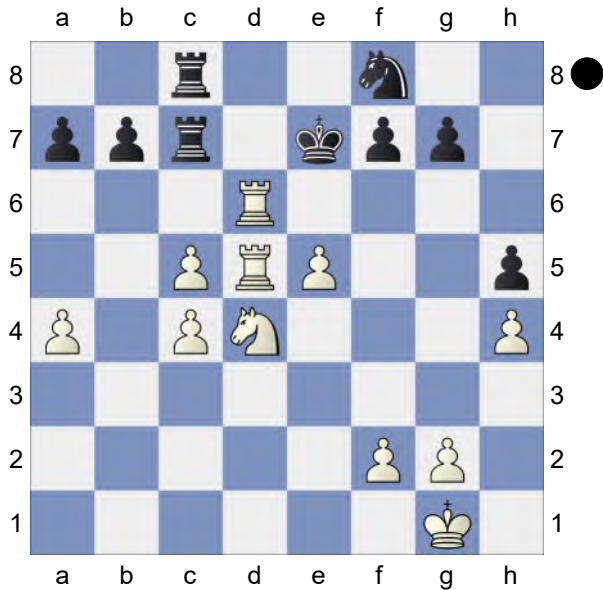
[22...Rc8± 1.53/21 keeps fighting.]

**23.Rd6+- Rc8 24.Rad1 Nf8 25.R1d5
Rdc7**

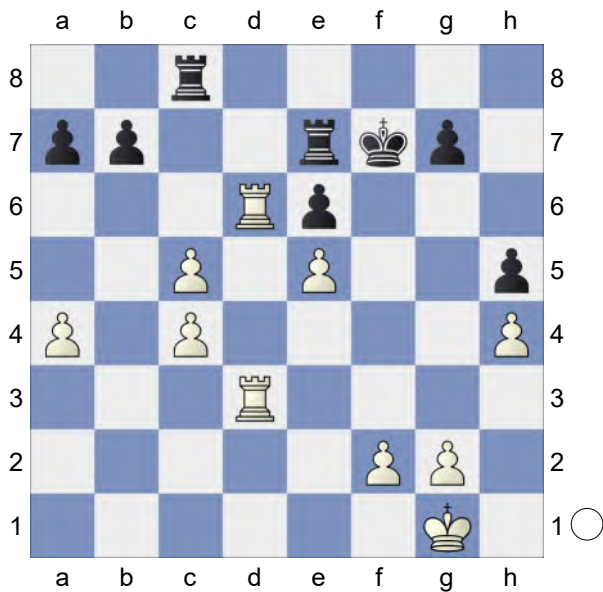


26.Nd4

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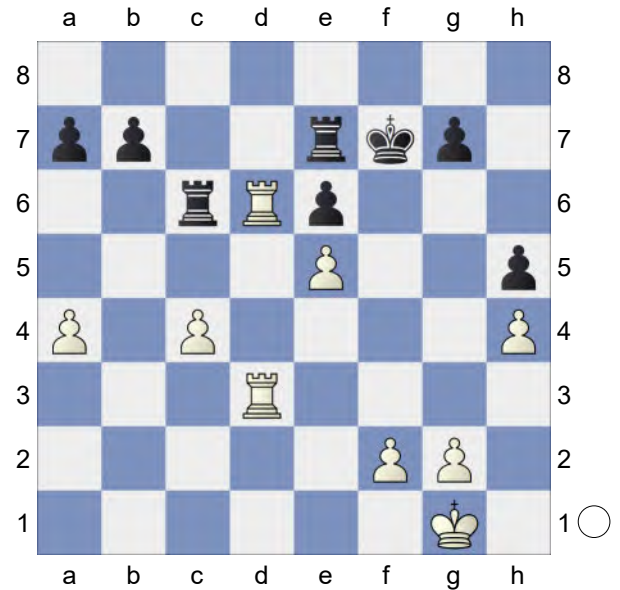


Nf5+ is the strong threat. 26...Ne6
27.Nxe6 fxe6 Endgame. KRR-KRR
28.Rd4 Kf7 29.Rd3 Re7

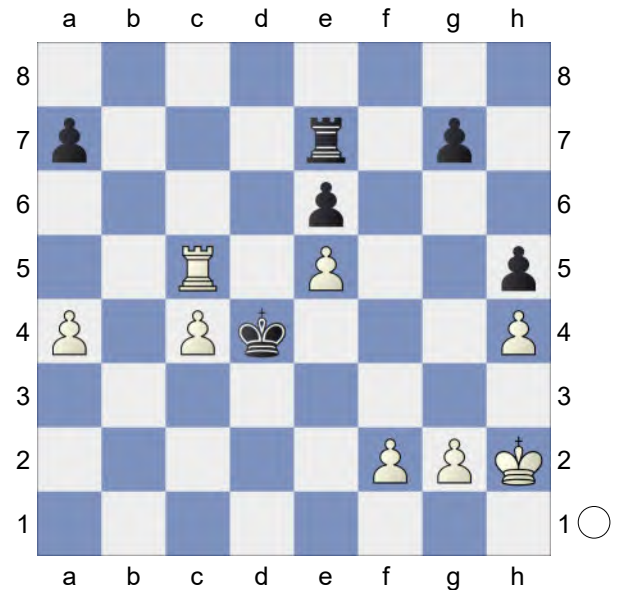


30.c6 Rxc6
 [30...bxc6 31.a5]

(Diagram)

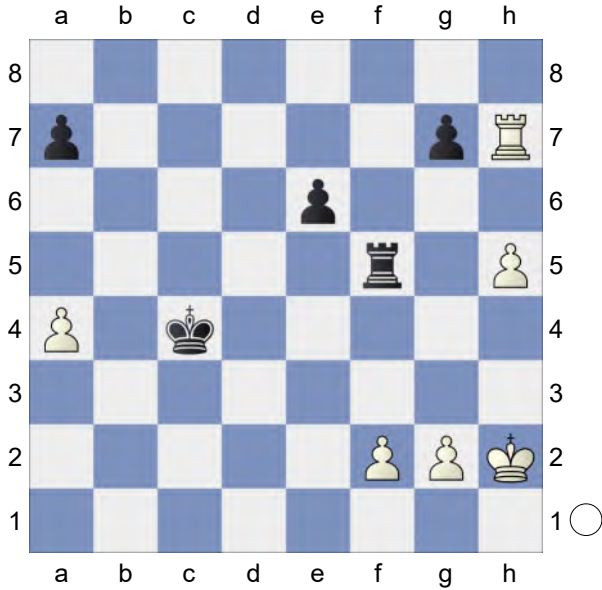


31.Rxc6 bxc6 KR-KR 32.Rd6 Kg6
33.Rxc6 Kf5 34.Rc5 Ke4 35.Kh2 Kd4



36.Rc6 Kxe5 37.Rc5+ Kd4 38.Rxh5
White is clearly winning. 38...Kxc4
39.Rh7 Rf7 40.h5 Rf5

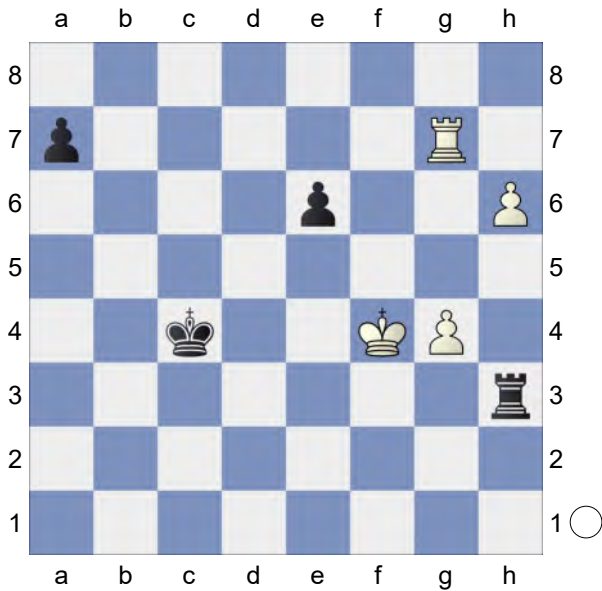
(Diagram)



41.g4

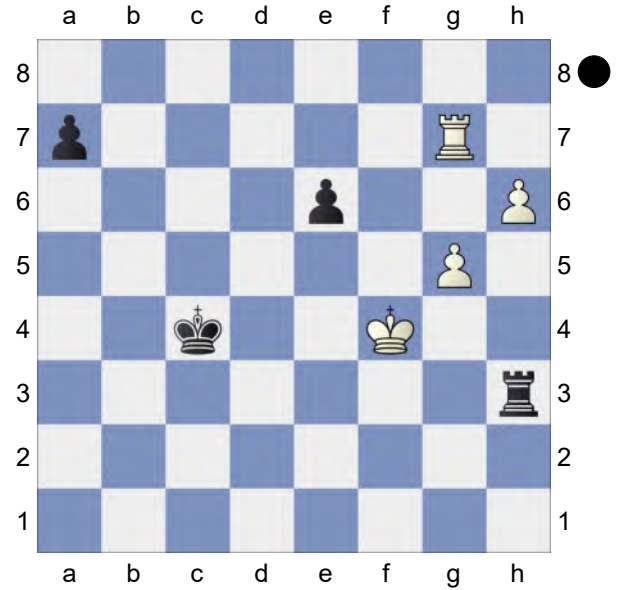
[41.Rxg7 Rxh5+ 42.Kg3 a5
43.Rg4+ Kd3±]

**41...Rxf2+ 42.Kg3 Ra2 43.Rxg7 Rxa4
44.h6 Ra3+ 45.Kf4 Rh3**



46.g5

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.14
(very precise) /Black=0.40. Loses game:

--- Black=1 Missed win:
White=1 --- Mistake: ---
Black=2 Inaccurate: White=2
Black=2 OK: White=18
Black=8 Best: White=7
Black=1 Brilliant: White=1 ---

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□ Panesar,Vedant

■ Aczel,Gergely

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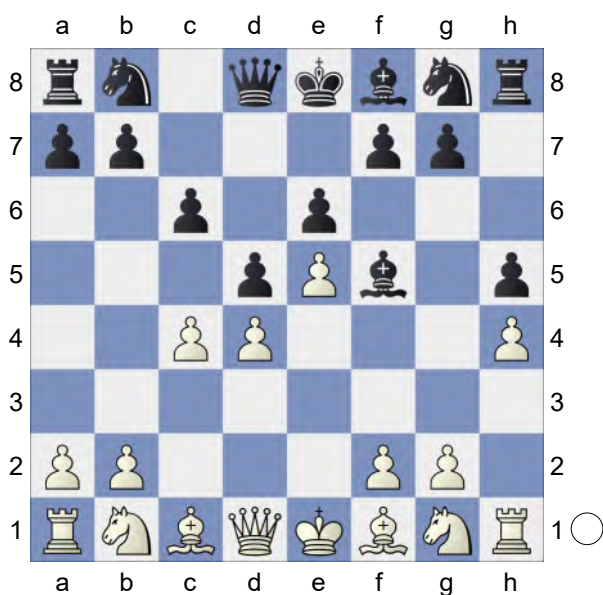
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation Kitty

Kat: 'B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

' 1.e4 Kitty Kat Kitty Kat 1...c6 2.d4 d5

3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.c4 e6



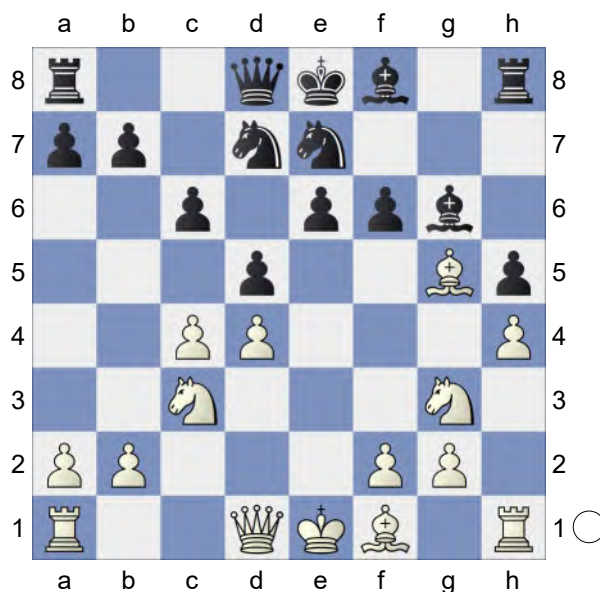
6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Nge2 The main line 7. Nge2 scores better than 7.Bg5. Die Hauptvariante 7.Sge2 punktet besser als 7.Lg5. Kitty Kat: 'The main line 7.Nge2 scores better than 7.Bg5.' Kitty Kat: 'Die Hauptvariante 7.Sge2 punktet besser als 7.Lg5.' **7...Nd7 8.Ng3 Bg6 9.Bg5** 0.04/21 White is slightly better.

[9.Be3± 0.45/19 Kitty Kat]

9...f6 0.46/19

[9...Qb6 0.04/21 Kitty Kat: '=' '=' Kitty Kat: ' might be stronger.' 10.Qd2 (10.Rc1 Kitty Kat Qxb2 11.Bd3 dxc4 12.Bxg6 Nxg6 13.0-0 Nb6 14.Nce4 Qxa2 15.Nxh5 Nd5 16.Qf3 Rh7 17.Ra1 Qb3 18.Qg4 b5 19.Ra6 Kd7 20.Rfa1 Kc7 21.Nhg3 Kb7 22.h5

Nh8 23.Nf5 Nb4 24.Nfd6+ Bxd6 1-0 (27) Van Foreest,J (2687)-Shimanov,A (2581) PRO League Prelim rapid 2023 (4.4)) 10...a6 11.Be2 dxc4 12.0-0 Nf5 13.Nxf5 Bxf5 14.Bxc4 Qb4 15.Bb3 Be7 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 Milosevic,M (2298)-Radlovacki,J (2307) 139/(38) Belgrad 2019]

10.exf6 Kitty Kat: '±' '±' 10...gxf6

11.Be3 Qa5N An important novelty. Eine beachtenswerte Neuerung. Kitty Kat: 'An important novelty.' Kitty Kat: 'Eine beachtenswerte Neuerung.'

[Vorgänger: 11...Qb6 12.Qd2 0-0-0 13.Rc1 Kb8 14.a3 Qa5 15.c5 e5 16.Be2 Nc8 0.99/20 (16...Qc7= 0.17/10 remains equal.; 16...Bg7= 0.26/22 (Kitty Kat) remains equal.) 17.b4± Qxa3 1.63/18 ;Henriquez Villagra,C (2618)-Avila Pavas,S (2499) Belgrade Serbia op 2023 (7) 1-0 (17...Qc7± 0.97/20 was worth a try. Kitty Kat: '♠' '♠') 18.Nb1 Kitty Kat Qa4 19.0-0 a5 20.bxa5 exd4 21.Bxd4 Bh6 22.f4 Bxb1 23.Rxb1 Bf8 24.Rb4 1-0 Henriquez Villagra,C

(2618)-Avila Pavas,S (2499) Belgrade Serbia op 2023 (7)]

[11...Kf7 12.Be2 dxc4 13.Nxh5 Nb6 14.Nf4 Bh6 15.Nxg6 Nxg6 Mcshane,L (2683) -Danielsen,H (2533) 111/(51) Reykjavik 2011]

[11...dxc4 Kitty Kat 12.Bxc4 Nd5 13.Nxd5 cxd5 14.Be2 Qe7 15.Nxh5 Qb4+ 16.Kf1 Qxb2 17.Nf4 Bc2 18.Qc1 Ba3 19.Nxe6 Rc8 20.Kg1 Kf7 21.Nf4 Bf5 22.Qf1 Nb6 23.h5 Qc3 24.h6 Bb2 25.Rd1 Bc2 26.Re1 1-0 (34) Degraeve,J (2586)-Stephan,V (2380) FRA-ch Accession 2016 (7)]

[11...Nb6 Kitty Kat 12.b3 dxc4 13.bxc4 Qc7 14.a4 0-0-0 15.a5 Nd7 16.Be2 Nf5 17.Nxf5 Bxf5 18.a6 b6 19.0-0 Ne5 20.c5 bxc5 21.Qb3 Ng4 22.Bf4 Bd6 23.Bxd6 Rxd6 24.dxc5 Rd4 25.g3 Qb8 26.Rfb1 1-0 (40) Romanishin,O (2610)-Sukhareva,O (2585) 75th ch-UKR m 2006]

12.Be2 dxc4 1.18/18

[12...0-0-0= 0.26/19]

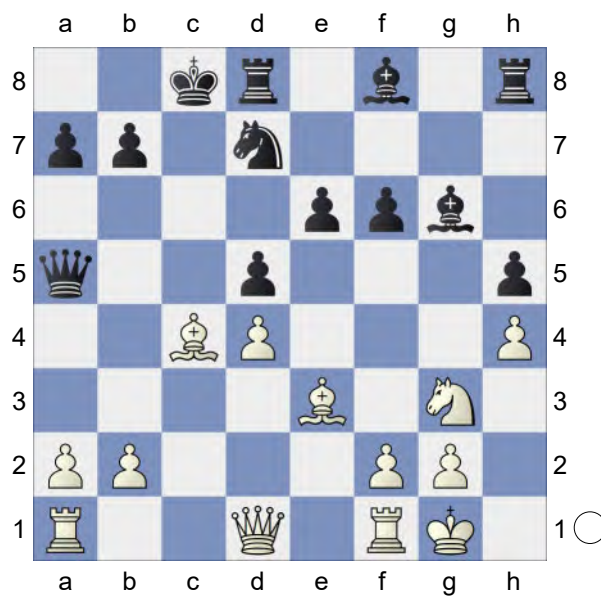
[12...Qb4± 0.40/18 Kitty Kat]

13.Bxc4± Nd5 1.39/21

[♞13...Bf7 1.02/20]

14.0-0! 0-0-0 15.Nxd5 cxd5

(Diagram)



16.Be2 Bd6 17.Nxh5 -0.05/13

[Kitty Kat: ' White should play' 17.Bxh5± 1.04/17 Bxg3 18.Bxg6 Bxh4 19.Bf7]

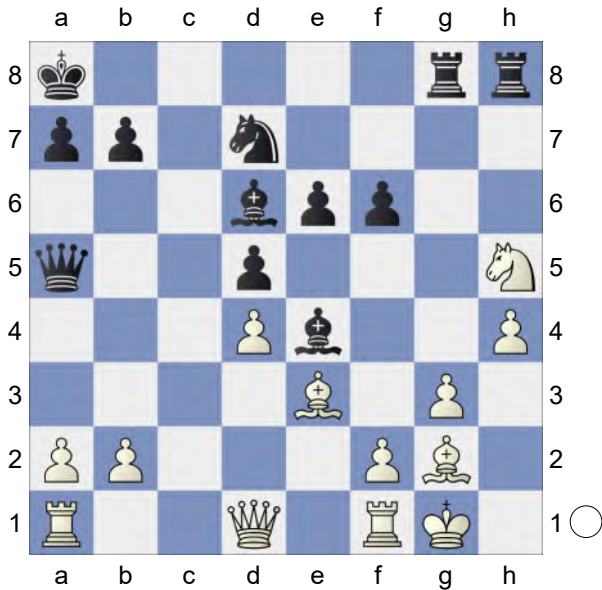
17...Kb8 18.g3 -0.13/19

[♞18.Nf4 0.30/20 Be4 19.g3 (19.Nxe6 Rdg8=)]

18...Rdg8!= Black has compensation. Kitty Kat: '!' '!' Kitty Kat: ' Black has compensation.' **19.Bf3 Be4 20.Bg2 Ka8 0.42/20**

[20...Qd8= 0.00/21 (Kitty Kat) deserves consideration.]

(Diagram)



21.Rc1 Qd8 aiming for ...Qe8. Kitty Kat: '...Bxg2 is the strong threat.' **22.Rc3** -1.27/21 Kitty Kat: '?' '?'

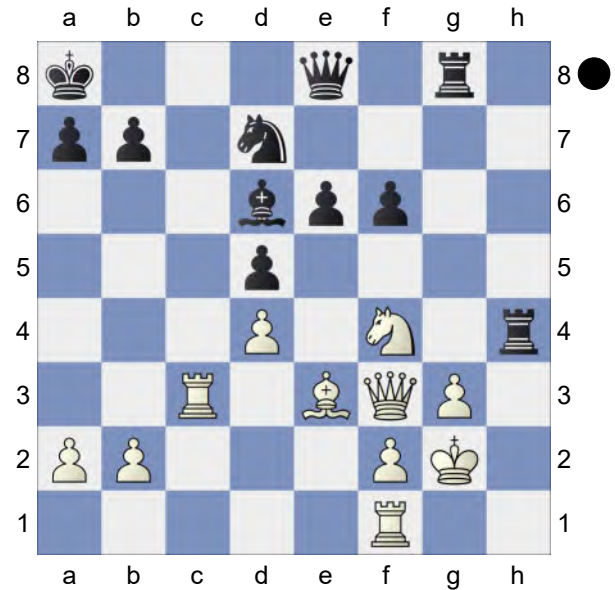
[22.Bf4= 0.23/14 e5 23.Bxe4 dxe4 24.dxe5 Nxe5 25.Bxe5 fxe5 26.Rc4]

[Better is 22.Re1= 0.15/20 Kitty Kat]

22...Bxg2! ♣ 23.Kxg2 Threatens to win with Rh1. **23...Qe8 24.Nf4** Rh1 would now be deadly. Kitty Kat: 'aiming for Rh1.' **24...Rxh4 25.Qf3** -2.42/13 Kitty Kat: '

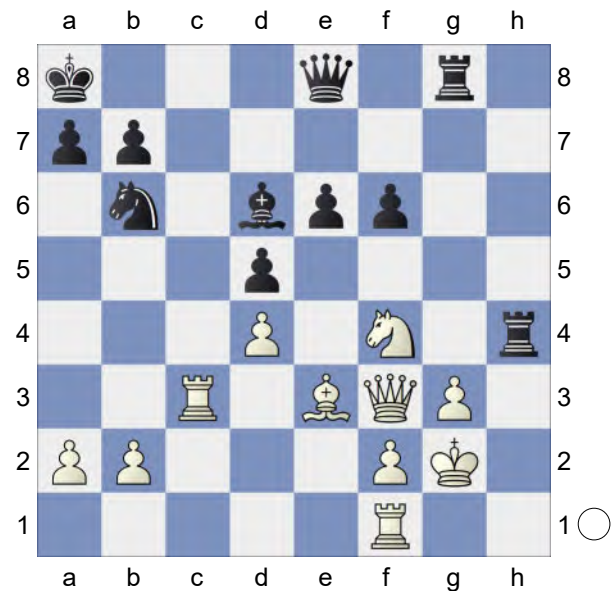
[♠25.Rh1 -1.75/5 Kitty Kat: ' ♣ ♣' Rxh4 26.Bxf4 Bxf4 27.Qa4]

(Diagram)



' **25...Nb6** -1.01/13

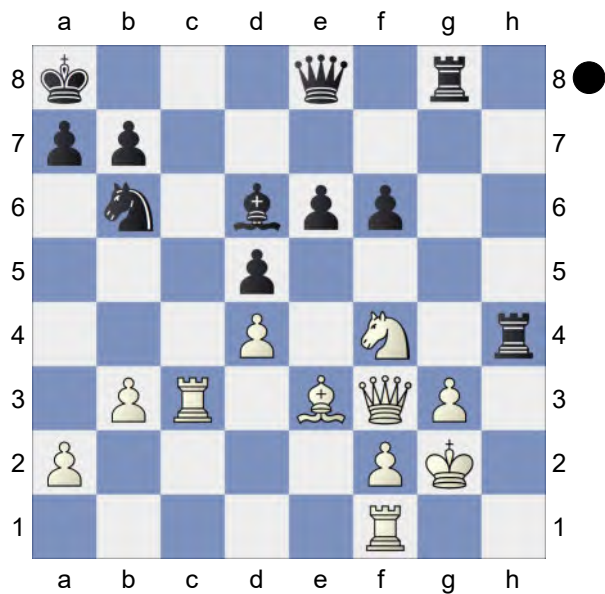
[25...Bxf4!-+ -2.42/13 has better winning chances. Kitty Kat: 'is more deadly.' 26.Bxf4 e5]



26.b3? -2.94/19

[26.Rh1 ♣ -1.01/13 Rxh1 27.Kxh1]

(Diagram)



This costs White the game. **26...Bxf4!-+**
27.Bxf4 e5 28.dxe5 -4.52/21

[28.Bd2 -2.69/22 is a better defense.
 Kitty Kat: ' ♠ ' ♠ ' Rxd4 29.Rd1
 (29.Be3? Rh4-+; 29.Qe2 Kitty Kat)]

28...fxe5 29.Bd2 -5.27/21

[♠29.Bc1 -3.75/20 Kitty Kat]

29...e4

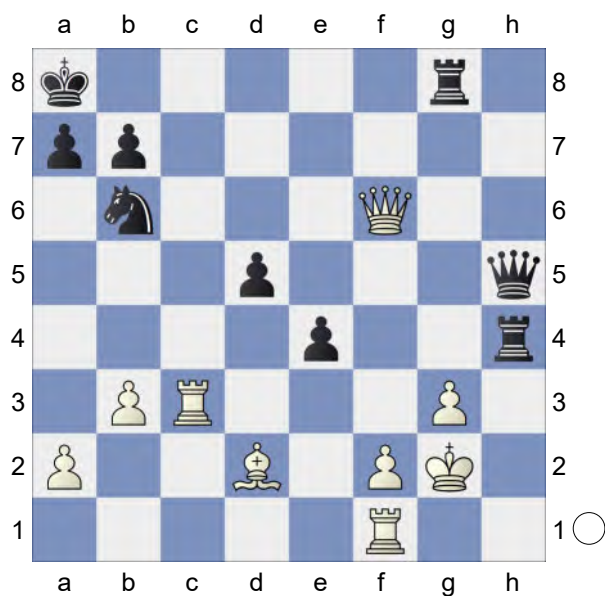
[Not Kitty Kat: ' Inferior is' 29...d4

A) 30.Rc7 _____ Qb8± (30...e4

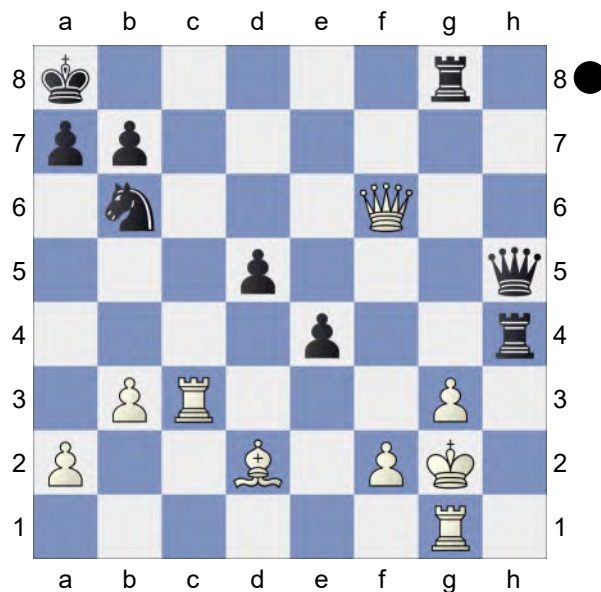
Kitty Kat 31.Qf7±);

B) 30.Rc5±]

30.Qf6 Qh5

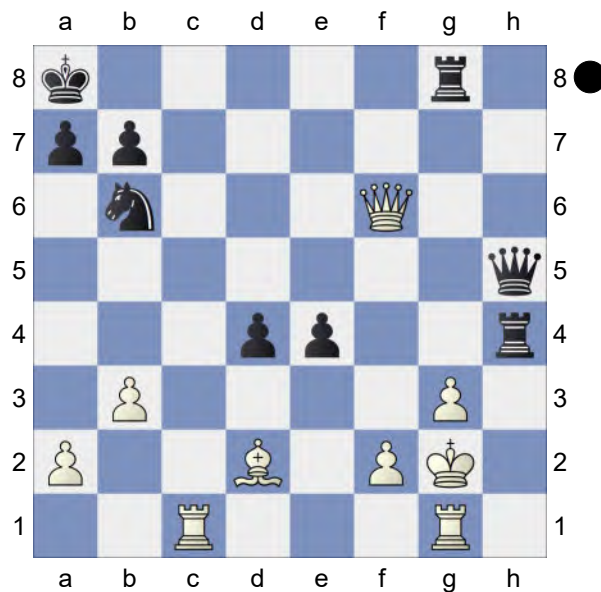


(→ ...Rh2+) Kitty Kat: ' (-> ...Rh2+)'
31.Rg1



d4! -9.20/19 Kitty Kat: ' ...Rh2+ would
 now be deadly.' **32.Rcc1**

[32.Kf1 dxc3]

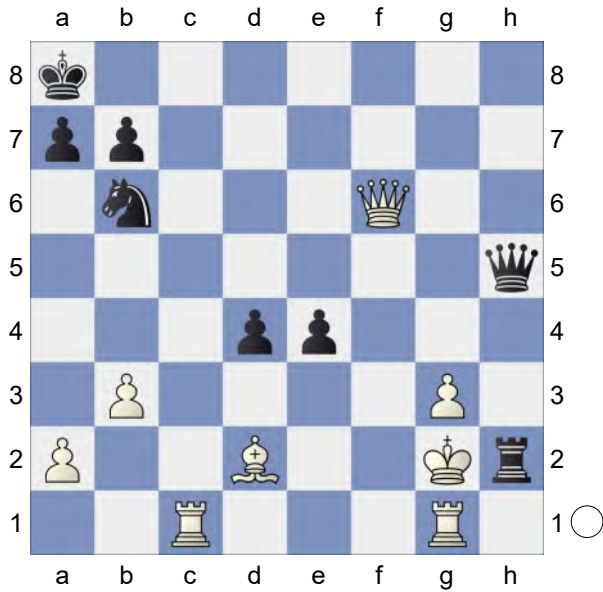


32...Rxc3+!! 33.fxc3

[33.Kf1 Rxc3+]

33...Rh2+

(Diagram)



Skewer. Weighted Error Value: White=1.01/Black=0.45. Loses game: White=1 --- Mistake: White=5 Black=3 Inaccurate: White=3 Black=3 OK: White=6 Black=6 Best: --- Black=2 Strong: --- Black=3 Kitty Kat: ' Skewer. Weighted Error Value: White=0.98/Black=0.43'

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□ Rakotomaharo,Fy Antenaina

■ Janik,Igor

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[Kitty Kat]

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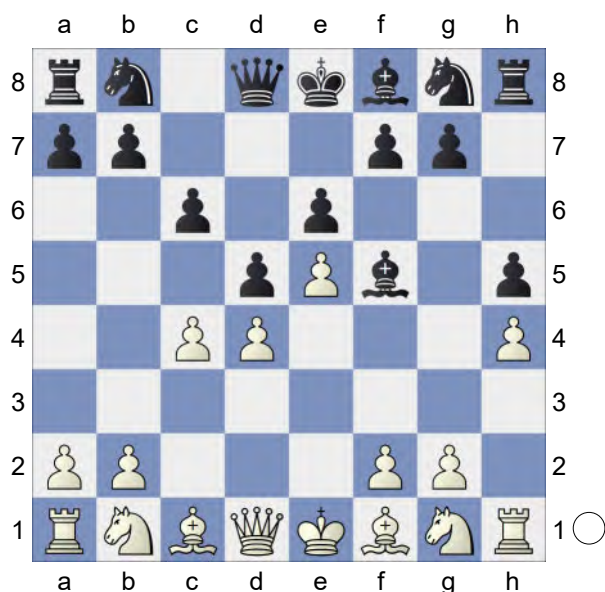
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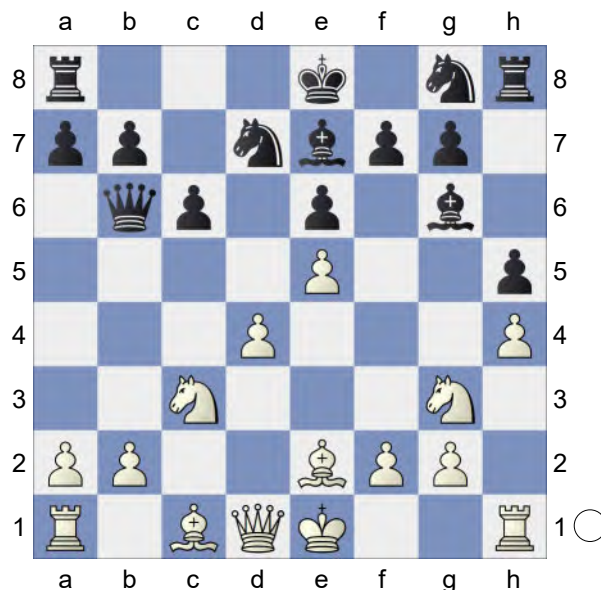
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

On the one hand I was plagued by doubt as to whether I should actually try and tackle this game, because there is just such an awful lot to talk about. On the other hand, I suspect it is not the last time we have occasion to cover 11.a4 and so this represents, on some level, the first iteration of an undoubtedly protracted and iterative process. 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.c4 e6



6.Nc3 dxc4! is more profitable than 6... Ne7 at the moment.scheint profitabler als 6...Se7. 7.Bxc4 Nd7 8.Nge2 Be7! 9.Ng3 Black must now prevent Nxf5. 9...Bg6 10.Be2 Qb6!

(Diagram)



The position is equal. 11.Bxh5N -1.11/19

[11.Nxh5 0-0-0 12.Nf4 (12.Nxg7 Nxe5 Pin 13.Be3 Qxb2) 12...Nxe5 13.Nxg6 Nxg6]

[11.Be3= 0.25/19 keeps the balance. Nh6 12.0-0 Bxh4 13.d5 Qc7 14.dxe6 fxe6 15.Qb3 Nxe5 16.Bc5 Bf7 17.Nce4 Be7 18.Rad1 0-0 19.Bxh5 Bxc5 20.Nxc5 Rae8 21.Bxf7+ Qxf7 22.Rd6 Rd8 23.Nge4 Rxd6 24.Nxd6 Qg6 25.f4 Nef7 26.Nxf7 (29) Chapter 9 - 4.h4 & 5.c4- Part 2023]

[11.a4= 0.06/19 a5 12.Be3 Rd8 13.0-0 Qb4 14.Ra3 Nc5 15.Bxh5 Qxb2 16.Ra2 Qxc3 17.Bxg6 fxe6 18.Qg4 g5 19.dxc5 Qb3 20.Qe2 gxe4 21.Ne4 h3 22.g3 Qd5 23.Bf4 Bxc5 24.Rd2 Bd4 25.Rb1 Rd7 1/2-1/2 (50) Karthikeyan,M (2611)-Maghsoodloo,P (2707) Qatar Masters 2023 (6.5)]

[11.a3 0-0-0 12.Na4 Qc7 13.Bf4 Nb6 14.Nc3 Nh6 15.Rc1 Qd7 16.Be3 f6 17.Qb3 Nd5 18.Nxd5

exd5 19.Bb5 Qc7 20.Bf4 fxe5
21.dxe5 Rdf8 22.Ne2 Ng4 23.Qa4
Kb8 24.Bxc6 bxc6 25.Rxc6 Rxf4
0-1 (28) Kienboeck,B (2238)-Wong,Z
(2406) Rilton Cup 52nd 2024 (6)]

11...Bxh5 12.Nxh5 0-0-0 ...Nxe5!
would now be deadly. **13.Qg4 -1.65/18**

[13.Nxg7? Nxe5 (13...Bxh4 14.g3±)

A) 14.d5 Bxh4-+ (14...cxd5
15.Nh5 14...exd5 15.Nf5 14...Rxf4
15.Rxf4 Bxh4
16.Qe2 16.Qe2);

B) 14.h5 Bf8-+ (14...Rxd4?
15.Qe2-+; 14...Qxd4 15.Qxd4
Rxd4 16.Ke2)]

[13.Bf4 -0.86/16 is a better
defense.]

13...Nh6 -0.89/20

[Black should try 13...Qb4!-+ -1.65/18
And now ...Nxe5 would win.

A) 14.Qxg7? Rxf4 15.Qxf7
Rxf4-+;

B) 14.Nxg7? Nxe5 Pin 15.Qe4
(15.Qg3 Qxd4-+) 15...Qxd4-+;

C) 14.Qe2 Qxd4]

14.Bxh6

[Vorgänger: 14.Qf4? -2.54/20
14.Bxh6 -1.02 14.Bxh6 -1.12 Nf5

A) 15.Ng3 -2.22/18 was worth a
try. Nxd4 16.Kf1 (16.0-0);

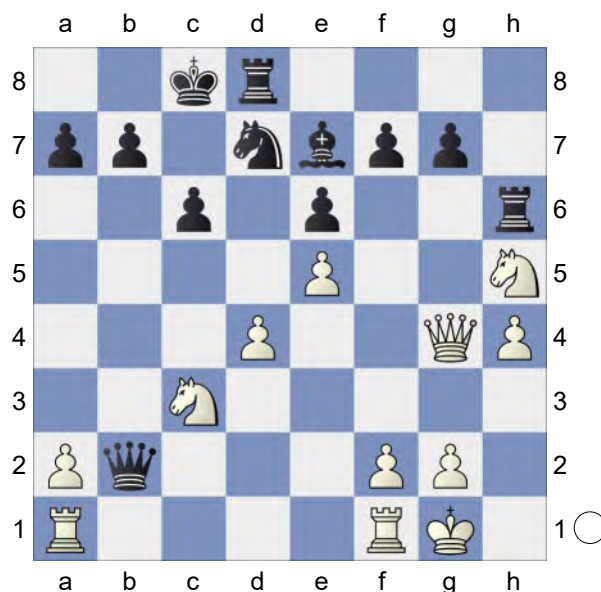
B) 15.Nxg7? -3.92/21 15...Nxd4-+
aiming for ...Nc5. White must now
prevent ...Nc5. 16.Kf1 Bf8 17.Be3
Qxb2 18.Rc1 Nc2 19.Nxe6 fxe6
20.Qe4 -6.41/18 (20.Nd1
-4.42/19 Qxa2 21.Bd2)

20...Nxe3-+ 21.Qxe3 Bh6 22.f4
Bxf4 0-1 Angermann,I-Schuster,G
ICCF-Cup corr 1994]

[14.Qxg7? Rdg8-+ 15.Qxh6 Rxf6
16.Bxh6 Qxb2-+]

14...Qxb2 15.0-0 Rxf6

(Diagram)



16.Rfc1 g6? 0.43/19 Black has more
active pieces. Black is much more
active.

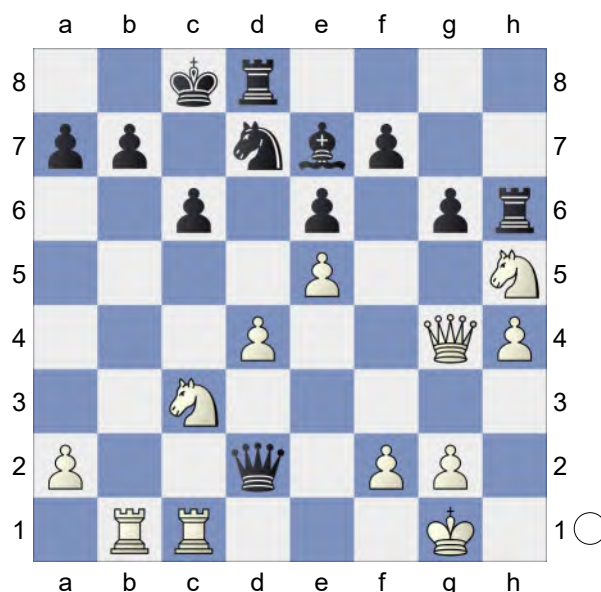
[16...Nb6 -1.03/17 17.Ng3 Bxh4
(17...Rxf4 18.Qxg7 Kb8 19.Rab1)]

[16...Rdh8 -1.11/17 aiming for ...
Bxh4. 17.Rab1 Qd2]

17.Rab1!± Qd2 1.08/18

[17...gxh5? 18.Qf4 Qa3 19.Qxh6-+]

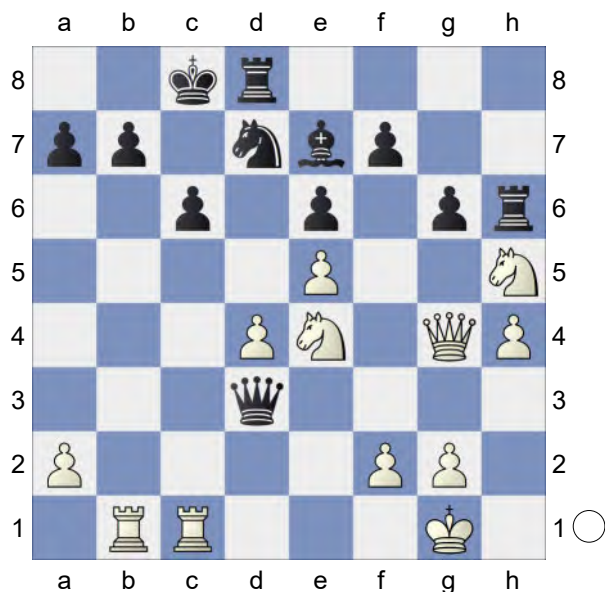
[17...Qa3!= 0.23/22 remains equal.
18.Nb5 Qa6 (18...gxh5? 19.Qf4+-)]



18.Ne4!↑ White is really pushing. White

has strong initiative. **18...Qd3**

[18...gxf5? 19.Qf3 Nxe5
(19...Qxd4? 20.Nd6+-) 20.dxe5+-]



19.Nhf6 0.62/19

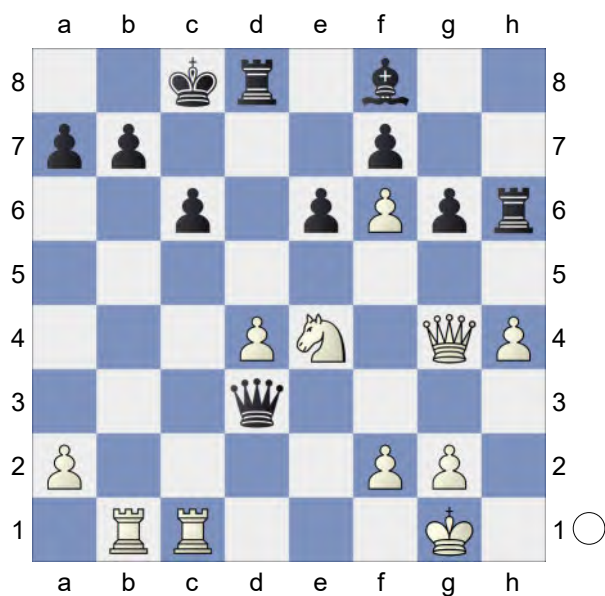
[19.Rb3!± 1.54/20 gxf5 20.Qf4]

19...Nxf6!± 20.exf6 Bf8 3.10/19

[Black should try 20...Ba3!± 0.57/21

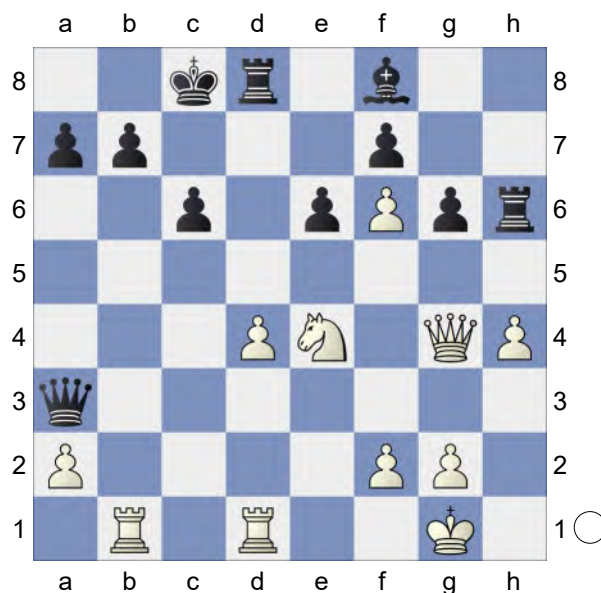
A) 21.Rb3 Qxb3 22.Rxc6+
(22.axb3 Bxc1 23.Qg3 Ba3=)
22...bxc6 23.axb3 Rxd4;

B) 21.Re1 Bf8]



21.Rd1+- Qa3 5.04/18

[21...Qc2 2.59/20 was called for.]



22.d5! Rxd5

[22...cxd5 23.Rdc1+]

23.Ng5 2.64/19

[Δ23.Rxd5 4.54/21 cxd5 24.Ng5]

23...Rh5 4.19/20

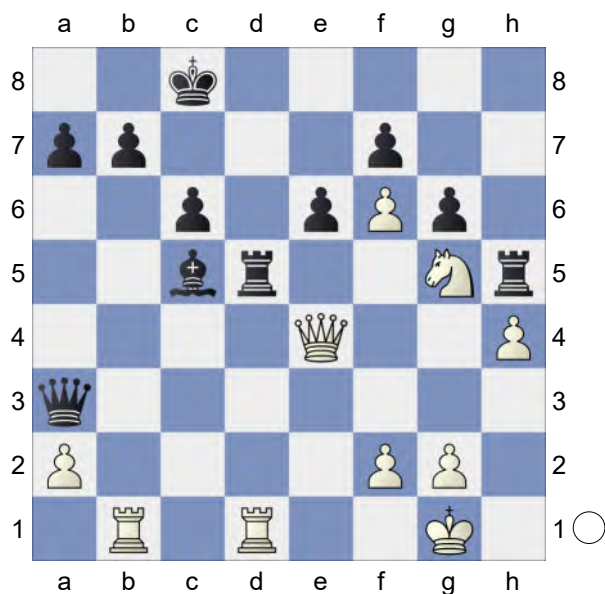
[Δ23...Rxd1+ 2.64/19 24.Qxd1
(24.Rxd1 Qb4±) 24...Rh5 25.Nxf7
Rd5]

24.Qe4?? -2.22/19

[24.Nxf7 Rxd1+ 25.Rxd1 Rf5
26.Qxg6 Qxa2 27.Rd8+ Kc7
28.Qg3+ (28.Rxf8 Qxf2+ 29.Kh2
Qxh4+ 30.Kg1 Kb6+-) 28...Kb6
29.Rxf8 Qa1+ 30.Kh2 Qxf6 31.Qb3+
Ka6 32.Qa3+ Kb6+-]
[24.Rxd5+- 4.19/20 and life is good
for White. and all is fine. cxd5
25.Nxf7]

24...Bc5? 0.80/19

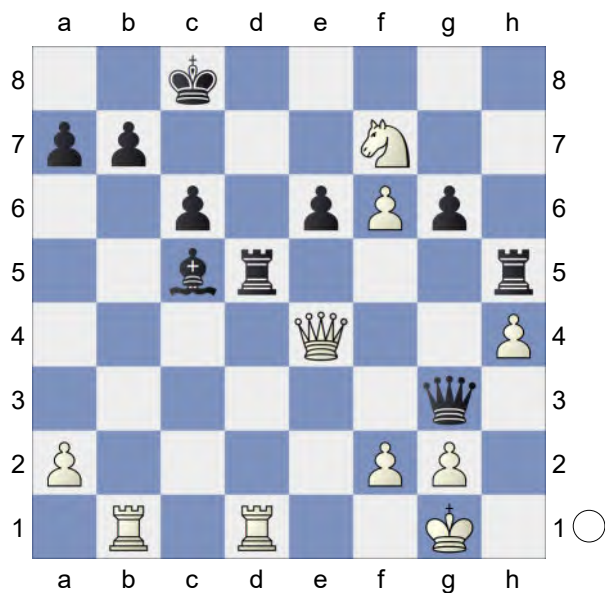
[Better is 24...Qxa2+- -2.22/19
Strongly threatening ...Bc5.
Threatens to win with ...Bc5. 25.Ra1
(25.Nxf7? too greedy. perishes.
Bc5+-) 25...Qb2]



25.Nxf7? -3.69/23

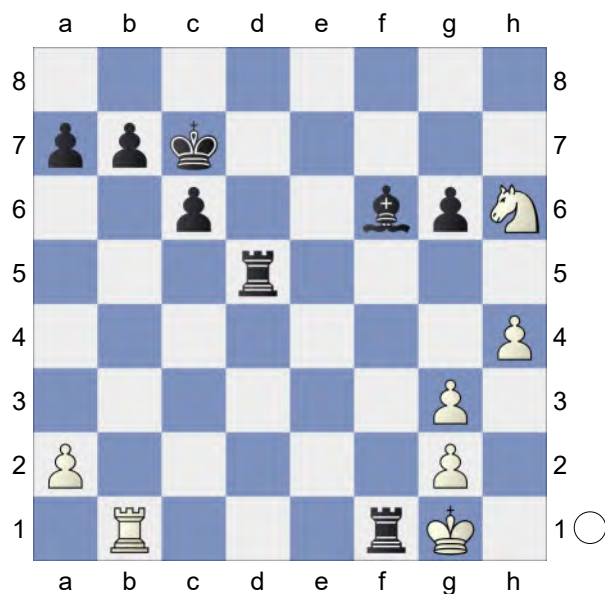
[25.Rxd5!± 0.80/19 and White stays safe. cxd5 26.Qe2]

25...Qg3



26.Qxe6+ Kc7 27.Qe7+ Bxe7 28.fxg3 Bxf6 29.Rf1 Rhf5 30.Nh6 Rxf1+

(Diagram)

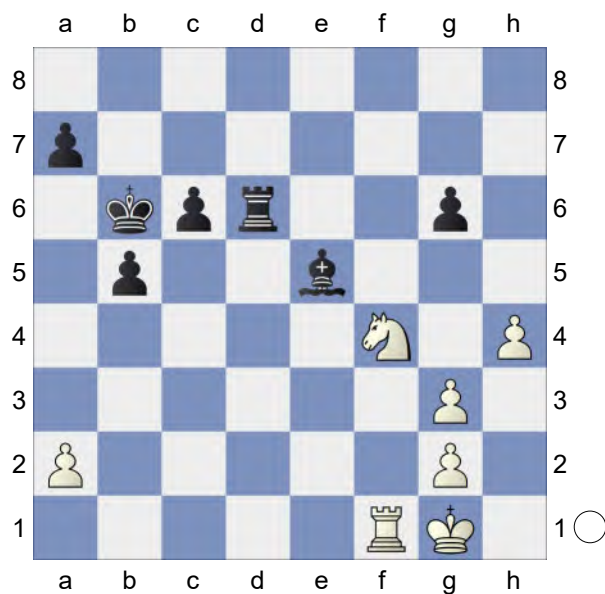


31.Rxf1-+ Endgame. KRB-KRN

31...Bg7 32.Nf7 -3.69/22

[⚡32.Rf7+ -2.43/20 Rd7 33.Rxd7+ Kxd7 34.Ng4]

32...b5 33.Ng5 Rf7+ is the strong threat. 33...Be5 34.Ne6+ Kb6 35.Nf4 Rd6



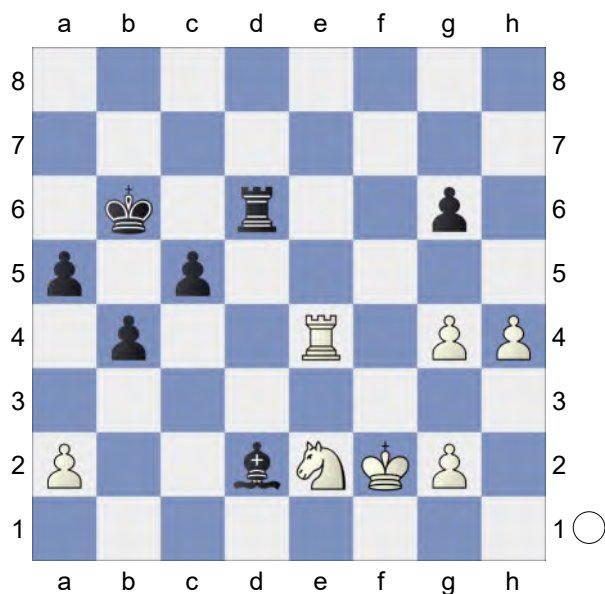
36.Re1 Bc3 37.Re4 -4.44/21

[37.Re8 -3.07/19 is a better defense.]

37...a5 38.g4 b4 Strongly threatening ... Rd2. 39.Ne2 Bd2

[Less strong is 39...Rd1+ 40.Kh2⚡]

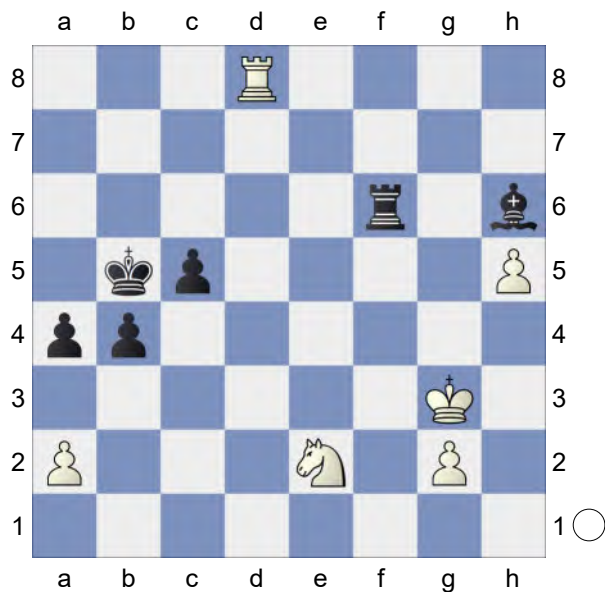
40.Kf2 c5



41.Re8 Rf6+ 42.Kg3 a4 43.h5 gxh5
Black is clearly winning. 44.gxh5 Kb5

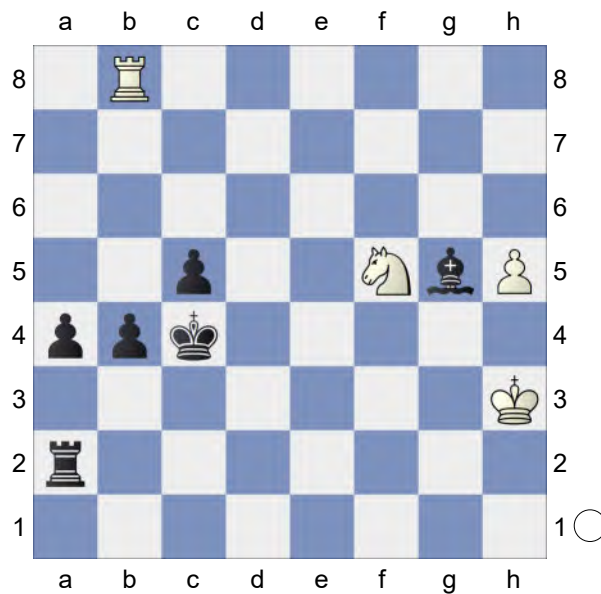
[Don't do 44...c4 45.Rd8 c3 46.Rb8+ Kc5 47.Kh3-+]

45.Rd8 Bh6

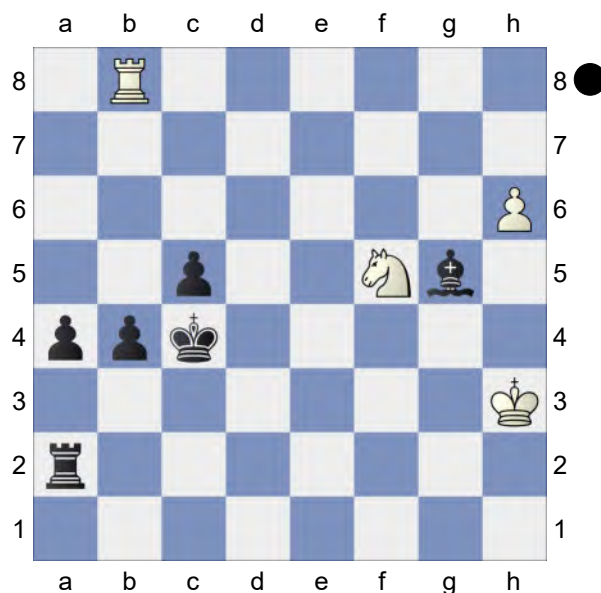


46.Kh4 Rf2 47.Ng3 Rxc2 48.Rb8+ Kc4 49.Nf5 Bg5+ 50.Kh3 Rxa2

(Diagram)



And now ...a3 would win. **51.h6**

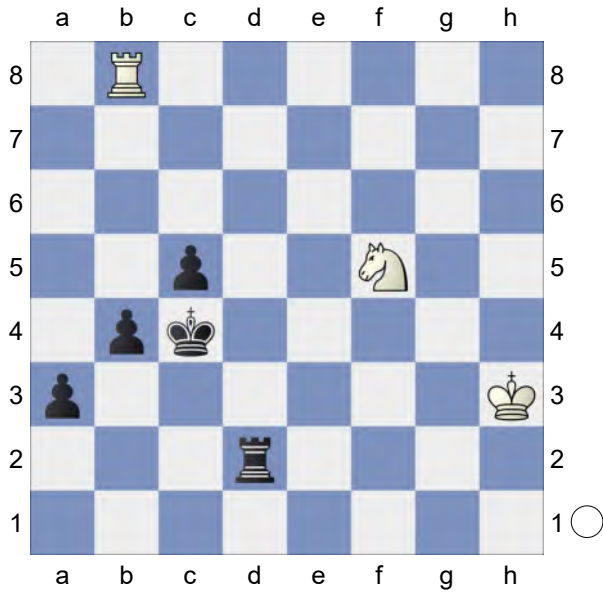


Bxh6! 52.Nxh6

[52.Nd6+ Kb3 (52...Kd5)]

52...a3 53.Nf5 Rd2

(Diagram)



Never resign too early!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/
Black=0.50

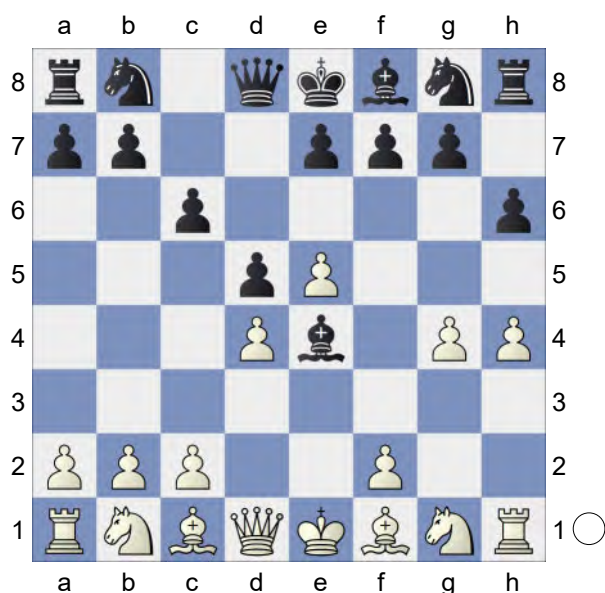
Weighted Error Value: White=0.58/
Black=0.45

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 □ **Sethuraman,S** **2637**
 ■ **Yeoh,L** **2522**
 21st Dubai Open 2019 (5.6) 06.04.2019
 [Justin Tan]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
 [4...h5 is the main line. For the record, I believe this is a more reliable alternative.]

5.g4 Be4



6.f3 Bh7 7.e6! Qd6 8.exf7+ Kxf7 9.Ne2 Not a good move, but I'll take this opportunity to re-examine some sharp lines from our archives.

[A couple times our archives have seen the critical 9.f4! I should now update the analysis. Nf6 10.Nf3 Nxc4

A) 11.Rg1 only helps Black. h5 12.Bd3 1-0 (33) Kevlishvili,R (2451)-Georgiev,K (2595) Skopje 2018 Qe6+ 13.Ne5+ Kg8 14.Nc3 Qf6±;

B) 11.h5 Bf5 (Also viable is 11...Qe6+ 12.Ne5+ Nxe5 13.fxe5 Ke8 14.Nc3 g5 15.hxc6 Qxc6 1-0 (48) Najer,E (2634)-Bures,J

(2395) Czechia 2015 16.Rh2 e6∞) 12.Nc3 Qe6+ 13.Ne5+ 1-0 (28) Popov,I (2632) -Arutinian,D (2543) Denizli 2013 Kg8! as given by Rendle back in 2013. 14.Qf3

B1) 14...Nd7 15.Be2 Ngxe5 (15...Ngf6 16.Bd3 c5 17.Be3 Bxd3 18.cxd3 Qf5 19.Ke2↑) 16.fxe5 Qf7 17.Bd3 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 e6 19.Ne2 c5 20.c3 cxd4 21.cxd4 Bb4+ 22.Bd2±;

B2) 14...Na6 is given by my engine. The game remains complicated.;

C) 11.Bh3 h5 12.Ne5+

C1) 12...Ke8 is given by my engine but it doesn't seem to equalise either: 13.Bxc4! hxc4 14.Qxc4 Be4 15.Qc8+ Qd8 16.Qe6 Qd6 17.Qc8+ Qd8 18.Qxb7 Bxb1 (18...Nd7 19.Rh2) 19.Qxa8 Rxh4 (19...g5) 20.Nc3 Bg2 21.Qxa7 and despite all the simplifications, Black has not quite equalised. The a-pawn will one day become a threat.;

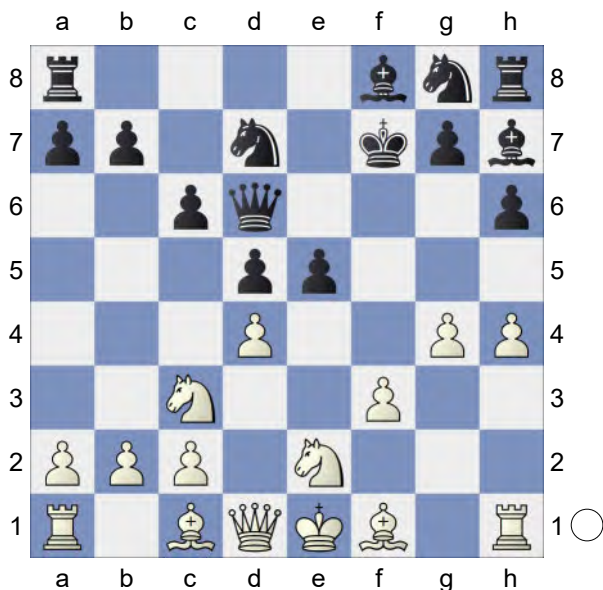
C2) 12...Kg8 13.Nxc4 (13.Bxc4 hxc4 14.Qxc4 Reshev,O (2453)-Maciejka,B (2533) Dallas 2017 1/2 - 1/2 (57), e6±) 13...hxc4 14.Qxc4 Bxc2 15.Qe6+! (15.Qc8 Rendle) 15...Qxe6+ 16.Bxe6+ Kh7 17.Rh2 Bd3 18.Rh3 (18.Nd2 Na6 19.Nf3 g6∞) 18...Bc2 (Note Black can't avoid giving up the bishop pair. 18...Ba6?? 19.Nd2 g6 20.Nf3+-) 19.Rc3 Bxb1 20.Rxb1±]

9...Nd7 10.Nbc3?

[10.f4 is still possible, in fact necessary. Qg6!? 11.Bh3 Qxc2

12.Qxc2 Bxc2 13.f5 g5 14.fxg6+
 (14.hxg5 hxg5 15.Bxg5 loses to Be4
 16.Rh2 Ndf6! 17.Bf4 Nh6! 18.g5
 Nhg4 19.Bxg4 Rxh2 20.Bxh2 Nxg4
 21.Bf4 Bxf5-+) 14...Bxg6 15.g5 e6
 16.0-0+ Bf5 17.Bxf5 (17.Ng3?!
 Ne7) 17...exf5 18.Rxf5+ Kg6=]

10...e5



11.Be3 Re8 12.Bg2 exd4

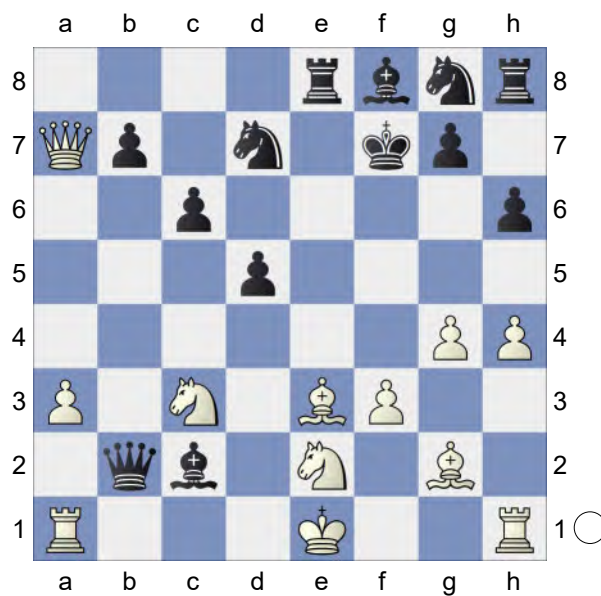
[or 12...Ngf6 13.Qd2 exd4 14.Bxd4
 Ne5 15.Bxe5 Qxe5 16.0-0-0 Bc5
 17.Nd4 Qe3 18.Qxe3 Rxe3 19.Nb3
 Bd6 20.Kb1 Rhe8 21.Nd2 Bb4
 22.Nf1 Re2! 23.Nxe2 Rxe2
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 Carmenates,H (2510) Philadelphia
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13.Qxd4?

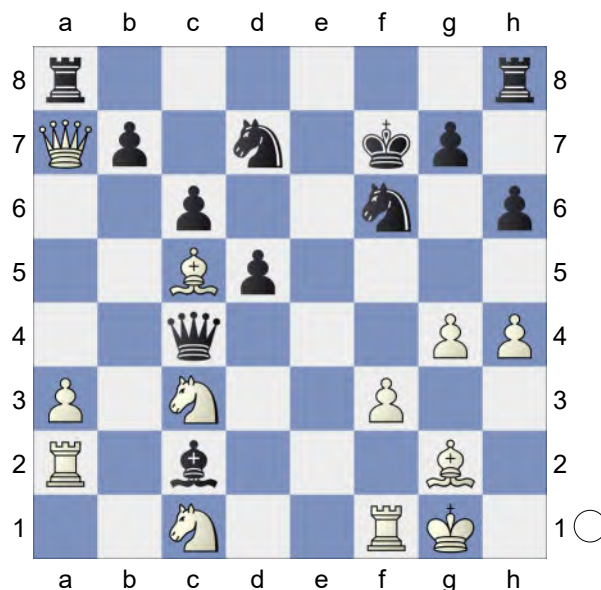
[13.Bxd4 Ngf6 probably transposes
 to the game above.]

13...Bxc2 After 13 moves, Black has a
 winning position against one of India's
 strongest grandmasters... **14.Qxa7**
Qb4-+ 15.a3 Qxb2

(Diagram)

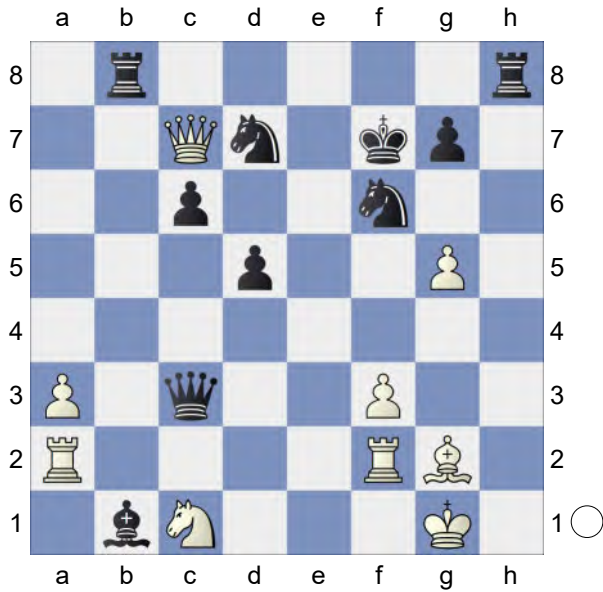


16.0-0 Ngf6 17.Bf2 Bc5! 18.Bxc5
Ra8 19.Ra2 Qb3 20.Nc1 Qc4!
 [20...Qxc3?! 21.Bb4]

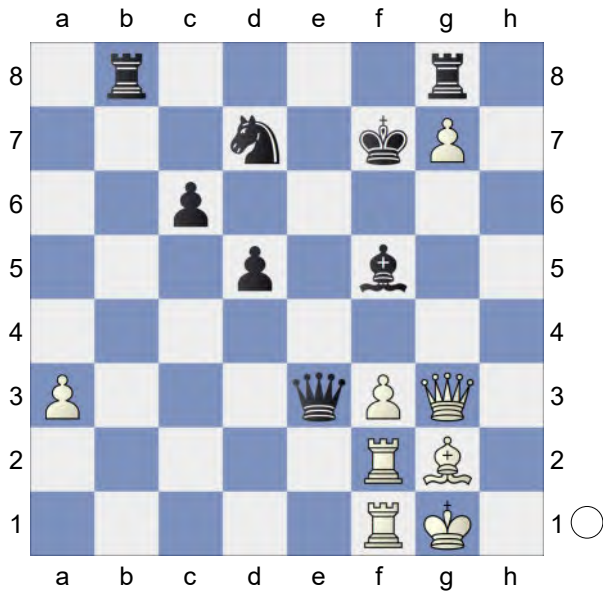


21.Qxb7 Qxc5+ 22.Rf2 Rab8 23.Qc7
Bb1! 24.g5 hxg5 25.hxg5 Qxc3

(Diagram)

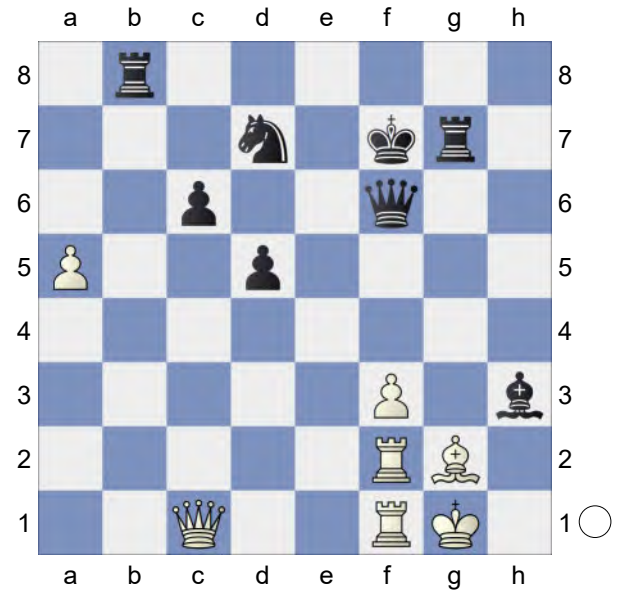


26.gxf6 Qxc1+ 27.Rf1 Qe3+ 28.Raf2 Bf5 29.fxg7 Rhc8 30.Qg3 Rg8 0-1



31.Qd6 Qe6 32.Qf4 Qe5 33.Qc1 Qf6 34.a4 Rxg7 35.a5 Bh3

(Diagram)



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□ Seviaan, Samuel

■ Sheng, Joshua

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[Daniel Fernandez]

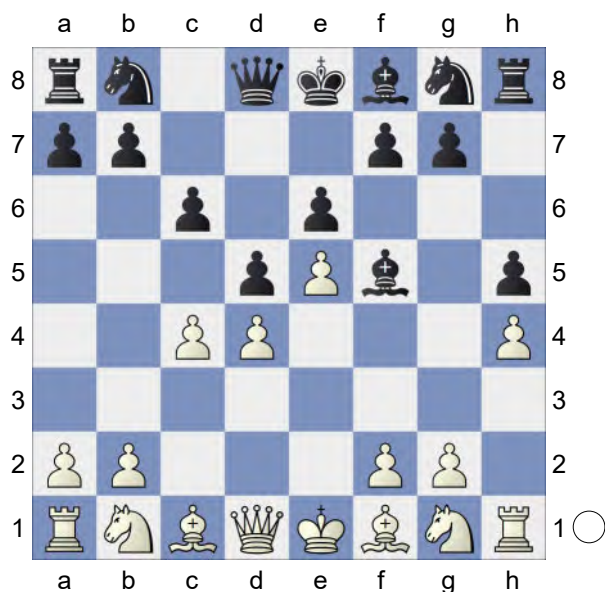
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.c4 e6



6.Nc3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 Nd7 8.Nge2 Be7
9.Ng3 Bg6 This is a follow-up from
Adams-Keymer last month, so I've
avoided giving the early notes. I will stop
just short of concluding that Black is
definitely better after everything other
than 10.Be2, but that's the direction in
which my thoughts are going. 10.Nce4

[My conclusion in that game was the
10.Nge4!? Adams chose wasn't best.
Nh6 11.Bxh6 Rxh6 12.Qd2 Qa5!
(12...Nb6?! Adams, M-Keymer, V
Karlsruhe 2020) 13.Qe3 Bxe4
14.Qxe4 Qb4 15.Bb3 a5!
and White can't consolidate everything
in time. Black can attack the d4-pawn
with various pieces, in addition to
pushing the a-pawn and playing ...
Rg6.]

[I gave 10.Be2!? as most accurate,
and this is borne out by
correspondence games: Qb6!

A) 11.Bxh5? Bxh5 12.Nxh5
0-0-0 and Black went on to win
shortly in Angermann, I-Schuster, G
ICCF corr 1994.;

B) 11.a4 a5 12.0-0?! (12.Be3!?
was an interesting alternative I
explored last month.) 12...Bxh4
13.Nge4 Be7 14.Be3 Nh6 15.d5
Qb4 16.dxe6 (16.Ra3 exd5
17.Rb3 dxe4) 16...Nxe5 17.Bf4
Rd8 18.Qc2 Nhg4 Ortiz Elias, J-
Carlsen, T ICCF email 2005;

C) 11.a3!? Here Black has two
choices, leading to quite different
types of game.

C1) 11...Rd8?! was played in the
correspondence game, but it's an
old game and inaccurate in a
couple of places. 12.Na4 Qc7
13.Bf4 Nh6 14.Bxh5 Bxh5
15.Qxh5 Nb6 16.Nxb6 Qxb6

C1a) 17.0-0-0 Rxd4 18.Be3
Rc4+ 19.Kb1 Qa5?!
(19...Qb5 is at least more
comfortable for Black.)
20.Qe2! Rxh4 21.Rxh4 Bxh4
22.Ne4± Black's position was
already unpleasant and they
soon lost in Jonckheere, P-
Tong Soen, K ICCF email
2004.;

C1b) 17.Be3! Most likely, your
average garden-variety
grandmaster such as myself
would pick this move without
any particular thought, based
on a willingness to sacrifice
one or more pawns just to
keep the pawn front on d4/e5.
17...Qxb2 18.0-0 Qc2

19.Rab1 Rd7 20.Bg5
White has a development advantage and Black can't extract even a single pawn by way of compensation. Bxa3? 21.d5!±;

C2) 11...0-0-0!? 12.Na4 Qc7 13.Bf4 Kb8 This was the cloud engine choice, but I investigated a lot of the ensuing lines and concluded that it's not so accurate. (13...f6! I gave this move as 'unclear' before, which still seems true, but I would like to emphasise that it's also Black's best. There is a certain urgency to free his kingside position. 14.Qb3!? fxe5 15.dxe5 Rf8 16.Be3 Qxe5 17.Rc1 Ngf6 18.0-0 Nd5 19.Bxa7 Bxh4 20.Rfe1∞ White has clear compensation (due to his rooks on semi-open files and other attacking ideas based on the b6-square), but not more than that.) 14.Rc1 White has made a slightly more constructive waiting move. Nh6 (14...Nb6 15.Nc5 Nd5 16.Bd2± It's still hard for Black to finish development while the h5-pawn remains loose.; 14...f6 15.Qb3 fxe5 16.dxe5±) 15.0-0! (15.b4!? f6 16.exf6 Bxb4+ 17.axb4 Qxf4 18.fxg7 Rhg8∞)

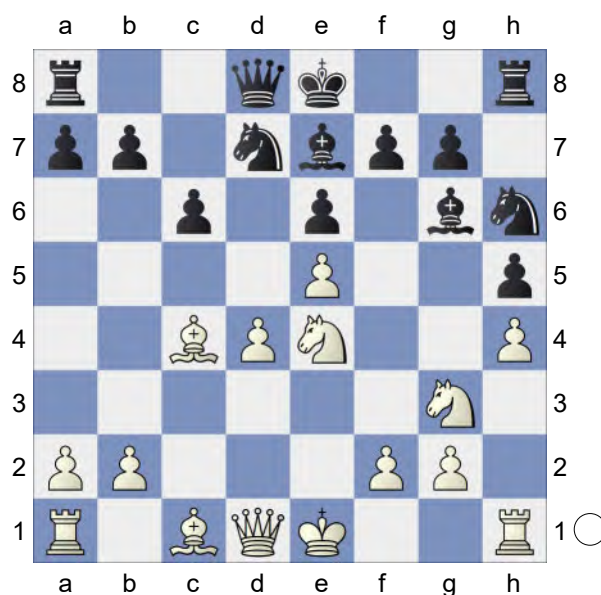
C2a) 15...Bxh4?! 16.d5! exd5 17.Qd4 Bxg3 18.fxg3 Nf5 19.Qb4 Nb6 (19...a5 20.Qc3 d4 21.Qb3 d3 22.e6 Ne5 23.Rxc6!!±; 19...Nf8 20.e6 Nd6 21.e7 Qxe7 22.Rxc6+-; 19...Nxe5 20.Nc5+-) 20.e6 Nd6 21.Nc5 Ka8 22.exf7

Bxf7 23.Ba6→;

C2b) 15...Nf5 16.Nxf5 Bxf5 17.b4→;

C2c) 15...Nb6 16.Nc5 Nd5 (16...Bxh4 17.Bxh6 gxh6 18.Ba6+-) 17.Bg5 Nf5 18.Qd2± The coming dark-square bishop trade sets White up very nicely for the coming positions and more than compensates him for the irrelevant h4-pawn. There are ideas of Ba6 that ignite the attack faster than would normally be thought possible.]

10...Nh6



11.Bg5

[11.Ng5?! Qa5+ 12.Bd2 Bb4 13.N3e4 Bxe4 14.Nxe4 Nf5± is possibly even a conservative evaluation.]

11...Qa5+?! This idea is indeed important for Black, but not in this exact position.

[11...Bxe4! 12.Nxe4 Nf5 In this version, White has the ability to sacrifice a pawn and maintain dynamic balance, which means

having some attacking chances. I would hesitate to claim an overall advantage for Black in this line, but that's the debate. Whereas after the text move it is White who might be better. 13.Qb3! Nxd4 (13...Qa5+!? 14.Bd2 Qc7 15.Bc3 Nb6 16.Be2 0-0-0 17.0-0-0) My engine doesn't hate this for White, because there are long-term attacking chances on the queenside. But I think you would struggle to find a human player who didn't prefer Black quite heavily.) 14.Qc3

A) 14...Nxe5?! Now White gets an extra option and quite a big attack. 15.Bxe7 Kxe7 16.Qb4+ (16.Rd1 c5! 17.Nxc5 Qc7!! 18.Qxd4 Rad8+) 16...Ke8 17.0-0-0 Nxc4 (17...b6!?) 18.Qxc4 e5 19.Rhe1→;

B) 14...c5 15.Rd1 (15.Nxc5 Nxe5 16.Bxe7 Kxe7 17.0-0-0 Qc7!! The same idea as in the 14...Nxe5 line above.) 15...Qc7 16.Bxe7 Kxe7! (16...Qxe5!? 17.0-0 Kxe7 18.Rfe1= This is a bit too 'fabulous' and my analysis indicates that Black just escapes with a draw.) 17.f4 (17.Rxd4 cxd4 18.Qb4+ Kd8) White clearly has better coordination, but Black has an exchange!) 17...Nb6"]

12.Kf1 Rd8

[Here after 12...Bxe4 13.Nxe4 Nf5 Black doesn't have any special threat related to the d4-pawn (whereas with the queen on d8, there was ...Nb6.) 14.Bxe7 Kxe7 15.Rh3 Nb6 16.Bb3± It all looks quite loose right now, but in fact with the rook on d3 White has everything under control.]

13.Qb3 This move and the follow-up are

perhaps not the most accurate.

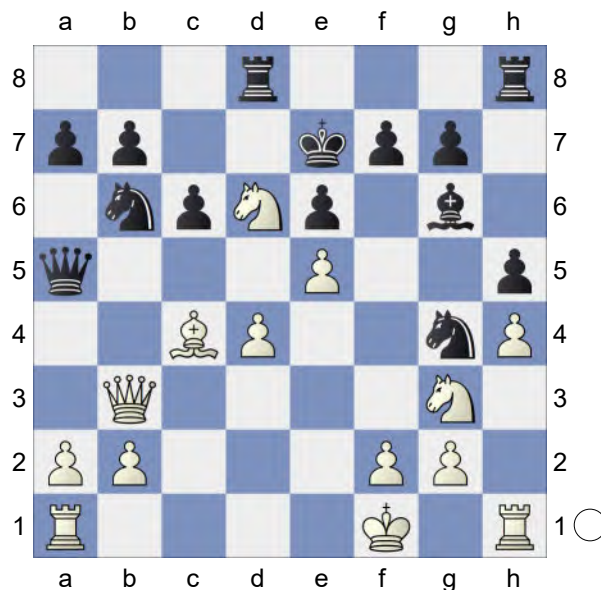
[13.Bxe7! Kxe7 14.Qc1!?± is another interesting idea, heading for the other side with the queen.]

13...Nb6 14.Bxe7

[The consequences of 14.Nd6+ Rxd6 15.exd6 Bxg5 16.hxg5 Qxg5 are not incredibly clear, but it turns out that this way White can fight for an advantage. 17.Bd3±]

14...Kxe7 15.Nd6 Ng4?!

[Black could have limited the damage with 15...Nxc4 16.Qxc4 Rd7= when it looks like White's position is more comfortable, and the knight on d6 is still a monster, but that's all it is. Black consolidates by bringing his queen to d5 in many cases, and the exchange sacrifice is not off the cards yet.]

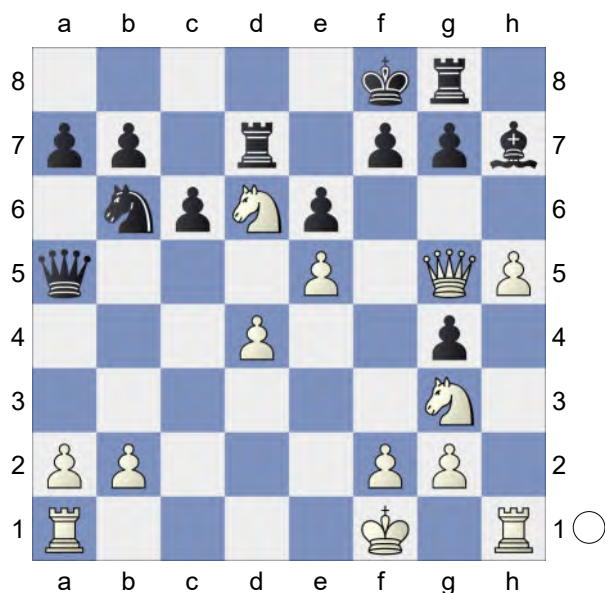


16.Be2!± Rd7 17.Bxg4 hxg4 18.h5 Bh7 19.Qe3 White has achieved a strategic imperative (exchanging his bishop for Black's knight) and hastens to get a material plus to go along with it, in the shape of one of the g-pawns.

[The tirelessly patient computer

suggests that after 19.Kg1+-
White is winning.]

19...Rg8 20.Qg5+ Kf8

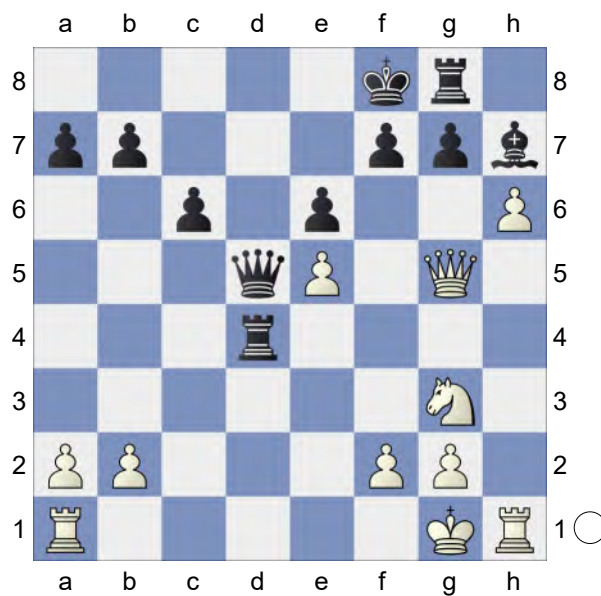


21.Qxg4 Qd5 22.h6?! White's d-file isn't well enough reinforced to undertake this action yet. The attack White gets for the pawn is scary but ultimately not totally sound.

[22.Ne2 would keep everything under control, and White can always play h6 later. Bd3 23.Rd1 Bxe2+ 24.Qxe2 Qxa2 25.h6±]

22...Nc4 23.Nxc4 Qxc4+ 24.Kg1 Rxd4 25.Qg5 White's main threat here seems to be Nh5, with Rh4 also a distinct possibility. 25...Qd5

(Diagram)



Black deals with the first idea but is powerless against the second. Luckily, his position is still somewhat defensible.

26.Rh4

[26.Nh5?? gxh6!∞ and White isn't better any more.]

26...Rhx4 27.Qxh4 g5?! Black goes for a 'punchy' move, but allowing the h6-pawn to live will be a regret.

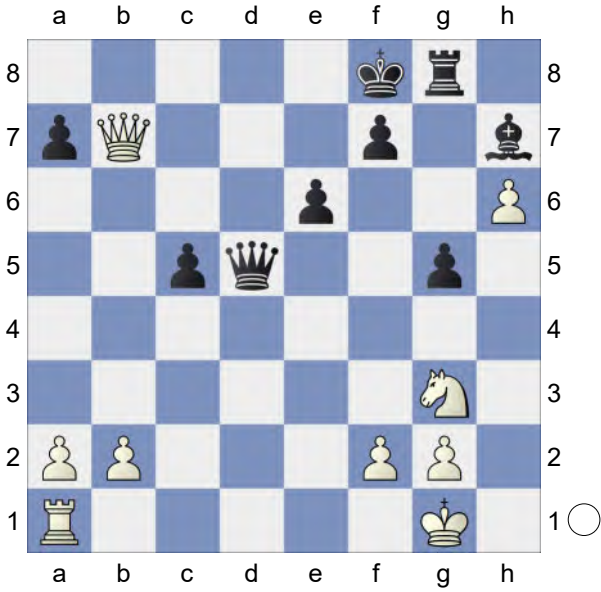
[Maybe he overlooked that after the simplifying 27...gxh6 28.Qxh6+ Rg7 White lacks Nh5, and so has to embark on winning the game from scratch: 29.Re1±]

28.Qa4 Qxe5?? The final mistake in a difficult position.

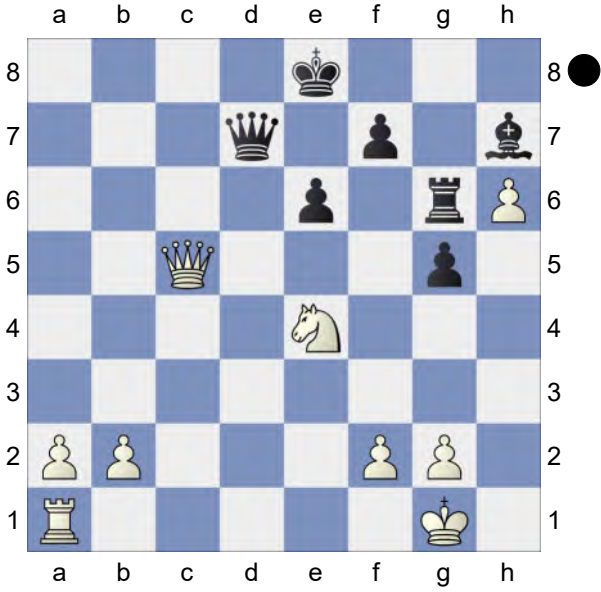
[28...Rg6 29.Qxa7 Rxh6 30.Qxb7±]

29.Qb4+ c5 30.Qxb7+- White threatens too many things: the knight can come in with Nh5, or the rook with Rd1, or he can push the a-pawn. Black has no counterplay and is lost. 30...Qd5

(Diagram)



31.Qxa7 Rg6 32.Qb8+ Ke7 33.Qc7+ Ke8 34.Ne4 Qd7 35.Qxc5



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□ Vit Spelar Sgf3

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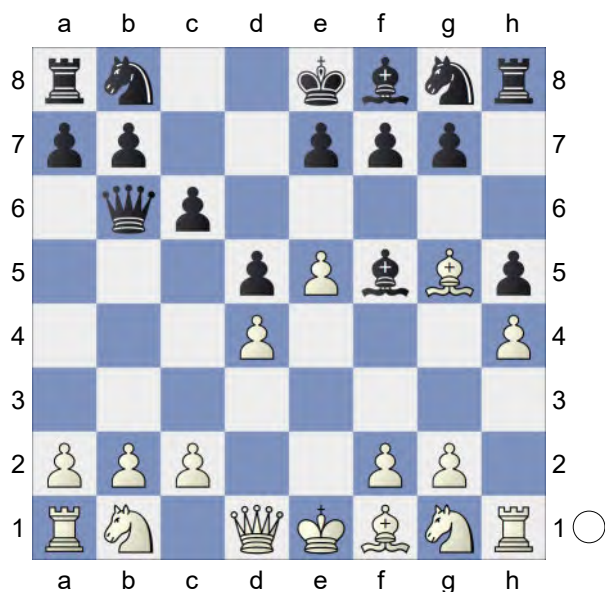
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bg5 Qb6



6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.Qxd3 Qa6

[7...e6 8.Nd2 Qa6 9.c4 Nd7
10.Ne2 Be7 11.Nf4 dxc4 12.Nxc4
Nb6 13.Rc1 (13.b3) 13...Nxc4
14.Rxc4 g6 15.0-0 Bxg5 16.hxg5
Ne7 17.Qb3 Rb8 18.Nd3 Qb6
19.Qa3 a6 20.Nc5 Qc7 21.Ne4]

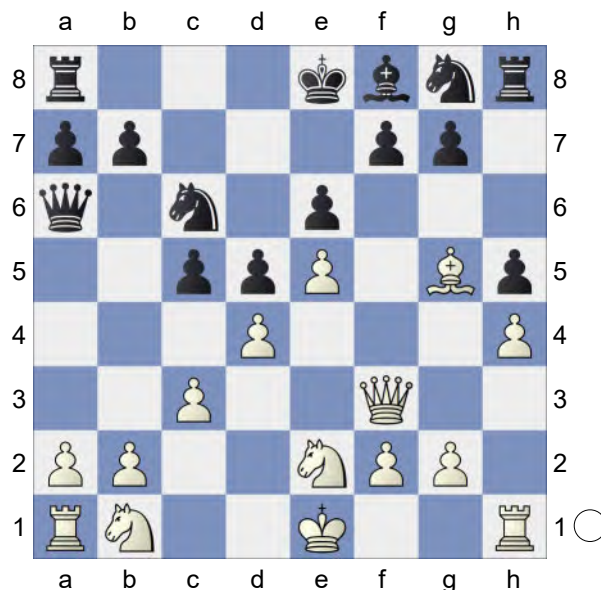
[7...Qxb2 8.e6 Qxa1 9.Qb3 Qxd4
10.Qxb7 fxe6 11.Be3 Qa4 12.Qxa8
Qa5+ 13.Nd2 Qd8 14.Ngf3 Nf6
15.0-0 g6 16.Rb1 Nbd7 17.Qxc6
Bg7 18.Ng5]

8.Qf3

[8.Qxa6 Nxa6 9.e6 f6 10.Bf4 Nh6
11.Nd2 Nf5 12.Ndf3 g6 13.0-0-0
Ng7 14.Re1 Kd8 15.Nh3 Nc7
16.Bxc7+ Kxc7]

8...e6 9.Ne2 c5 10.c3 Nc6

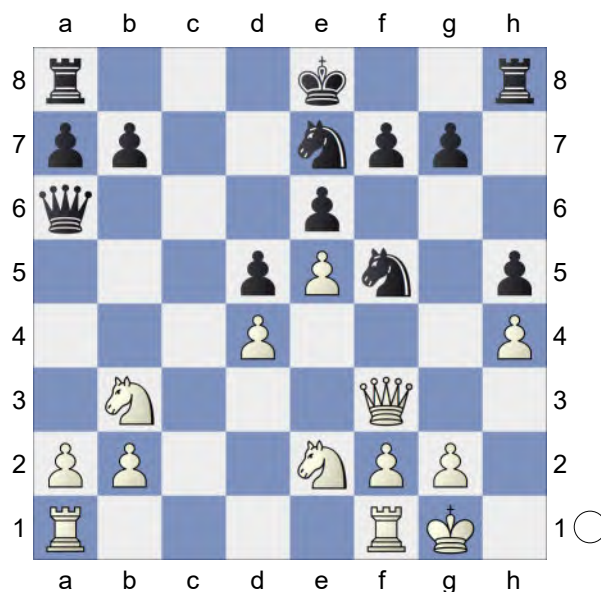
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11.Nd2 Nge7 12.Nb3 cxd4 13.cxd4
Nf5 14.0-0 Be7

[14...Qb6 15.Rfd1 Be7 16.Bxe7
Ncxe7 17.g3 g6 18.Rac1 0-0
19.Rc3]

15.Bxe7 Ncxe7



16.g3 b6 17.Nf4 g6 18.Nh3 0-0
19.Qf4 Qe2

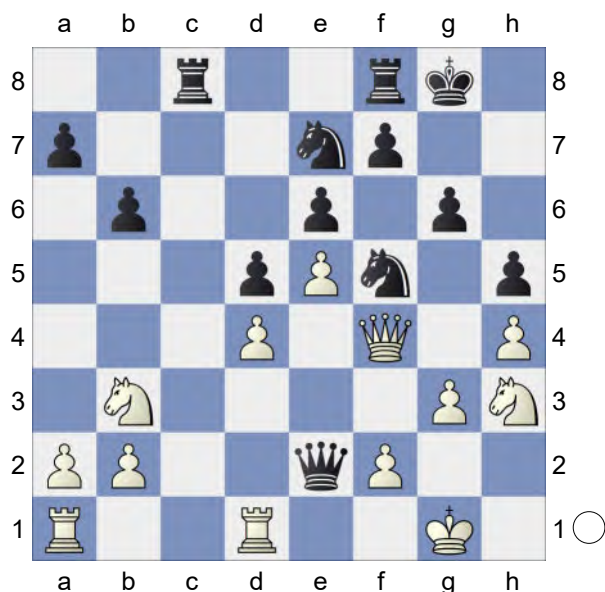
[19...Rac8 20.Qg5 Rc2 21.Nf4 Kh7
22.g4 hxg4 23.h5]

20.Rfd1

[20.Rfe1 Qg4]

20...Rac8

[20...Qxb2]

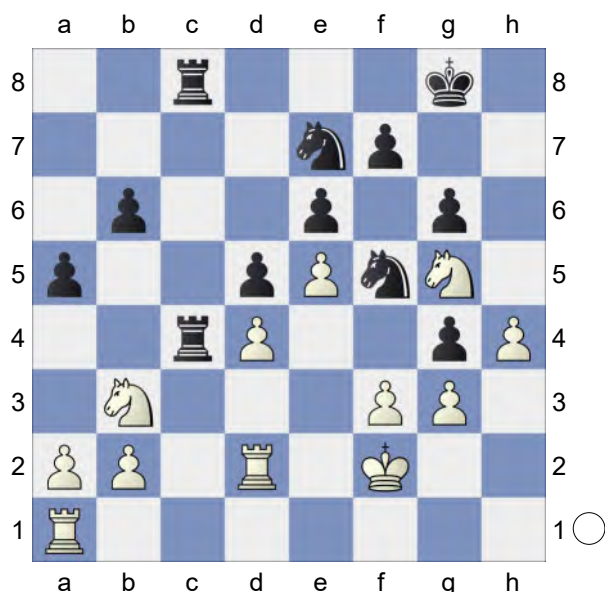


21.Rd2 Qg4 22.Qxg4 hxg4 23.Ng5 a5 24.f3 Rc4

[24...gxf3 25.Kf2 a4 26.Nc1 Nc6 27.Nxf3 f6 28.Ne2 Nfxd4 29.Nfxd4 Nxd4 30.Nxd4 fxe5+ 31.Kg1 exd4]

25.Kf2 Rfc8

[25...a4 26.fxg4 axb3 27.gxf5 Nxf5 28.Nf3 Ra8 29.axb3 Rxa1 30.bxc4 dxc4 31.d5]



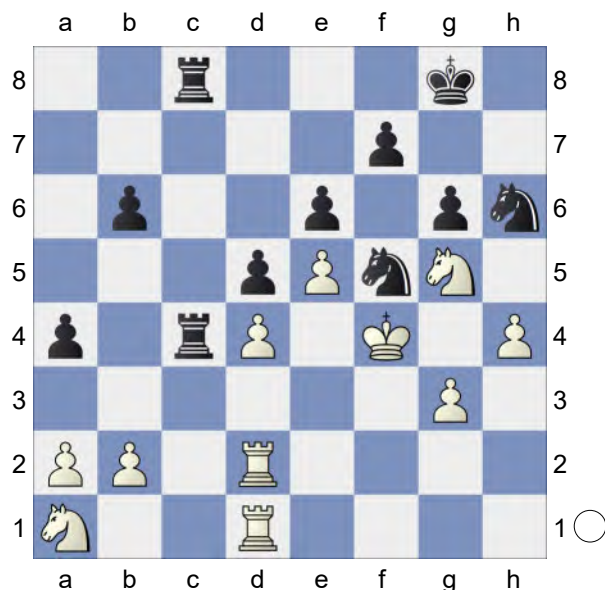
26.fxg4 Nh6 27.Rad1

[27.Kf3 a4]

27...a4

[27...Nxg4+ 28.Kf3 Nf5 29.Kxg4 Ne3+ 30.Kf3 Nxd1 31.Rxd1 Rc2]

28.Na1 Nxg4+ 29.Kf3 Nh6 30.Kf4 Nef5



31.Nf3 b5

[31...Ng4 32.Kxg4 Ne3+ 33.Kf4 Nxd1 34.Rxd1 Rc1 35.Re1]

32.Ne1

[32.Rd3 Rc1]

[32.g4 Nxg4 33.Kxg4 Ne3+]

[32.Re2]

32...f6 33.exf6

[33.Nf3 Rf8]

33...e5+ 34.Kxe5

[34.Kg5 Kh7 35.dxe5 Nf7#]

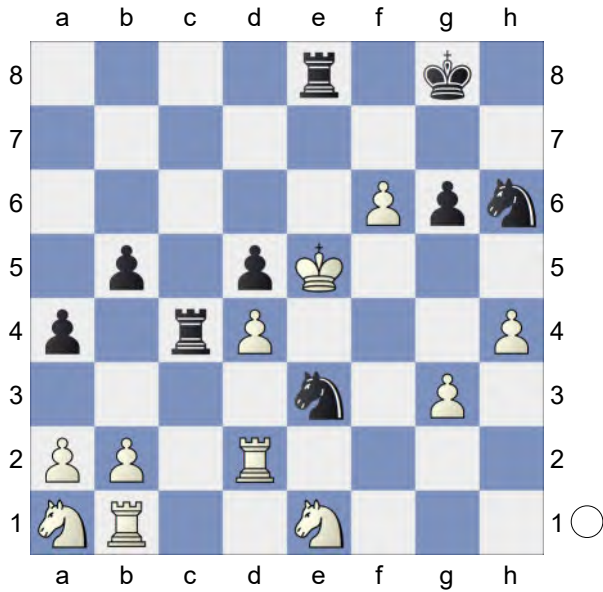
34...Ne3

[34...Re8+ 35.Kf4 Rc6]

35.Rb1 Re8+

[35...Nhg4+ 36.Kf4 Rf8]

(Diagram)



36.Kf4 Rc6 37.Kg5 Re4

[37...Kh7]

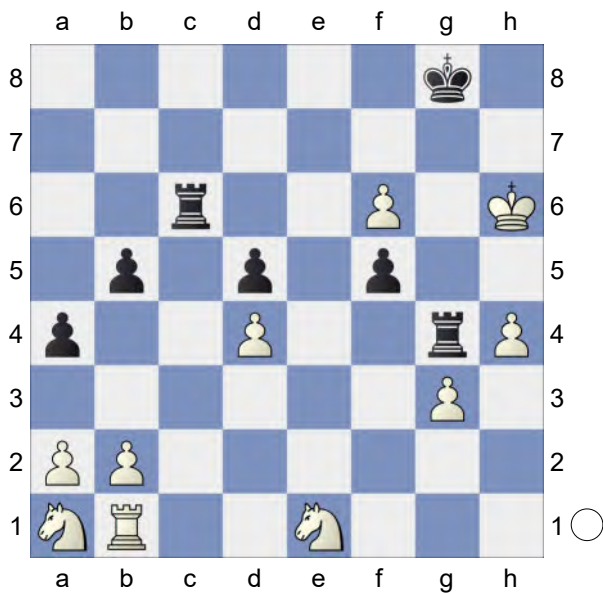
38.Kxh6 Rg4

[38...Ng4+ 39.Kg5 Nxf6 40.Kh6 Rg4 41.Re2 Rc7]

39.Rf2

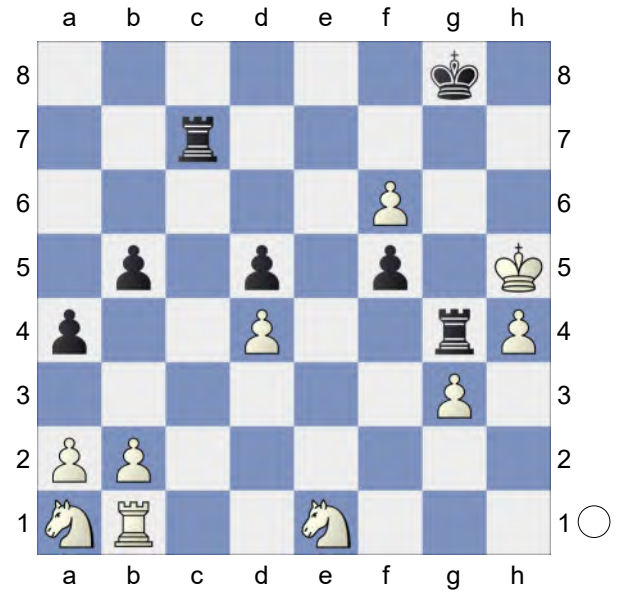
[39.f7+ Kxf7 40.Kh7 Rxc3 41.Nd3 Rc7 42.Ne5+ Kf6+ 43.Kh8 Rc8+]

39...Nf5+ 40.Rxf5 gxf5



41.Kh5 Rc7

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□ Antal, Gergely

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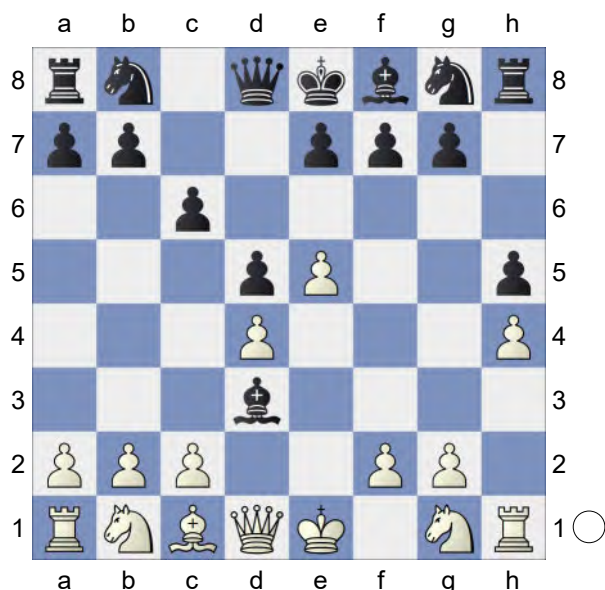
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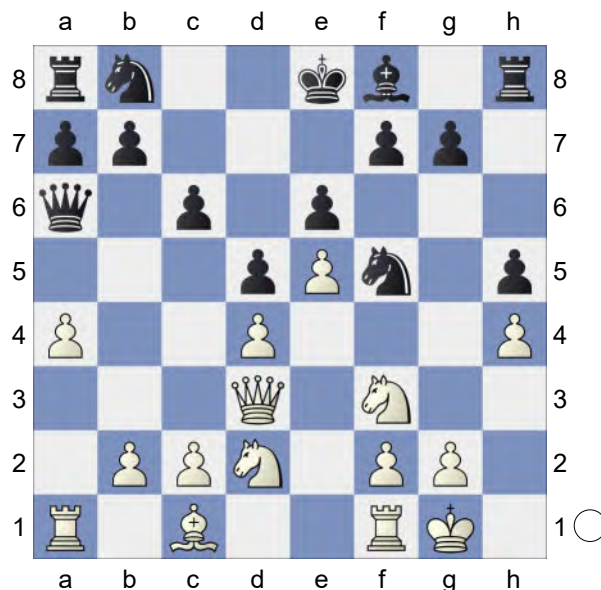
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.Nd2 e6 8.Ngf3
White is slightly better. 8...Nh6!
The main line 8...Nh6 scores better than
8...Qa6. Die Hauptvariante 8...Sh6
punktet besser als 8...Da6. 9.0-0 Nf5
10.a4 Qa6

(Diagram)



11.c4 Bb4 12.b3 c5 13.Ba3 Nc6
14.Bxb4N

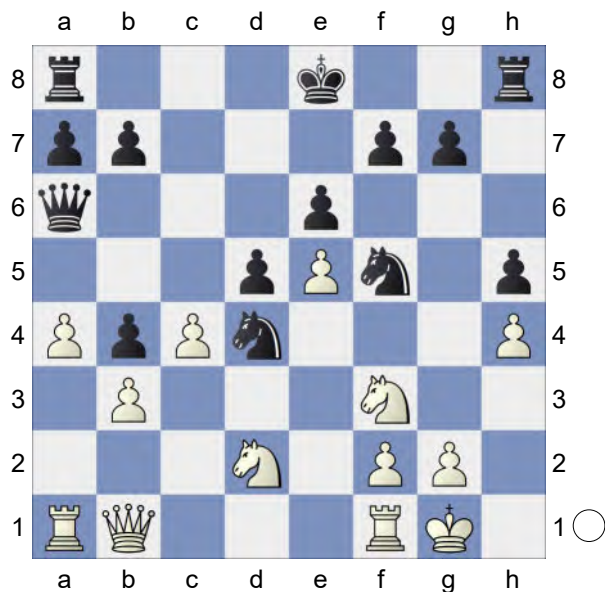
[Vorgänger: 14.dxc5 Bxd2! 15.Nxd2
Nxe5 16.Qe2 Ng4 17.b4 0-0 18.b5
Qa5! Strongly threatening ...Qc7.
19.cxd5 exd5 Threatens to win with ...
Rfe8! 20.Qd3 Nxh4? 1.53/19
0-1 Dominguez Perez, L (2758)-
Caruana, F (2835) Clutch-ch June
rapid 2020 (1.10) (20...Qc7= -0.07/19
21.Nf3 Nxh4) 21.c6 Rfe8 22.cxb7
Rab8 23.Nb3 Qd8 24.Nc5 Ng6
25.Qg3 N4e5 26.Rae1 h4 27.Qe3
d4 28.Qe4 h3 29.g3 d3 30.Na6 d2
31.Rd1 f5 32.Qxf5 Rxb7 33.Qxh3
Nf3+ 34.Kg2 Qd5 35.Nb4 Qe4
0-1 (38) Marosi, G (2786)-Deslandes, P
(2773) 2007 (7.4) 36.Qh5 Ne1+
37.Kh3 Qg2+ 38.Kg4 Qf3+
0-1 Dominguez Perez, L (2786)-
Caruana, F (2773) Clutch Chess
International 2020 (7.4)]

14...cxb4 15.Qb1 -0.54/21

[Better is 15.Rfd1= 0.14/23]

15...Ncxd4

(Diagram)



16.cxd5 exd5 White must now prevent
...Rc8. **17.Kh1** -1.30/21

[17.Nxd4 -0.85/20 Nxd4 18.Qd1]

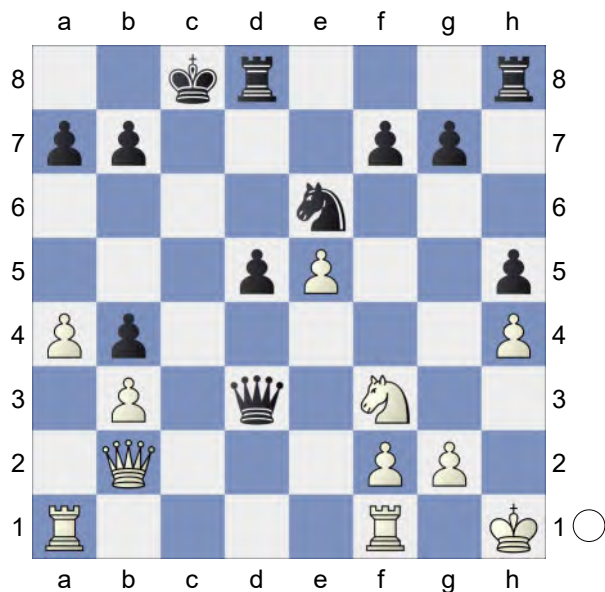
17...0-0-0 18.Nxd4 Nxd4 19.Qb2
-1.28/21

[19.Nf3 -0.92/22 Nxf3 20.Qf5+
Qe6 21.Qxf3]

19...Ne6 -0.83/22

[19...Ne2 -1.28/21 20.Nf3 d4]

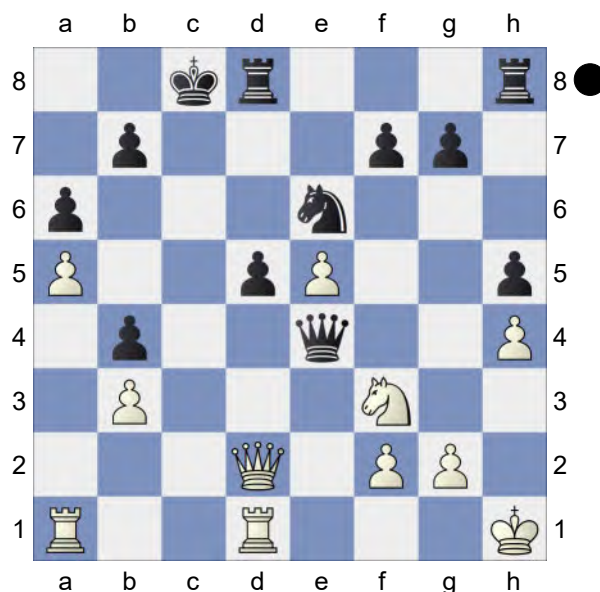
20.Nf3 Qd3



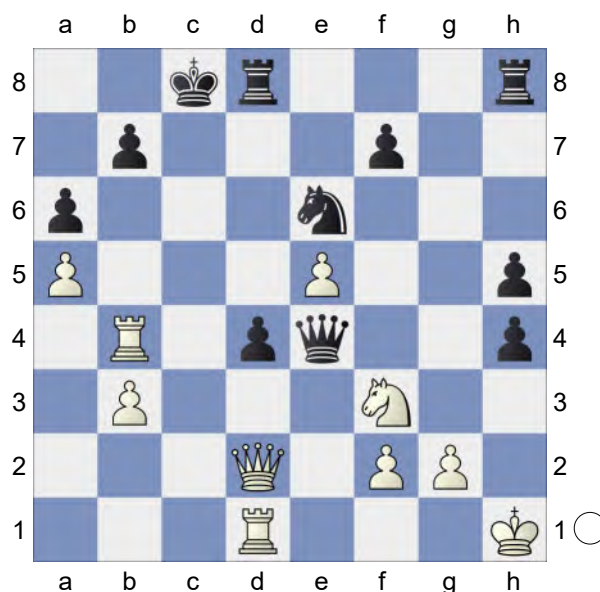
Active counter play! 21.a5 a6! 22.Rfd1
-1.40/20

[22.Ng5 -0.89/20 Nxg5 23.Rad1]

22...Qe4 23.Qd2



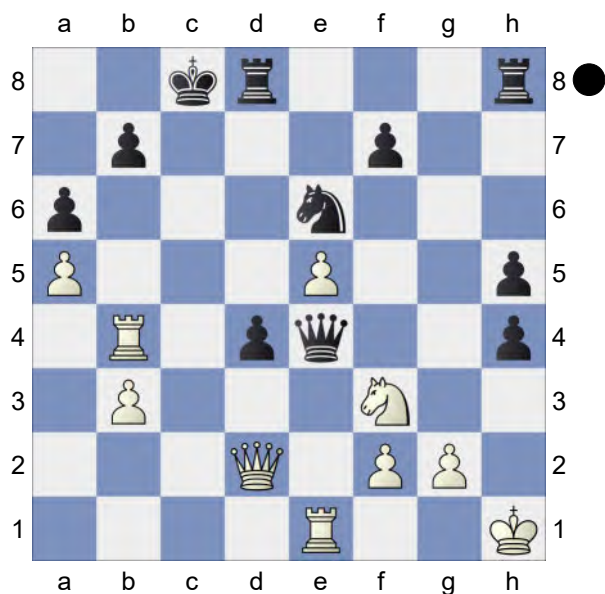
g5? 0.06/21 24.Ra4= gxh4 25.Rxb4
d4!



26.Re1? -1.61/27

[26.Nxd4± 0.31/24 keeps the upper
hand. Kb8 27.Qc3]

(Diagram)



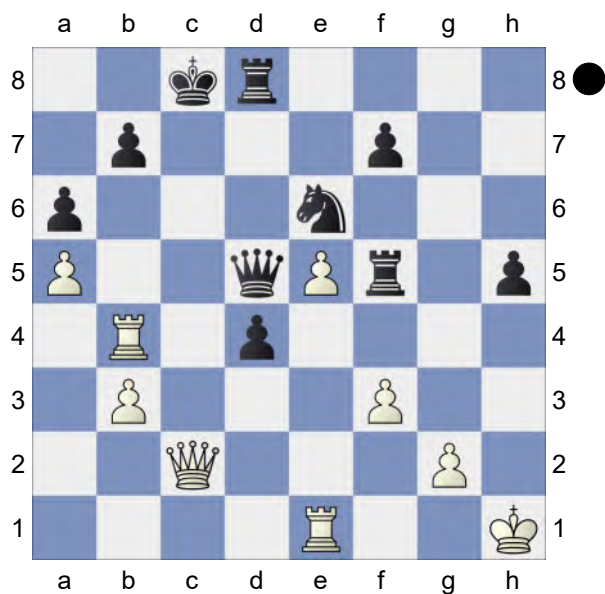
26...Qd5!-+ White is on the road to losing. **27.Nxh4 Rhg8**

[27...Qxa5? 28.Rc4+-]

28.f3 Prevents Rg4 **28...Rg5** Prevents Nf5.

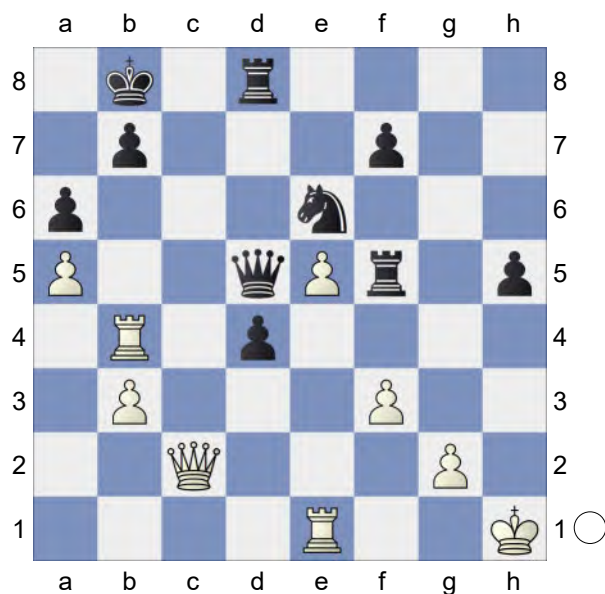
[28...Qxa5? 29.Rc4+-]

29.Nf5? -5.04/22 Rxf5 30.Qc2+

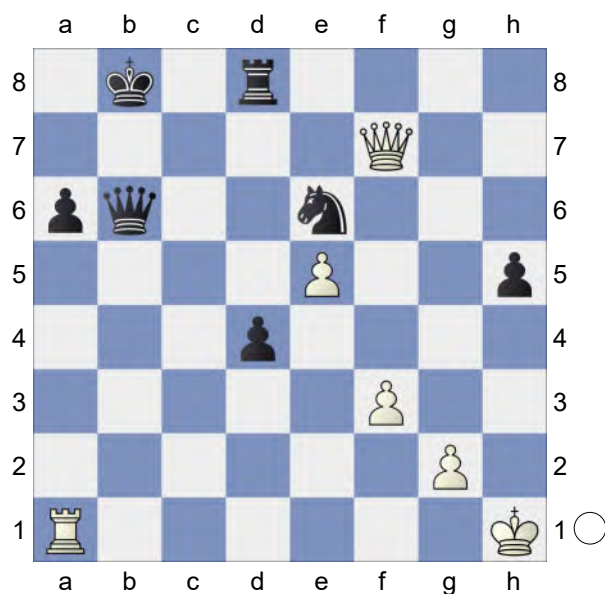


Kb8!

[Inferior is 30...Qc5 31.Rc4± (31.Qxf5? loses. Qxb4 32.Rd1 Rd7-+; 31.Qxf5? is the wrong capture. Qxb4 32.Rg1 d3-+)]

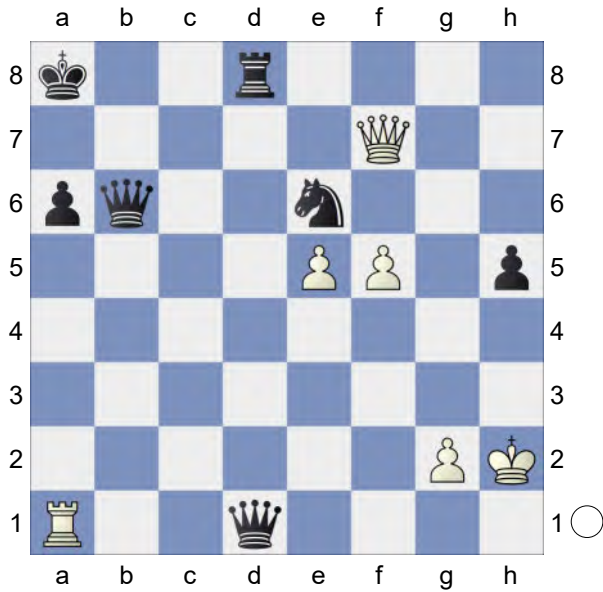


31.Qxf5 Qxa5 32.Rxb7+ Kxb7 33.Qxf7+ Kb8 34.b4 Qxb4 35.Ra1 Qb6

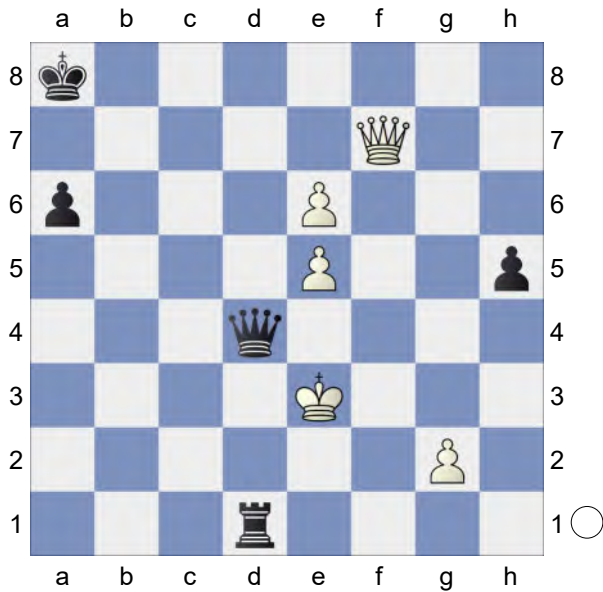


36.Kh2 d3 aiming for ...d2. 37.Qg6 Ka7 ...d2 would now be deadly. 38.Qf7+ Ka8 39.f4 d2 40.f5 d1Q

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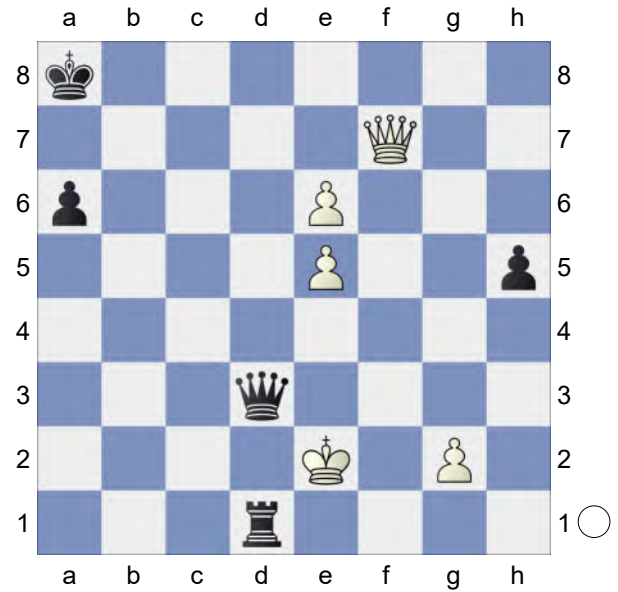


**41.Rxd1 Rxd1 42.fxe6 Qg1+ 43.Kg3
Qe1+ 44.Kf4 Qh4+ 45.Ke3 Qd4+**



46.Ke2 Qd3+

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/
Black=0.16 (very precise)
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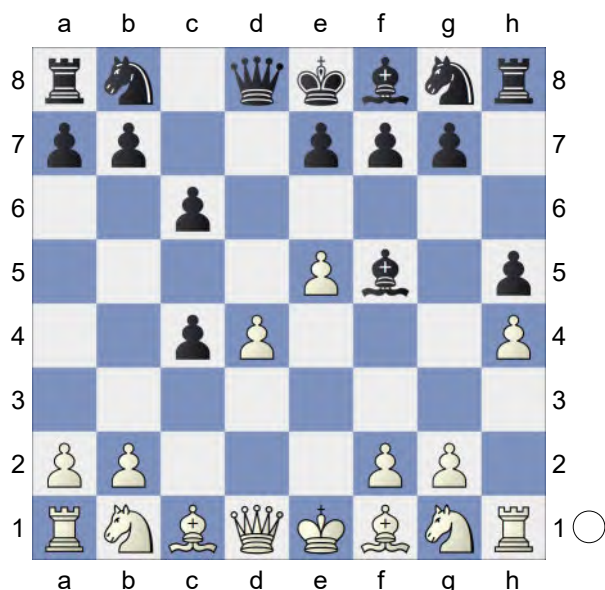
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.c4 dxc4



6.Bxc4 e6 7.Nc3 Nd7 8.Nge2 Nb6
0.57/22 8...Be7 is the modern continuation. 8...Le7 ist die moderne Fortsetzung.

[8...Be7!= 0.14/21]

9.Bd3

[9.Bb3 Be7 10.Ng3 Bg6 11.Nge4 Nd5 12.Qf3 Nh6 13.Bg5 Nf5 14.Rd1 Qb6 15.Bxe7 Ndx e7 16.Qf4 0-0-0 17.0-0 Kb8 18.Nd6 Nxd6 19.exd6 Nf5 20.Bc2 Qb4 21.Ne4 Nxd4 22.Rxd4 Qxd4 23.Rd1 e5 0-1 (36) Maltsevskaya,A (2368)-Paichadze,L (2532) EU-ch Rapid Skopje 2024 (5)]

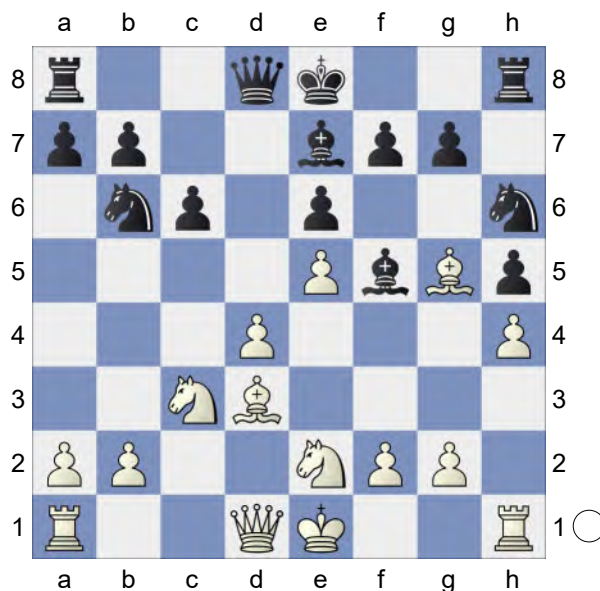
9...Nh6N Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.

[9...Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nh6 (10...Qd7

11.Bg5 f6 12.Bf4 Ne7 13.0-0 Ned5 14.Ne4 Qf7 15.exf6 gxf6 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.Bxd6 Rg8 18.Rfe1 Qg6 19.Qh3 Kd7 20.Bc5 Rae8 21.Bxb6 axb6 22.a4 Re7 23.Qf3 Reg7 24.g3 Qf5 25.Kg2 0-1 (65) Fonte Sanchez,P (2420)-Vangsgaard,C (2605) 65/453 Belgrad 1995) 11.Bxh6 Rxh6 12.0-0-0 Qd7 13.Nf4 0-0-0 14.Qf3 g6 15.Kb1 Rh8 16.Nh3 Bh6 17.Ng5 Rhf8 18.Nh7 Rh8 19.Ng5 Rhf8 20.Nce4 Kb8 21.Nf6 Qe7 B 12/22 2001]

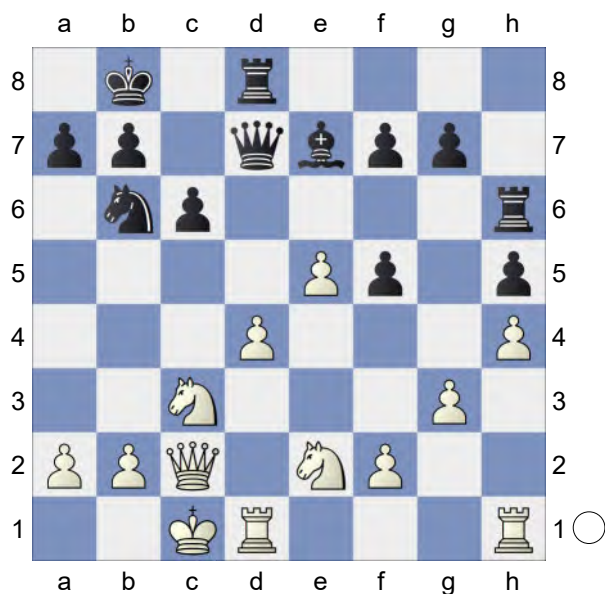
10.Bg5 Be7N

[Vorgänger: 10...Qd7 11.Bxh6 Rxh6 12.Bxf5 exf5 13.Rh3 0-0-0 14.a4 a5 15.Qb3 Bb4 16.0-0-0 Nd5 ½-½ Corvi,M (2319)-Tocchioni,D (2250) Nereto op 5th 2000 (5)]

**11.Bxh6** White is slightly better.**11...Rxh6 0.87/23**

[11...Bxd3± 0.36/25 12.Qxd3 (12.Bxg7 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Rg8=) 12...Rxh6]

12.Bxf5± exf5 13.g3 Qd7 14.Qc2 0-0-0 15.0-0-0 Kb8
 (Diagram)



16.Kb1 Nd5 1.20/22

[16...Bb4 0.75/24]

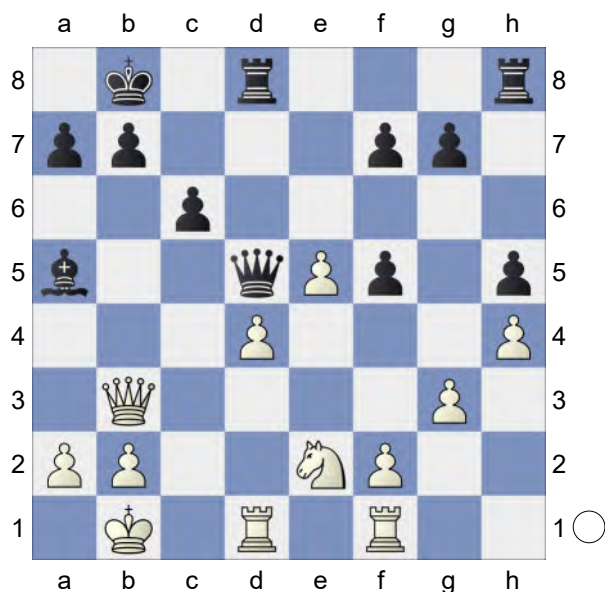
17.Qb3 0.63/22

[17.Nxd5± 1.20/22 cxd5 18.Rc1]

17...Rhh8 18.Rhe1 0.40/22

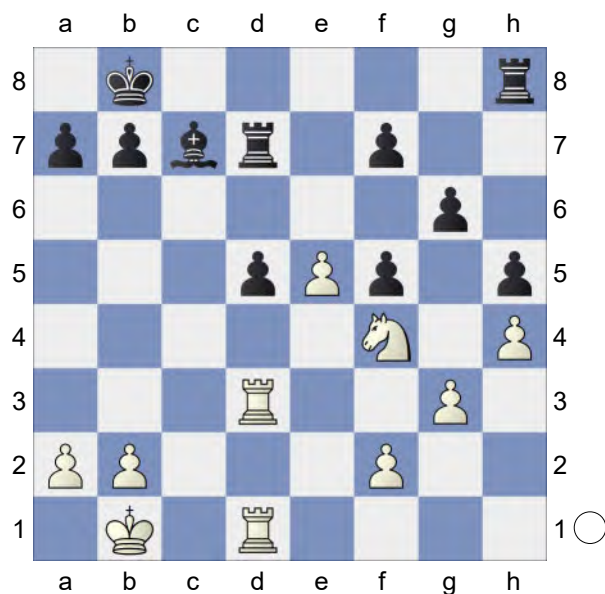
[18.a3± 0.81/21]

18...Bb4!± 19.Rf1 Ba5 20.Nxd5 Qxd5



21.Qxd5 Rxd5 22.Nf4 Rd7 23.Rd3 Bc7 24.Rfd1 g6 25.d5 cxd5

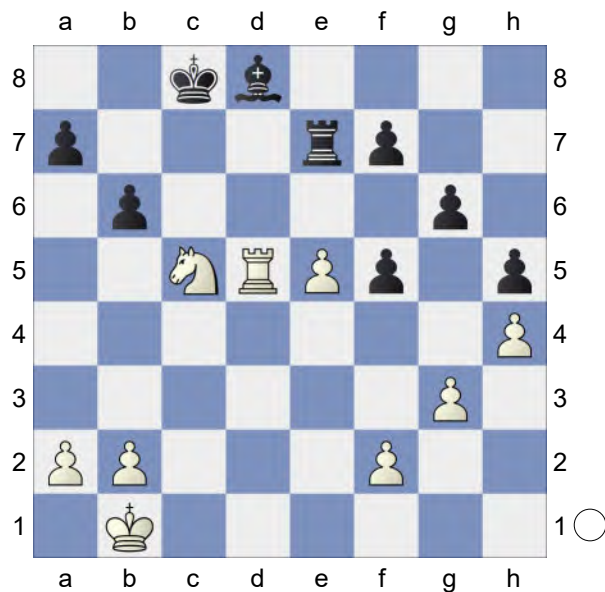
(Diagram)



26.Rxd5 Re7 27.Nd3 Rd8 28.Rxd8+ Bxd8= Endgame. KRB-KRN 29.Nc5 Kc8 30.Rd5? -2.10/26

[30.f4= -0.16/26 and White has nothing to worry.]

30...b6!-+



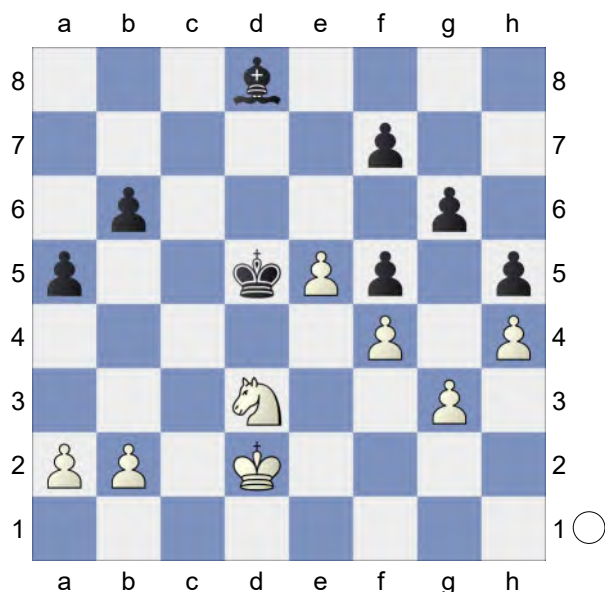
31.Nd3 Rd7! 32.Rxd7 Kxd7 KB-KN 33.Kc2 Ke6 34.Kd2 -1.22/25

[34.f4-+ -1.72/31]

34...a5 -0.34/38

[Black should play 34...b5+ -1.22/25 Strongly threatening ...Bb6. 35.Ke2 f4 36.Nxf4+ Kxe5]

35.f4 ♖ Kd5



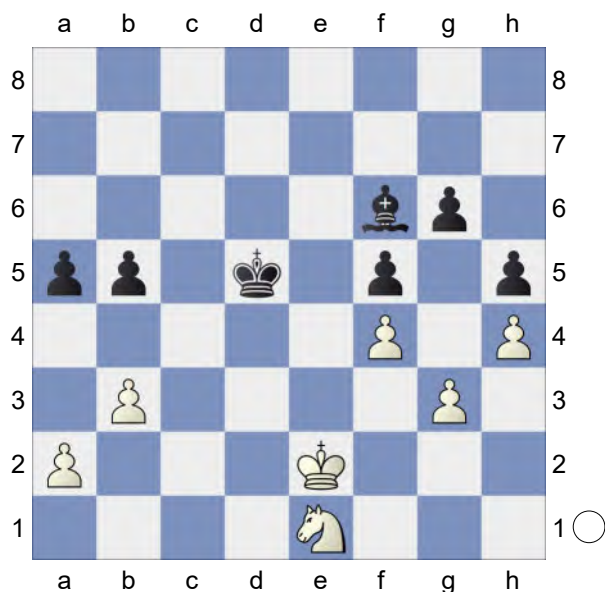
36.Ke3 b5 37.Ne1 -1.91/33

[37.Ke2! ♜ -0.44/31]

37...Bb6+? -0.12/25

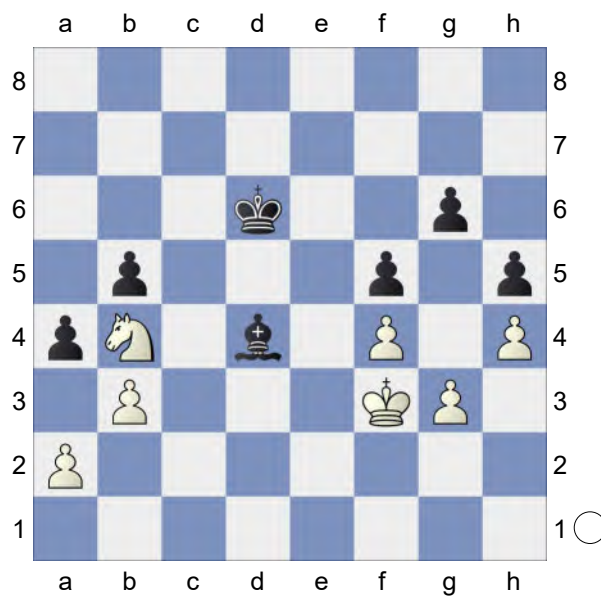
[37...f6!-+ -1.91/33 38.Nf3 Bb6+
39.Kd3 Bf2 40.exf6 Ke6 41.Nd4+
Kxf6 42.Nxb5 Bxg3]

38.Ke2!= Bd4 39.b3 f6 40.exf6 Bxf6

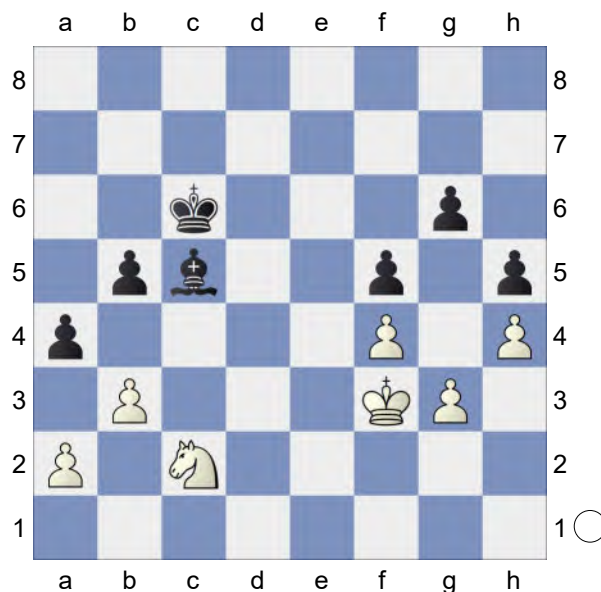


41.Nc2 Bd4 42.Na3! Kc5 43.Nc2 a4
44.Kf3 Kd5 And now ...Bc5 would win.
45.Nb4+ Kd6

(Diagram)



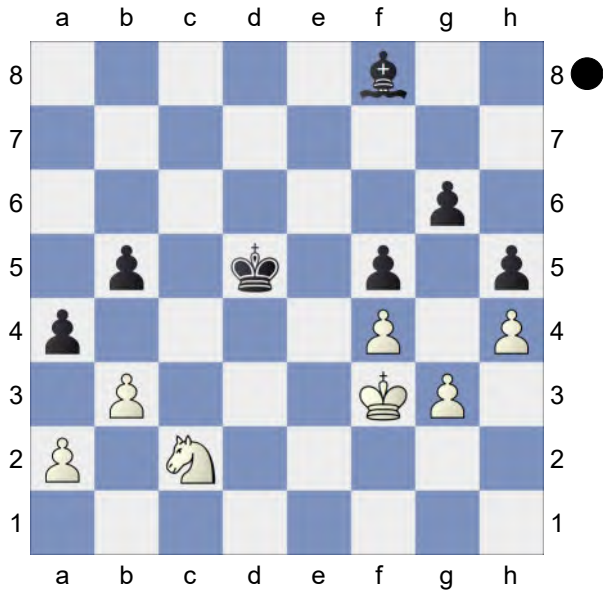
46.Nc2 Bb6 47.Na3 Kc5 48.Nc2! Kd5
49.Na3 Kc6 50.Nc2 Bc5



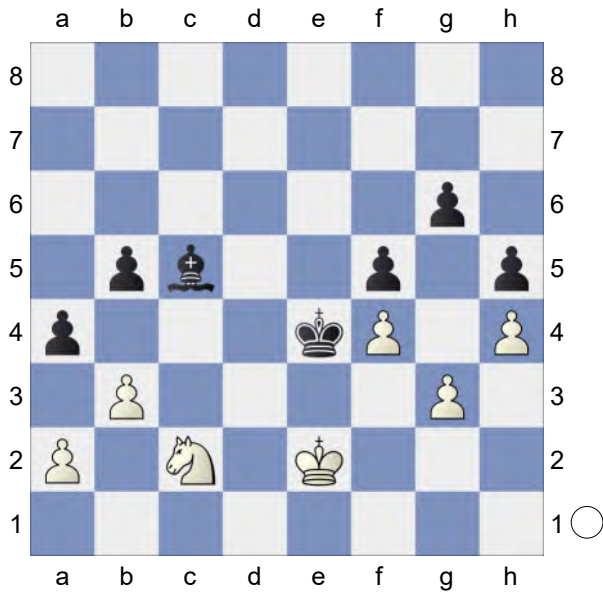
...Kd5 would now be deadly. 51.Ke2
Kd5 52.Kf3 Be7 aiming for ...Bc5.
53.Ke3! Bf8 54.Kf3? -1.96/39

[54.Kd3= -0.04/32 and White is
okay.]

(Diagram)



Black converts the advantage convincingly. 54...Bc5!-+ 55.Ke2 Ke4



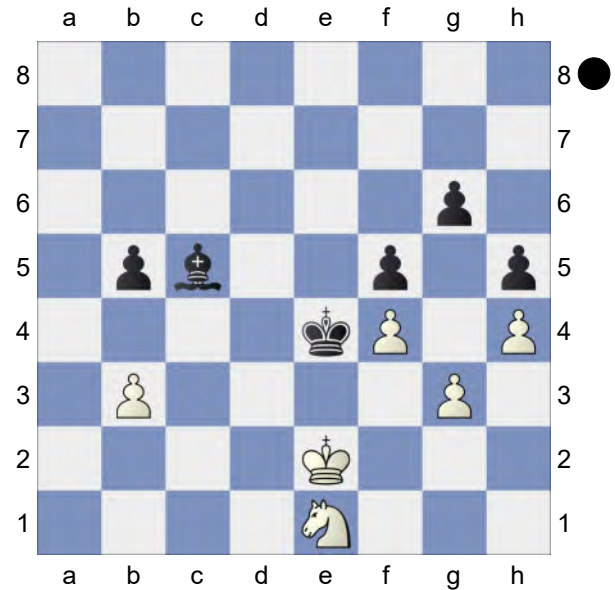
56.Ne1? -6.82/28

[56.bxa4 -1.96/28 bxa4 57.Ne1]

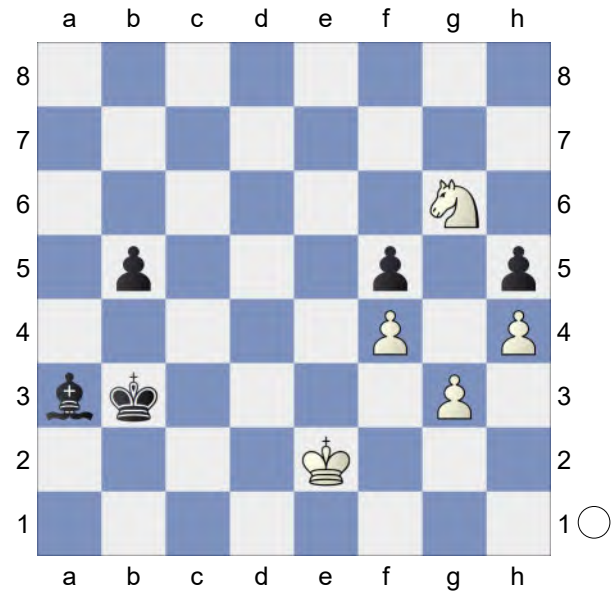
56...axb3 Black is clearly winning.

57.axb3

(Diagram)

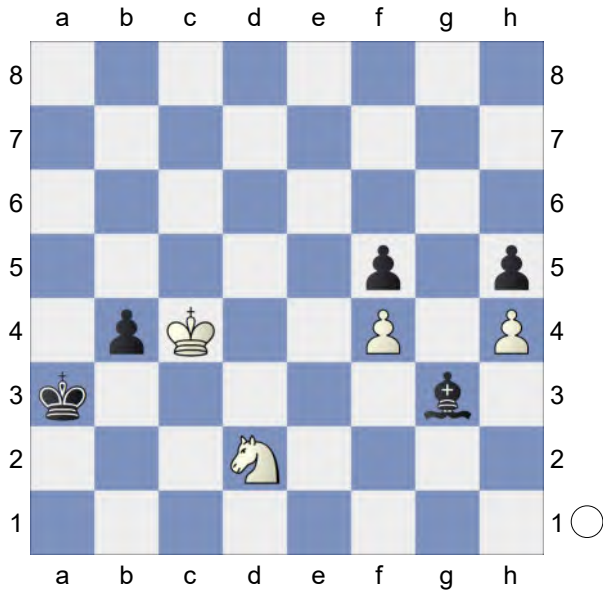


Kd4! 58.Nd3 Ba3 59.Ne5 Kc3
60.Nxg6 Kxb3

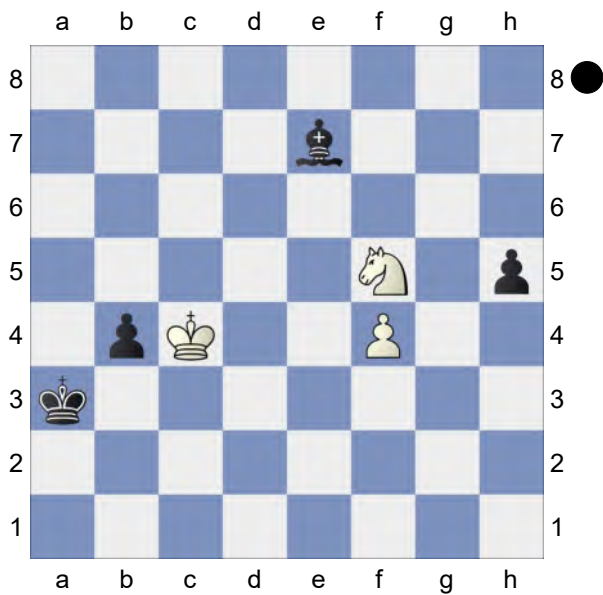


61.Kd3 Bc5 62.Ne5 b4 63.Nc4 Bf2
64.Nd2+ Ka3 65.Kc4 Bxg3

(Diagram)

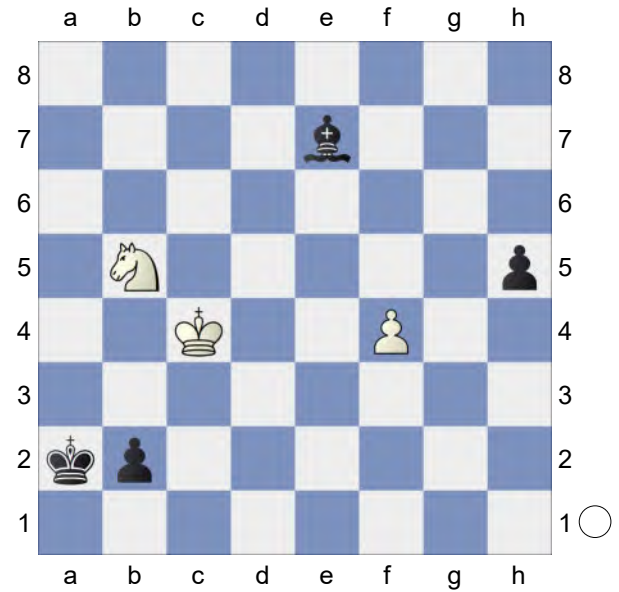


66.Nb3 Bxh4 67.Nd4 Be7 68.Nxf5

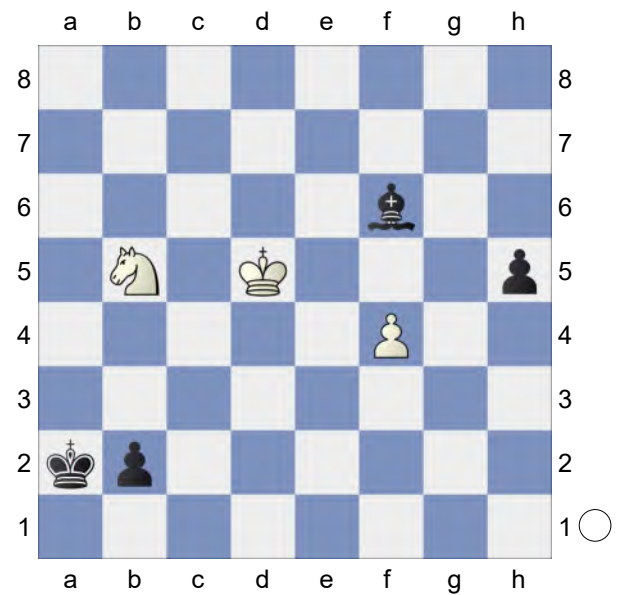


b3! 69.Nd4
 [69.Nxe7 b2]
69...b2 70.Nb5+ Ka2

(Diagram)



Threatens to win with ...h4. 71.Kd5 Bf6



**Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/
 Black=0.15 (very precise)
 0-1**

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Budapest Spring op (9)

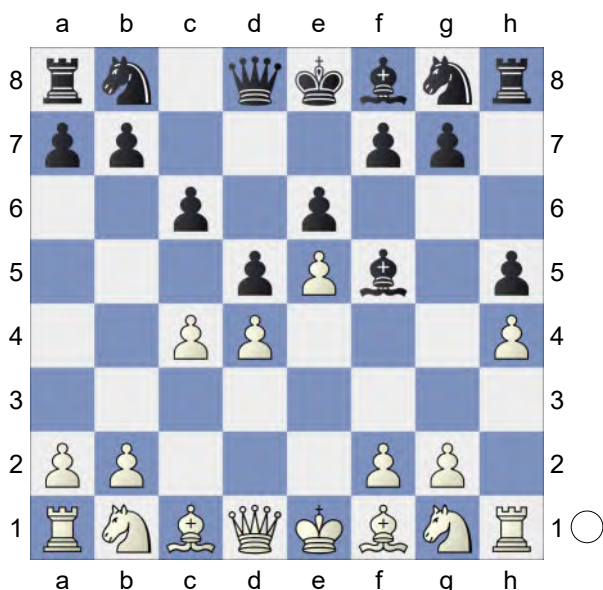
[Kitty Kat]

B12**2566****2403**

31.05.2024

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.c4 e6



6.Nc3 Bb4 6...dxc4 gains popularity.
6...dxc4 wird beliebter. 7.cxd5

[7.Qb3 Qa5 8.Bd2 Ne7 9.Nf3 Nd7
 10.cxd5 Nxd5 11.a3 N7b6 12.Be2
 Be7 13.0-0 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Qa4
 15.Qa2 Qc2 16.Rfc1 Qxa2 17.Rxa2
 Bg4 18.a4 0-0-0 19.a5 Nd7 20.g3
 f6 21.Bf4 Rhf8 $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ (60) Tari,A
 (2518) - Melkumyan, H (2622)
 Bundesliga 1516 2015 (8.2)]

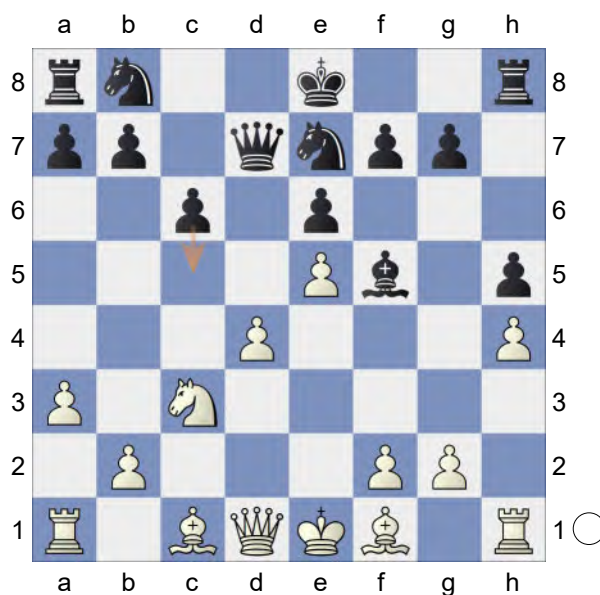
7...Qxd5 8.Nge2 Ne7N White is slightly better.

[8...Qa5 9.Bd2 Ne7 10.Ng3 Bg6
 11.Be2 Nd7 12.a3 Bxc3 13.Bxc3
 Qb6 14.Bxh5 0-0-0 15.Bxg6 Nxc6
 16.h5 Ne7 17.Qf3 f5 18.exf6 Nxf6
 19.0-0-0 Ned5 20.Rhe1 Qb3 21.Rd3
 Qa2 22.Bd2 Rhf8 23.Qd1

$\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ (40) Remizov, Y (2396)-Gurvich, V
 (2278) Cheliabinsk Lozovsky
 Memorial-A 2023 (5) Qa1+ 24.Kc2
 Qxd1+ 25.Kxd1 Ng4 26.Rf3 Nxf2+
 27.Kc2 Rxf3 28.gxf3 Rf8 29.f4 Kd7
 30.Re5 Rf7 31.f5 Nc7 32.fxe6+
 Nxe6 33.d5 cxd5 34.Rxd5+ Kc6
 35.Re5 Nd4+ 36.Kb1 Nf3 37.Re2
 Nxd2+ 38.Rxd2 " -" (40) 6.♙d2 ♗f5 7.
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 Prickly, O (2278) corr 1898 (5)]

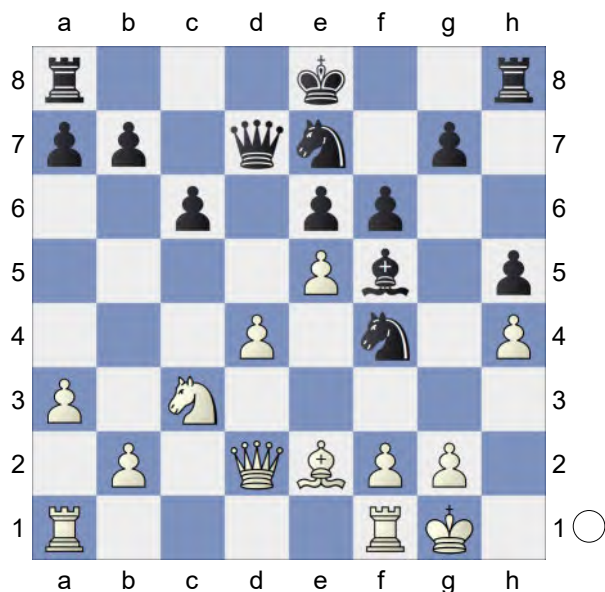
9.a3 Bxc3+ 10.Nxc3 Qd7N

[Vorgänger: 10...Qd8 11.Bg5 Nd7
 12.Be2 Bg6 13.Bf3 **0.36/18**
 (13.0-0± **0.83/20**) 13...Nb6 **1.16/20**
 (13...f6± **0.36/18** 14.exf6 gxf6)
 14.Be4 **0.66/20** (14.0-0± **1.16/20**)
 14...Bxe4 15.Nxe4 Nbc8
Repels Nd6+ 16.0-0 Qd5 17.Ng3
 Nf5 18.Nxh5 Nce7 19.Qg4 Qxd4?
4.92/20 (19...0-0-0± **1.08/16**
is more resistant.) 20.Nxg7+!
 1-0 Papp, G (2553)-Elsness, F (2425)
 Norway Chess op 2024 (6)]

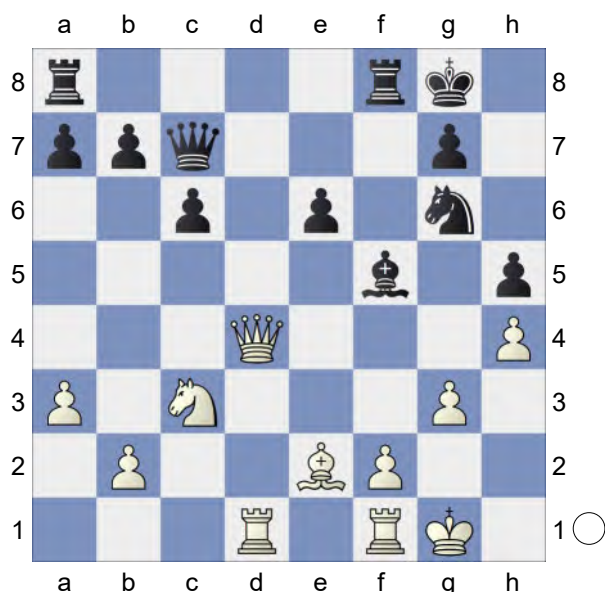


11.Bg5 Black is weak on the dark
 squares **11...Na6 12.Qd2 0.66/18**
 White is more active.

[12.Bxa6± 1.11/19 Be2 would now be deadly. bxa6 13.Qd2]
12...Nc7± 13.Be2 Ncd5 14.0-0 f6 15.Bf4 Nxf4

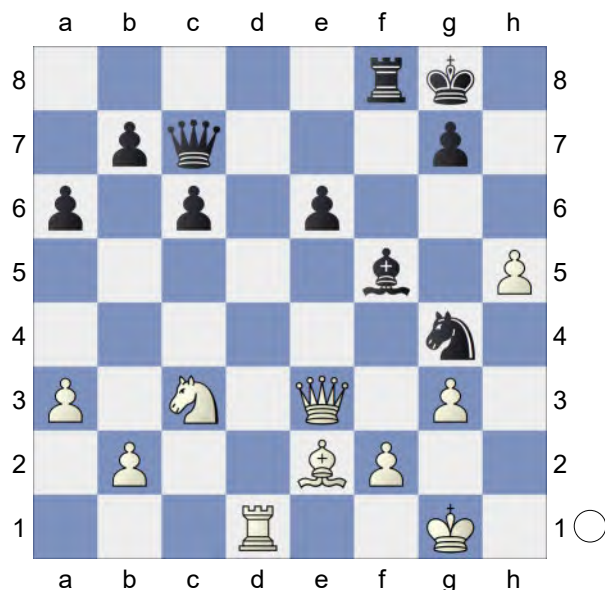


16.Qxf4 Ng6 17.Qe3 fxe5 0.74/22
 [17...Nxf4± 0.38/18 18.g3 Ng6]
18.Rad1± Qc7! 19.g3 exd4 1.29/21
 [19...0-0-0!± 0.38/19]
20.Qxd4 0.48/22
 [20.Rxd4± 1.29/21 Ne4 is the strong threat. 0-0 21.Bxh5]
20...0-0



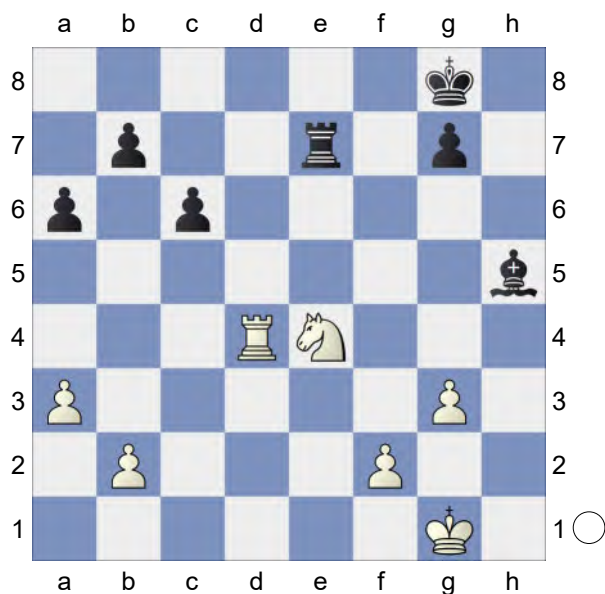
21.Bxh5 Ne5 22.Qe3

[22.Rfe1?! Nd3±]
22...Rad8 23.Be2
 [23.Qxa7 Bd3 24.Rfe1 c5=]
23...a6 24.h5 0.58/23
 [24.Rfe1± 1.10/22]
24...Rxd1 25.Rxd1 Ng4



26.Bxg4 0.19/17
 [26.Qg5± 0.84/19 Nf6 (26...Nxf2 27.Kxf2 Bc2+ 28.Kg2±) 27.Rd4]
26...Bxg4= 27.Rd4 Bxh5 28.Qxe6+ Qf7 29.Qxf7+ Rxf7 0.90/22 Endgame. KRB-KRN
 [Black should try 29...Bxf7± 0.34/23 30.Rd7 b5]
30.Ne4 Re7

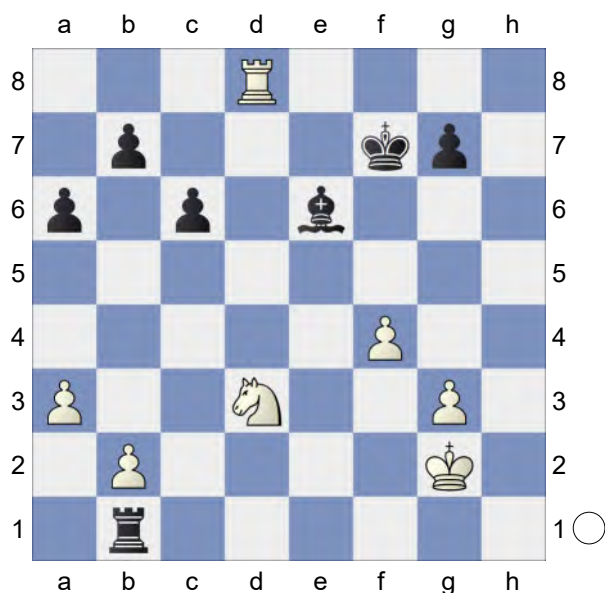
(Diagram)



31.f4 0.19/23

[31.f3± 0.67/19 should be considered.]

31...Bg4 32.Nf2 Re1+ 33.Kg2 Be6 34.Rd8+ Kf7 35.Nd3 Rb1



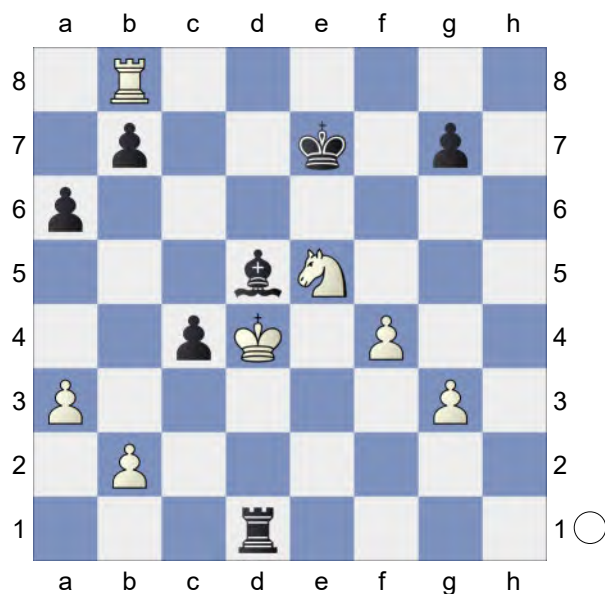
36.Rb8 Bd5+ 37.Kf2 c5 38.Ke3 c4
[38...Ke7!?]

39.Ne5+ Ke7 0.83/23

[39...Kf6= 0.24/23]

40.Kd4!± Rd1+

(Diagram)

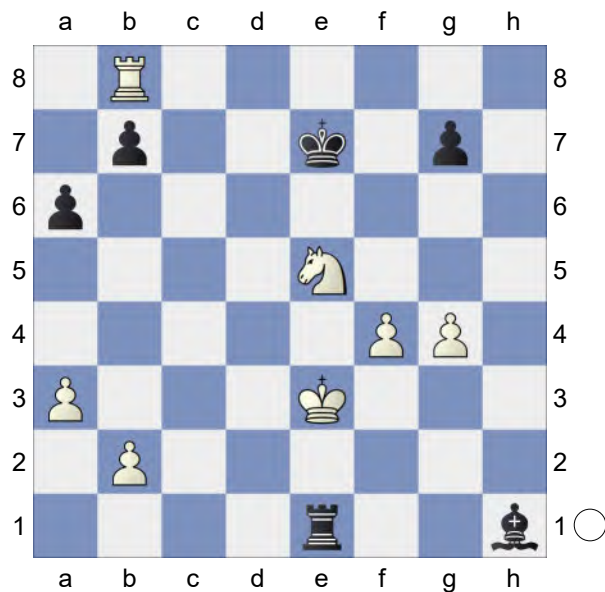


41.Kc5 Bh1 42.Kxc4 Rc1+! 43.Kd4 Rd1+ 44.Ke3 Rg1 1.81/23

[Better is 44...Re1+± 0.57/19 45.Kd2 Rb1]

45.g4+- And now Rg8 would win.

45...Re1+



46.Kd2 Rf1 47.Rh8 Bd5 48.Rc8 1.33/23

[48.Ke3+- 1.96/18]

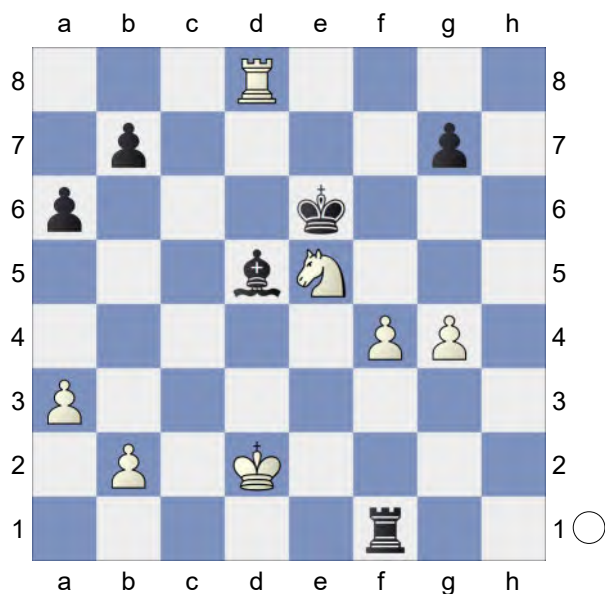
48...Ke6 2.25/22

[48...Rf2+± 1.33/23 49.Ke3 Rxb2]

49.Re8+ Kd6 2.51/19

[49...Kf6 1.70/22 keeps fighting.]

50.Rd8+ Ke6



51.Re8+ Kd6 2.60/22

[51...Kf6 1.72/23]

52.Rd8+ Ke6 53.Ng6 0.80/22

[53.Ke3+- 1.91/21 has better winning chances.]

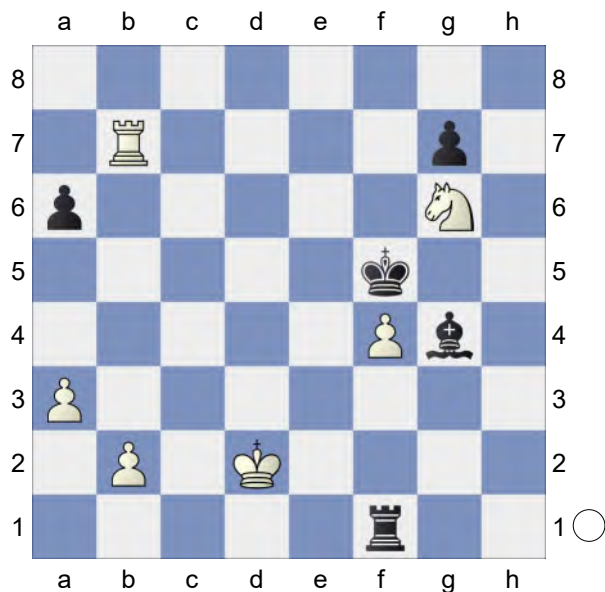
53...Bf3 1.17/24

[53...Be4 0.80/22]

54.Rb8 0.09/21

[White should play 54.f5+± 1.17/24
Kf6 55.Rf8+ Kg5 56.Ne7]

54...Bxg4= 55.Rxb7 Kf5



56.Nh4+

[56.Rxg7 Kf6 57.Ne5 (57.Rg8
Kf7=) 57...Kxg7=]

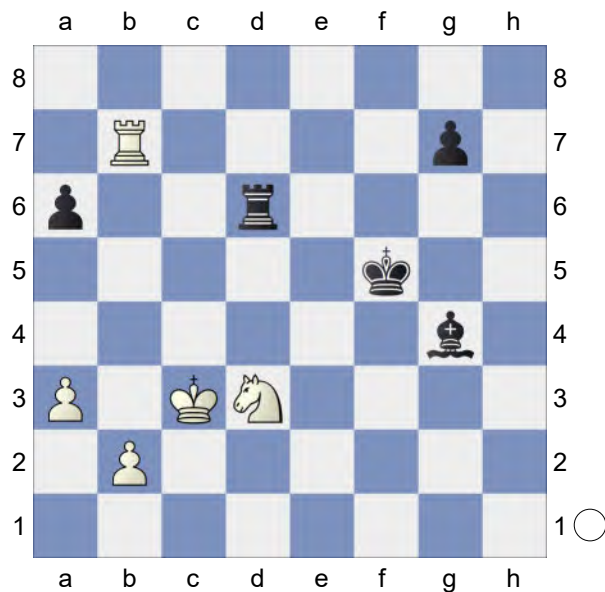
56...Ke4 57.Ng6

[57.Rxg7 Rxf4 58.Rg6 a5±]

57...Kf5 58.Ne5 aiming for Nxg4.

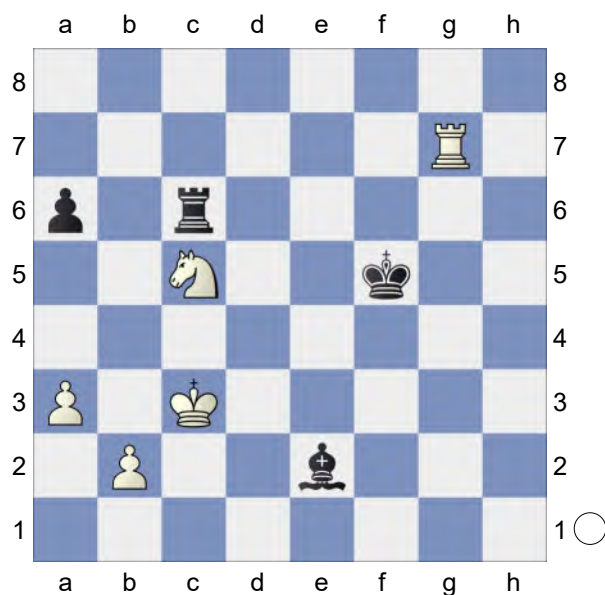
[58.Rxg7 Kf6 59.Ra7 (59.Rg8
Be6=) 59...Kxg6=]

58...Rxf4 59.Nd3 Rd4 60.Kc3 Rd6



61.Rxg7 Be2 62.Nc5 Rc6 1.65/22

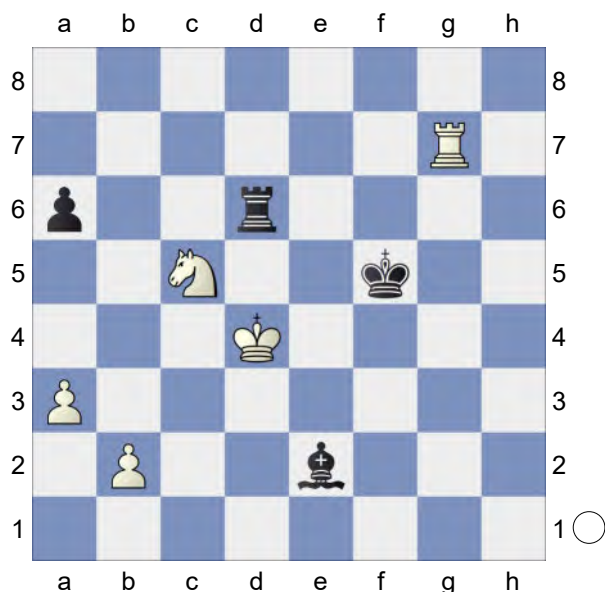
[62...Rd5!± 0.57/22]



63.Kd4!+- Rd6+ 2.51/20

[63...Rf6 1.61/18 64.Re7 Rd6+]

65.Kc3 Bg4]



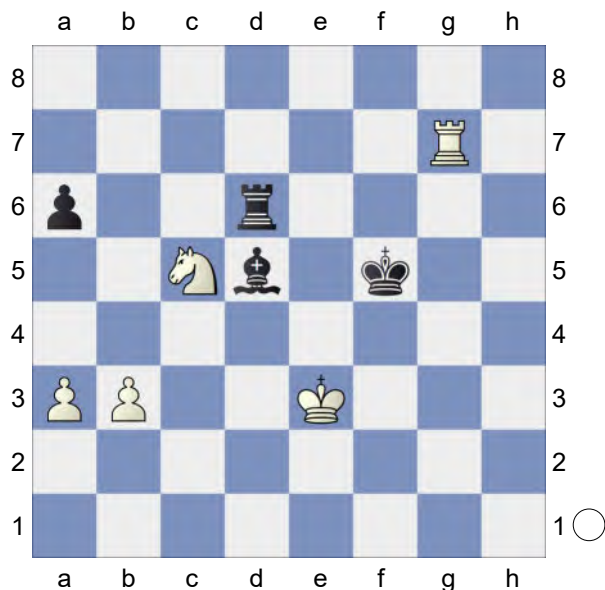
64.Ke3! Bc4? 5.05/26

[64...Bd1 2.78/21 65.Rg1 Bg4]

65.b3? 0.83/22

[65.Rg5+!+- 5.05/26 Kxg5 66.Ne4+ Kg6 67.Nxd6]

65...Bd5



66.Ra7 0.37/28

[66.b4± 0.73/27]

66...Ke5± 67.Re7+ Kf5 0.78/23

[67...Kf6± 0.36/22 68.Rh7 a5]

68.Rh7 0.41/26

[68.b4± 0.78/23]

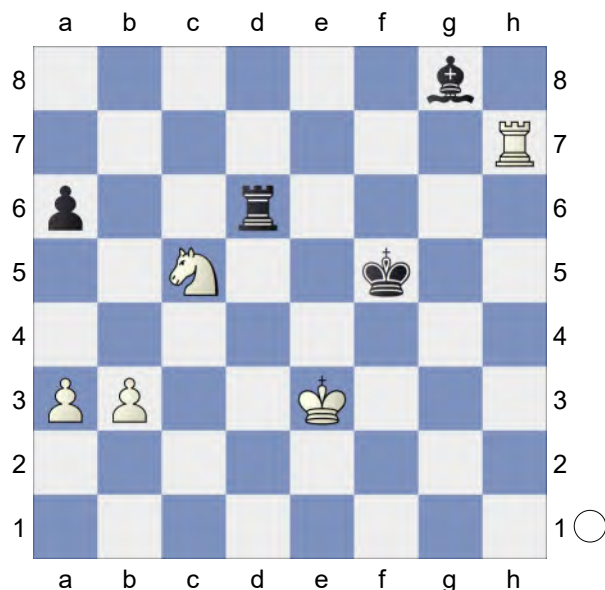
68...Bg8 69.Rg7 Bd5 0.88/25

[69...Rd8± 0.49/24]

70.Rh7 0.40/24

[70.b4± 0.88/25]

70...Bg8



71.Rh5+ Kg6! 72.Rh4 Kf5 1.51/21

[72...Rd5!= 0.23/19 remains equal.]

73.Ra4 0.42/19

[73.b4± 1.51/21]

73...Rh6 74.Ra5 Kg4? 3.59/19

White now steadily converts the win.

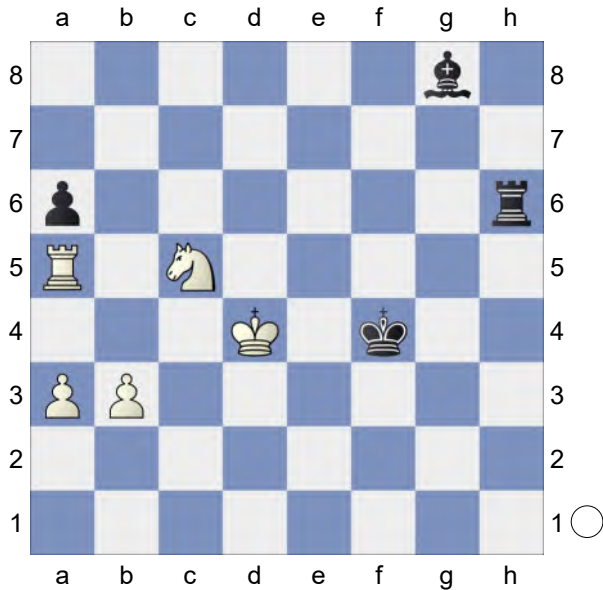
[74...Rh3+= 0.25/19 75.Kd4 Rh4+ 76.Ne4+ Ke6]

75.Kd4+-

[And not 75.Rxa6 Rxa6 76.Nxa6 Bxb3=]

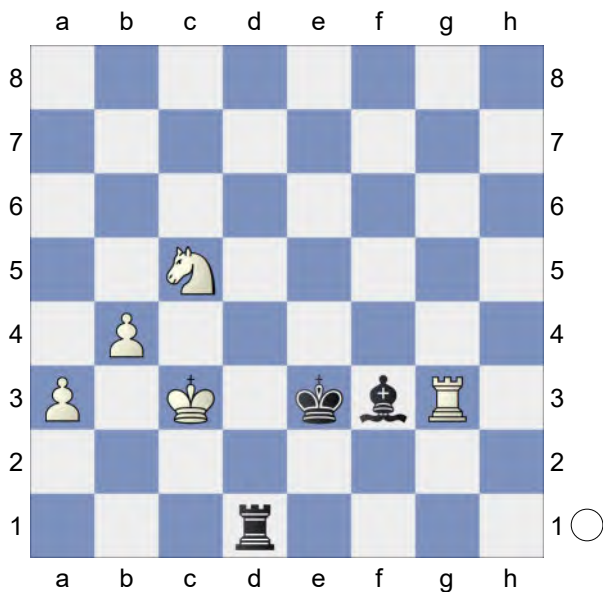
75...Kf4

(Diagram)



76.b4

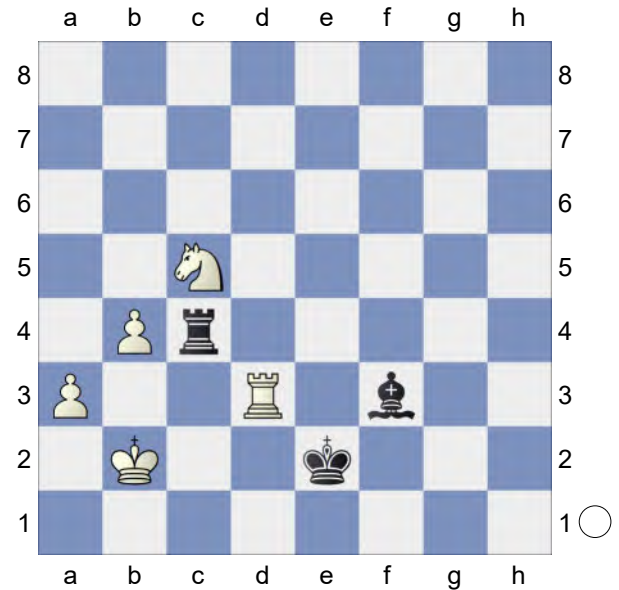
[76.Rxa6 Rxa6 77.Nxa6 Bxb3=]
76...Rd6+ 77.Kc3 Ke3 78.Rxa6
 [Stronger than 78.Nxa6 Rd3+ 79.Kc2 Kd4=]
78...Rd1 79.Rg6 Bd5 80.Rg3+ Bf3



81.Rg7 Rc1+ 82.Kb2 Rc4 83.Rd7 Bc6 84.Rd6 Bf3 85.Rd3+ Ke2?
 6.37/20

[85...Kf4 3.89/18 86.Rc3 Rxb4+ 87.axb4 Be2 88.Nd3+ Kf5]

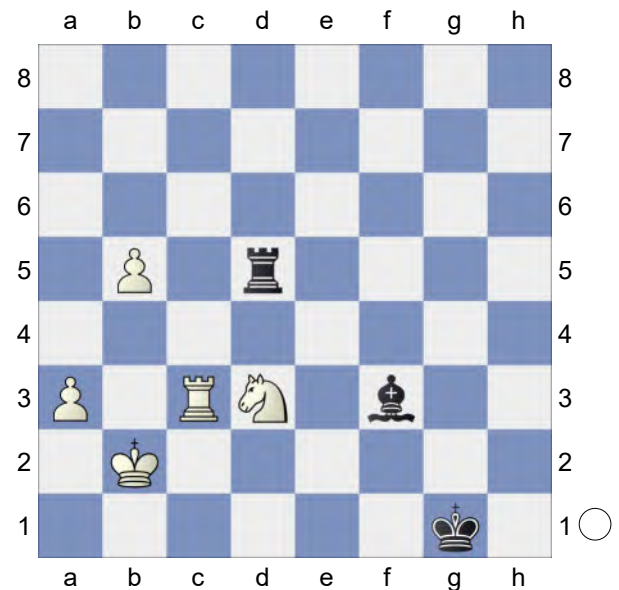
(Diagram)



86.Rc3

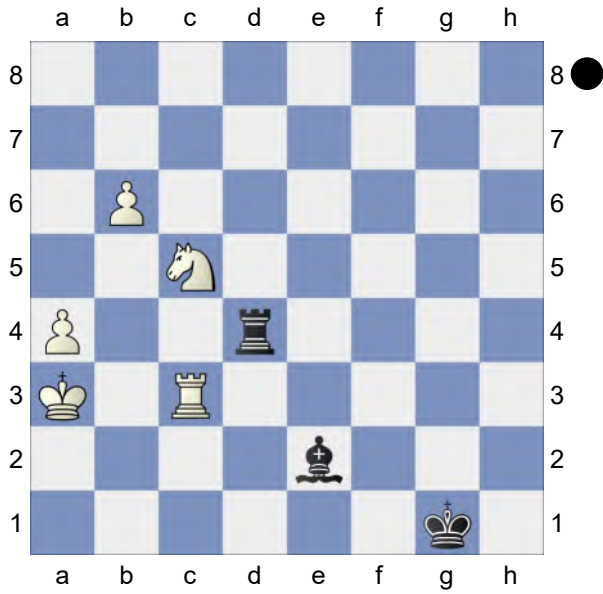
White is clearly winning.

86...Rd4 87.Nb3 Rd1 88.Nc1+ Kf2 89.b5 Rd5 90.Nd3+ Kg1



91.a4 Bd1 92.Ka3 Rd4 93.Nc5 Be2 94.b6

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.22
(precise) /Black=0.18 (very precise)

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□ Culum, Sanjin

■ Burovic, Rijad

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[Kitty Kat]

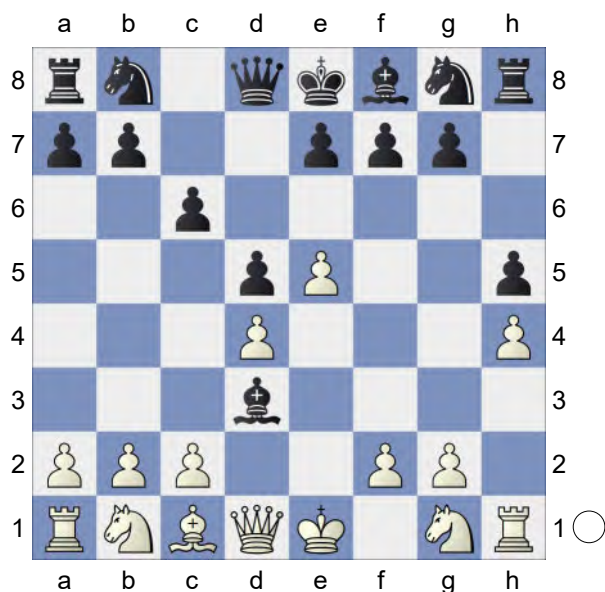
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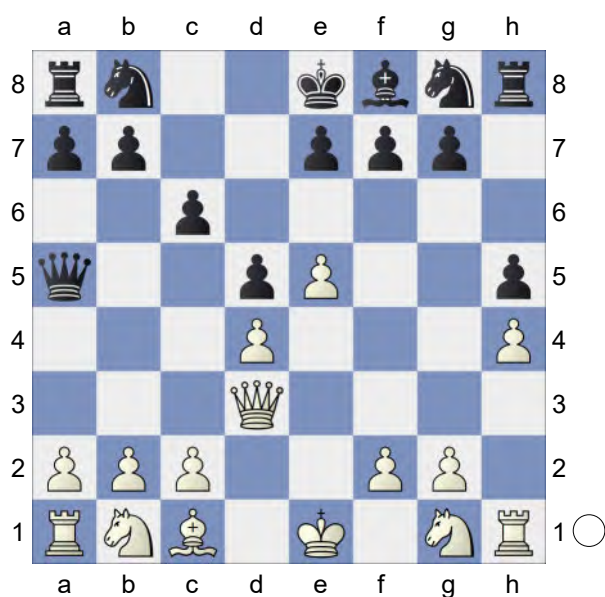
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



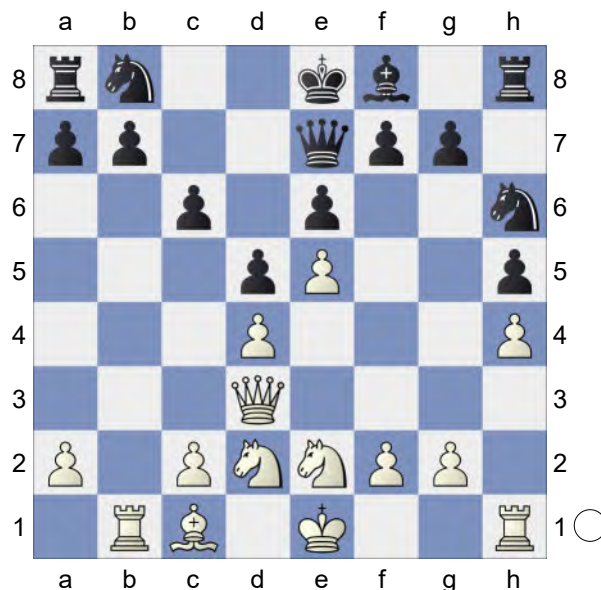
6.Qxd3 Qa5+!



is currently scoring better than 6...e6.
wohl besser als 6...e6. 7.b4 0.08/23

Qxb4+= 8.Nd2 Rb1 is the strong threat.

8...e6 9.Rb1 Qe7 10.Ne2 Nh6



11.c4 0.00/26

[11.Nf3± 0.36/21]

11...Nf5! 12.Nf3 dxc4 13.Qxc4 b5

14.Qc2 Qd7 15.0-0N Be7N 0.50/25

[15...a5 0.47/24 15...Na6 0.00

16.Bg5 0.00/25 (16.Ng3!± 0.47/24)

16...Na6= 17.Ng3 And now Nxf5

would win. Nb4 18.Qe2 Be7 1.31/25

(18...Nxf5= -0.10/24 keeps the

balance. 19.fxf3 Nd5) 19.Bxe7

0.40/22 (19.Nxf5± 1.31/25 exf5

20.Rfe1) 19...Qxe7 0.99/23

(19...Nxe7± 0.40/22 20.Rfc1 Kf8)

20.Nxf5± exf5 21.Rbc1 Threatens to

win with a3. Rc8 1.64/21 ½-½ (65)

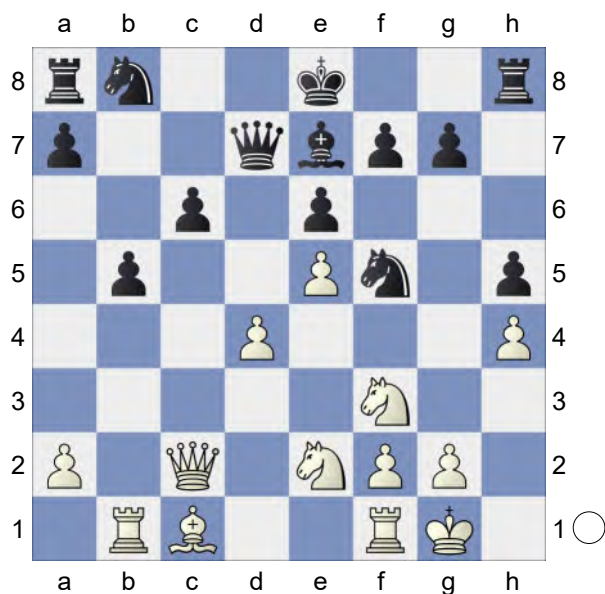
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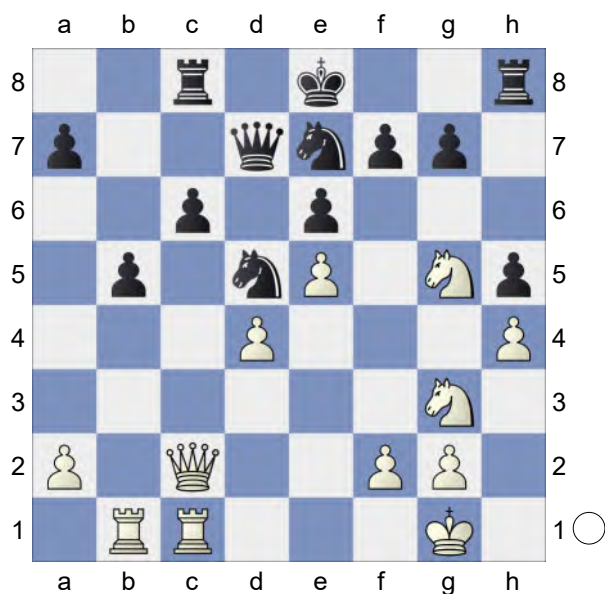
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[15...Na6= -0.01/23]

(Diagram)



16.Bg5± Na6 17.Bxe7 Nxe7 18.Ng5
Nc7 19.Rfc1 White has compensation.
19...Ncd5 20.Ng3 Rc8



21.N5e4 0-0 1.19/24

[Δ21...Kf8 0.82/22]

22.Nd6 0.53/21

[22.Rb3± 1.19/24]

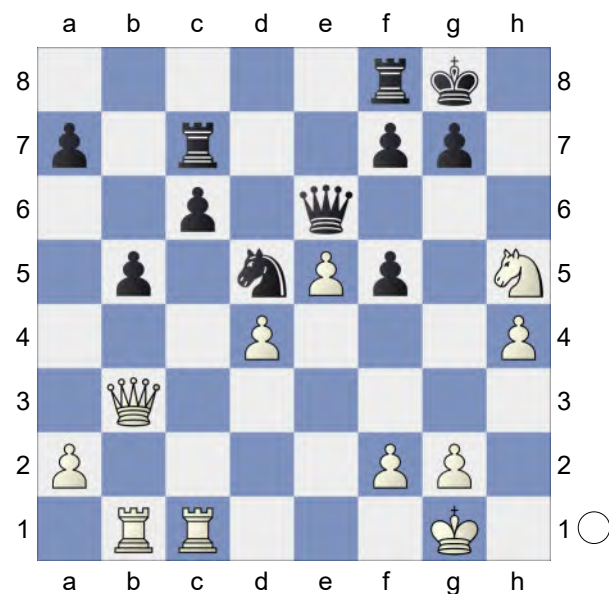
22...Rc7 23.Nxh5 Hoping for Rb3.

23...Nf5 24.Nxf5 exf5 25.Qb3 0.02/26

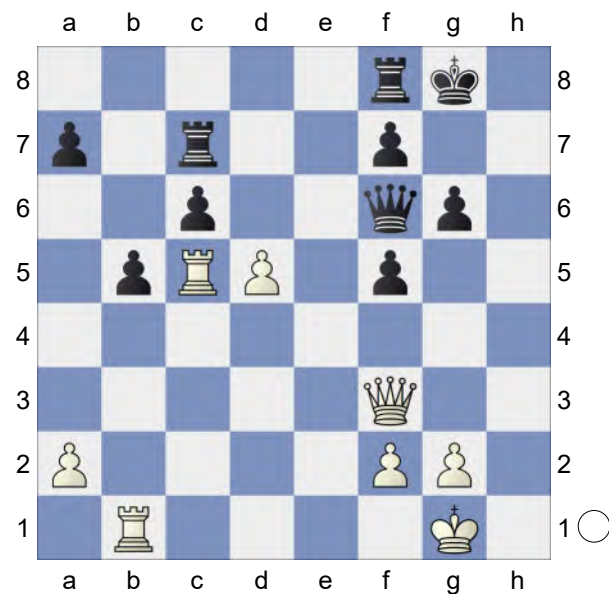
[25.Rb3± 0.60/23 f4 26.Qe4]

25...Qe6

(Diagram)



26.Rc5 Qh6 27.Qf3 g6 28.Nf6+ Nxf6
29.exf6 Qxh4 30.d5 Qxf6



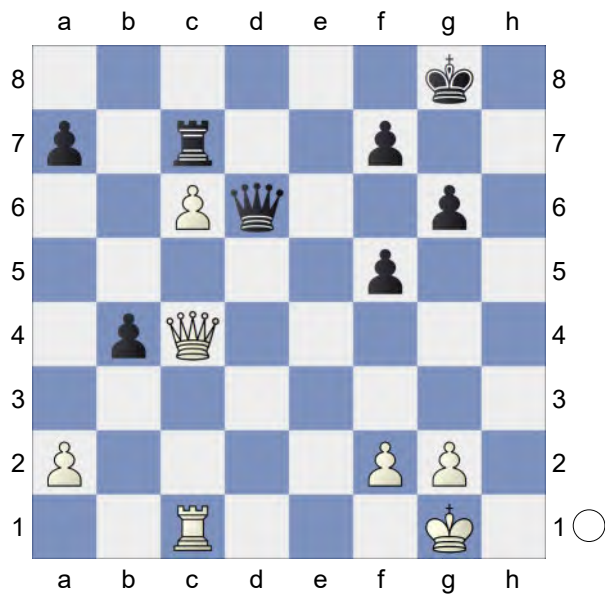
31.Rxc6 Rxc6 32.dxc6= Endgame.

KQR-KQR 32...Rc8 33.Rc1 Qd6

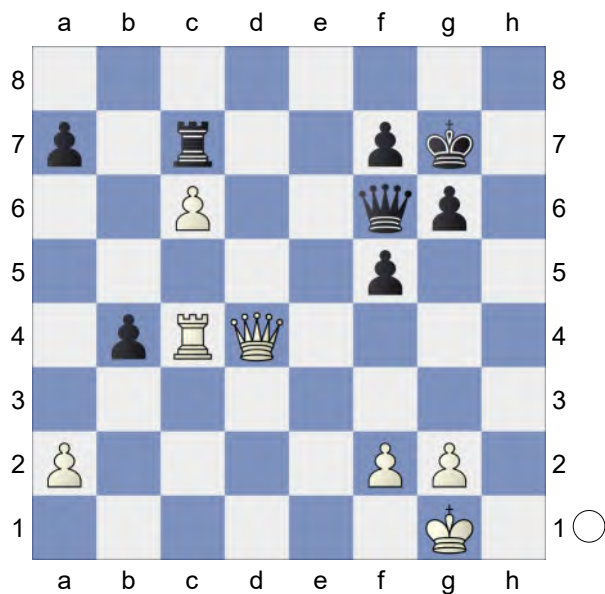
34.Qc3 Dodges Qd2 34...b4 35.Qc4

Rc7

(Diagram)

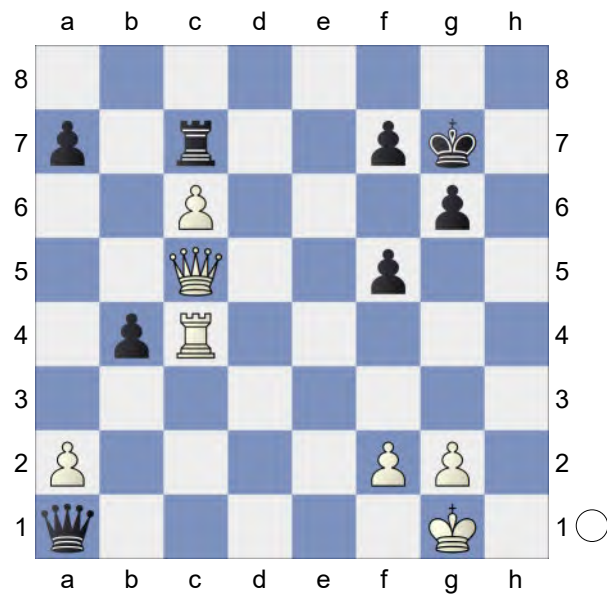


**36.Qb5 Kg7 37.Rc4 Qf6 38.Qd5 Qe6
39.Qd4+ Qf6**

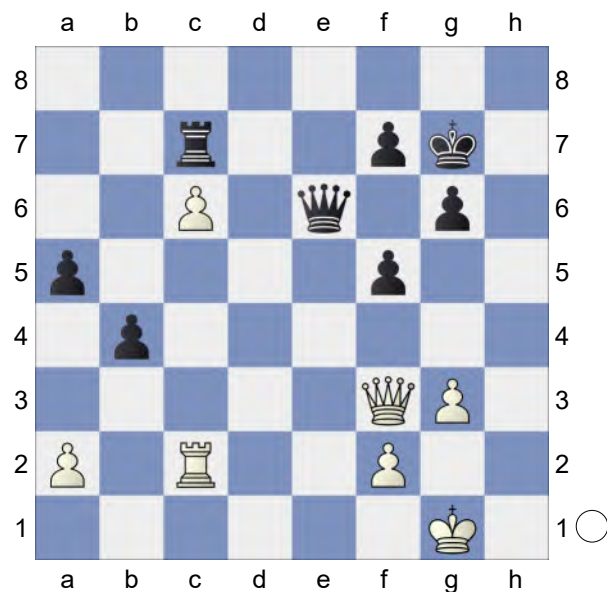


**Strongly threatening ...Qxd4. 40.Qc5
Qa1+**

(Diagram)

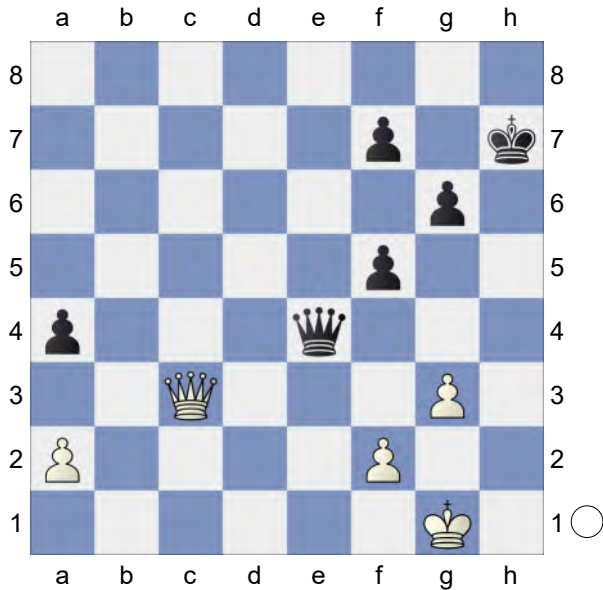


**41.Rc1 Active counter play! 41...Qf6
42.Rc2 Kh7 43.Qd5 Qe6 44.Qf3 Kg7
45.g3 a5**

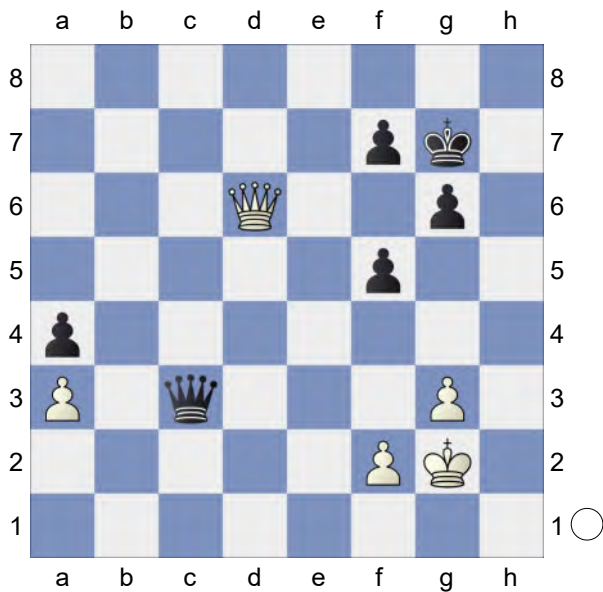


46.Rc5 a4 47.Qf4
[47.Qd3 simplifies Rxc6 48.Rxc6
Qxc6 49.Qd4+]
**47...Rxc6 48.Rxc6 Qxc6 49.Qxb4
KQ-KQ 49...Qe4 50.Qc3+ The position
is equal. 50...Kh7**

(Diagram)

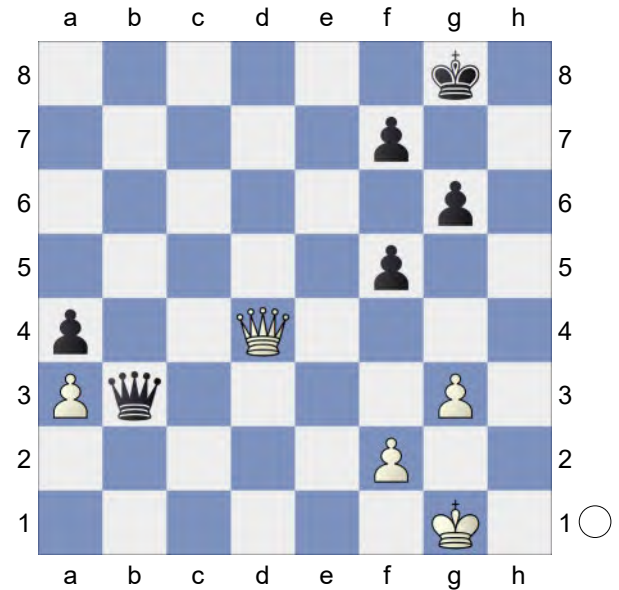


White must now prevent ...Qb1+. 51.a3 Qb1+ 52.Kg2 Qb3 53.Qc5 Qb2 54.Qe7 Kg7 55.Qd6 Qc3

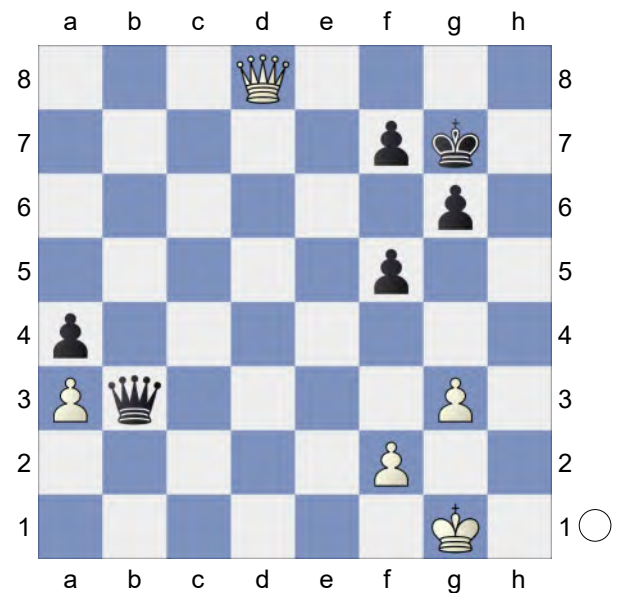


56.Kg1 Qb3 57.Qd4+ Kg8 58.Qd8+ Kh7 59.Qh4+ Kg7 60.Qd4+ Kg8

(Diagram)



61.Qd8+ Kg7

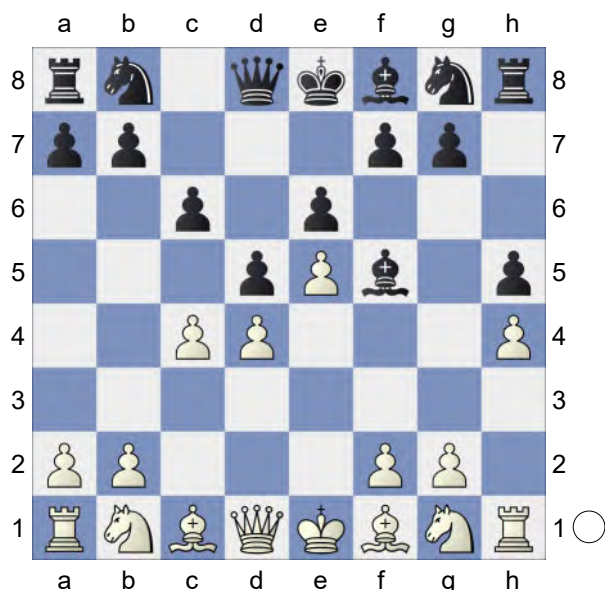


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134 **B12**
 □ Kantor, Gergely **2537**
 ■ Susilodinata, Andrean **2393**
 Olympiad-45 Budapest (4.37) 14.09.2024
 [Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.c4 e6



6.Nc3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 Nd7 8.Nge2 Be7
9.g3 is cutting edge theory.
 ist die Avantgarde der Theorie. **9...Bg4N**

[9...Qb6 simplifies 10.Bd3 Bxd3
 11.Qxd3 c5]

[9...Nb6 10.Bb3 Nd5 11.Nxd5 cxd5
 12.Ba4+ Kf8 13.Bc2 Bxc2 14.Qxc2
 Rc8 15.Qb3 Qd7 16.0-0 g6 17.Bd2
 Kg7 18.Rfc1 Nh6 19.Bxh6+ Kxh6
 20.a4 Kg7 21.Kg2 Rxc1 22.Rxc1
 Rc8 23.Rxc8 Qxc8 24.Kf3
 " -" (25) Van Nie, J (2419)-7.h4 ♕e7 8.
 ♖g1 ♜h7 5976 (2462) TCh-Top 12
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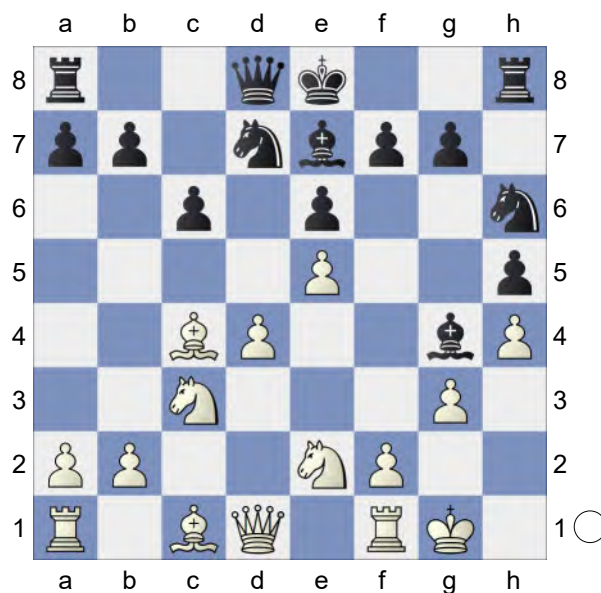
[9...Nh6 10.Bf4 (10.Nf4 Qb6
 11.Bb3 0-0-0 12.Na4 Qb4+ 13.Bd2
 Qxd4 14.0-0 Nxe5 15.Bc3 Qe4
 16.Qe2 Nf3+ 17.Kg2 Nxh4+]

0-1 Piay Augusto, D (2205)-5.a3 ♕xc3
 6. ♕xc3 b6 51540 (2103) FRA-ch
 Accession 2003 (9) 10...Qb6 11.Qd2
 Qb4 12.Bb3 Rd8 13.Rd1 Nb6
 14.Bg5 Ng4 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Qf4
 Qb4 17.0-0 a5 18.Qc1 Nh6 19.Bc2
 Bxc2 20.Qxc2 Nf5 21.a3 Qe7
 22.Ne4 0-0 23.Rd3 Nd5 24.Rfd1
 1-0 (41) Martirosyan, H (2656)-
 Kukhmazov, A (2480) Qatar Masters
 Open 2024 (3.12)]

[9...b5 10.Bb3 b4 11.Na4 Nh6
 12.Bxh6 Rxh6 13.Rc1 Be4 14.0-0
 Bxh4 15.f3 Rg6 16.fxe4 Bxg3
 17.Rf3 Bxe5+ 18.Kf2 Qh4+ 19.Ke3
 Rg4 Chapter Advance Variation-Caro-
 Kann Advance 4.h4 h5 5.c]

10.0-0 Nh6N

[Vorgänger: 10...Nb6 11.Bd3 Bf3
 12.Be4 Bxe4 13.Nxe4 Nh6 14.Bxh6
 Rxh6 15.Nf4 Nd5 16.Nh3 Qd7
 1/2-1/2 Pichot, A (2647)-Paichadze, L
 (2504) Benasque op 43rd 2024 (10)]



White is slightly better. **11.Kg2 Nb6**
12.Bd3

[12.Bb3 simplifies Bxe2 13.Qxe2
 Nf5 14.Rd1]

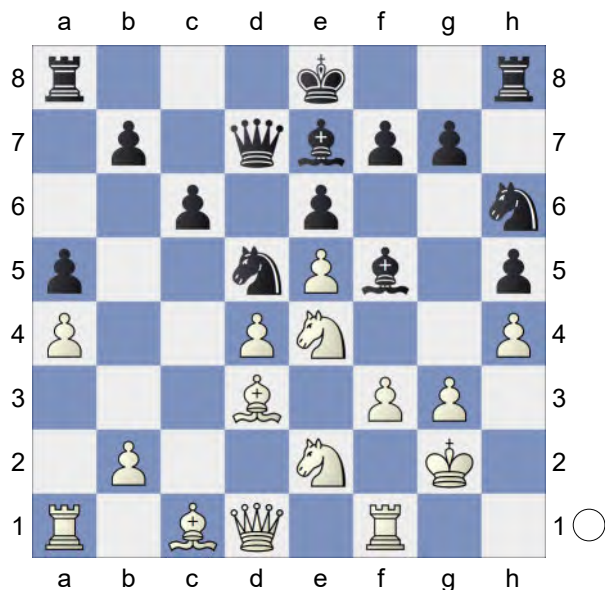
12...Qd7 13.a4

[13.Bxh6 **simplifies** Rxh6 14.f3 Bf5
15.Bxf5 exf5 16.a4]

13...a5 14.f3 0.12/16

[14.Bxh6± 0.51/21 Bxe2 15.Bxe2
(15.Qxe2 Rxh6 16.Rfd1 Qxd4=)
15...Rxh6 16.Qd2 (16.Bxh5 0-0-0±)]

14...Bf5= 15.Ne4 Nd5



16.Bd2 -0.23/18

[16.Bc4 0.26/19 **was preferable.**]

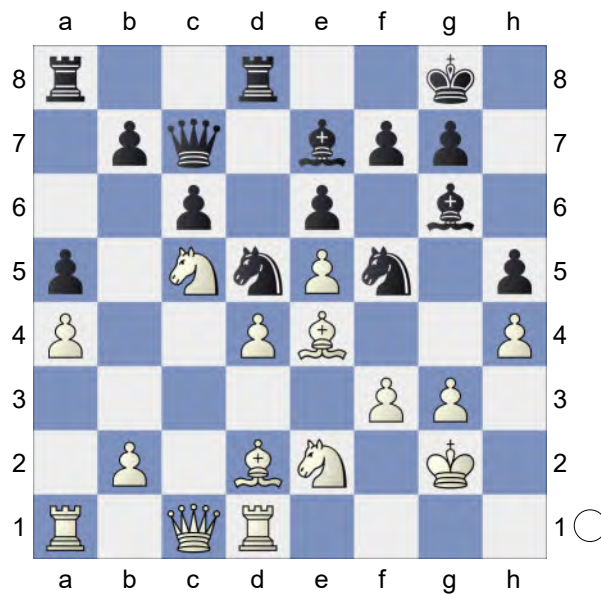
16...Bg6 17.Qc1 Nf5 18.Rd1 0-0

19.Nc5 Qc7

[19...Bxc5 **simplifies** 20.Bxf5 Bxf5
21.dxc5 Qc7]

20.Be4 Rfd8

(Diagram)

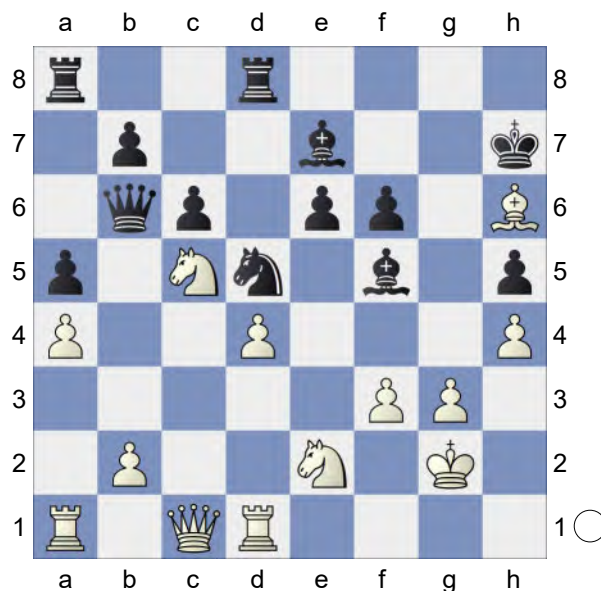


21.Bxf5 Bxf5 22.Bg5 f6 23.exf6

White is now going downhill. 23...gxf6

24.Bf4 Qb6 25.Bh6 Kh7

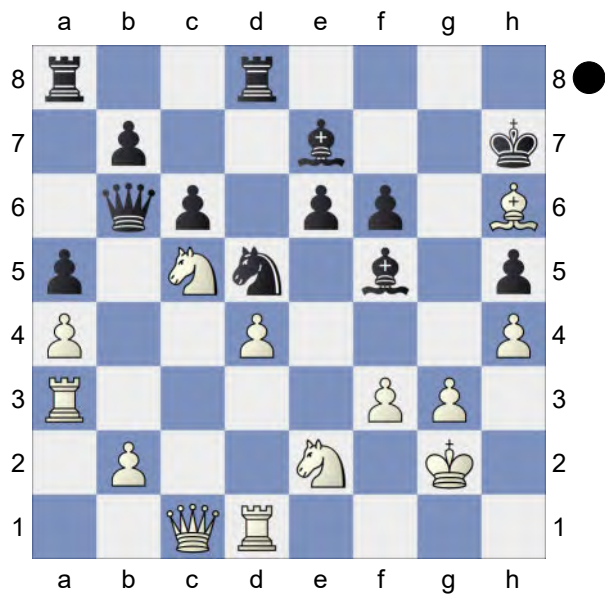
[25...e5 26.Ne4=]



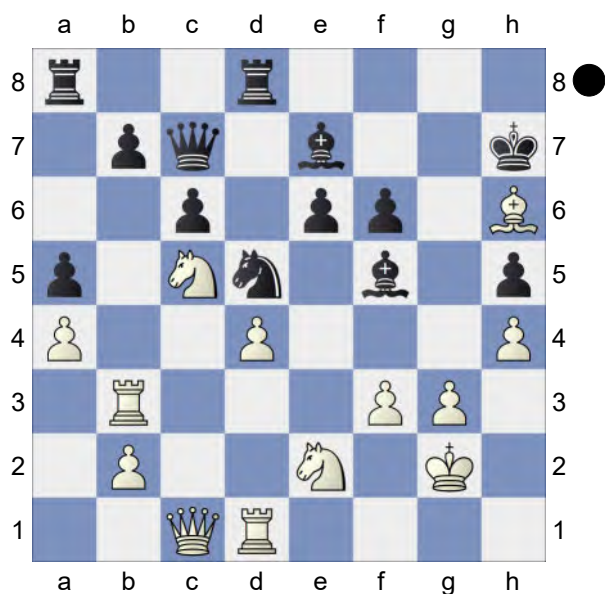
26.Ra3 -1.89/19

[26.Ne4± -1.08/18]

(Diagram)



26...Qc7!-+ 27.Rb3 -2.01/17
 [27.Ra1? -1.59/23 was necessary.]



27...Bxc5! 28.dxc5 e5 Repels Nf4. And now ...Qf7 would win. 29.Be3 -2.26/19

[29.Bd2? -1.49/20]

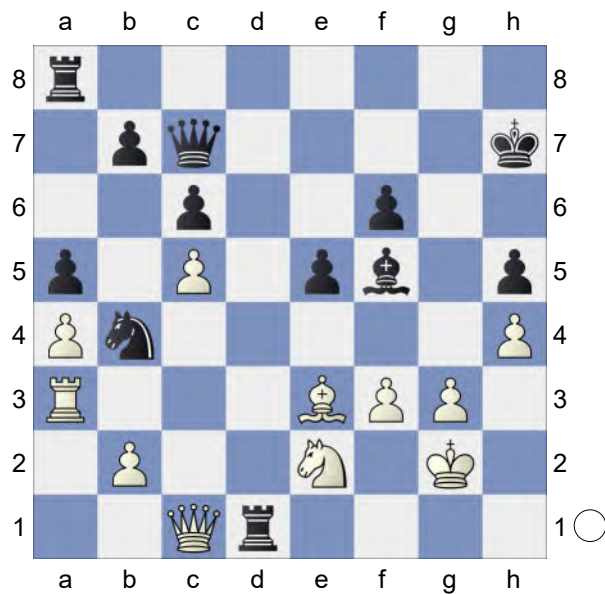
29...Nb4 ...Rxd1 would now be deadly. White is weak on the light squares

30.Ra3 -3.23/18

[30.Rd6 -2.15/20 Rxd6 31.cxd6 Qxd6 32.Bc5]

30...Rxd1

(Diagram)



31.Qxd1 Rd8 Against Qd6 32.Qg1 Qf7

33.Bc1 Qc4 34.Qf2 -4.26/20

[34.Qe3 -2.31/18 was the only chance.]

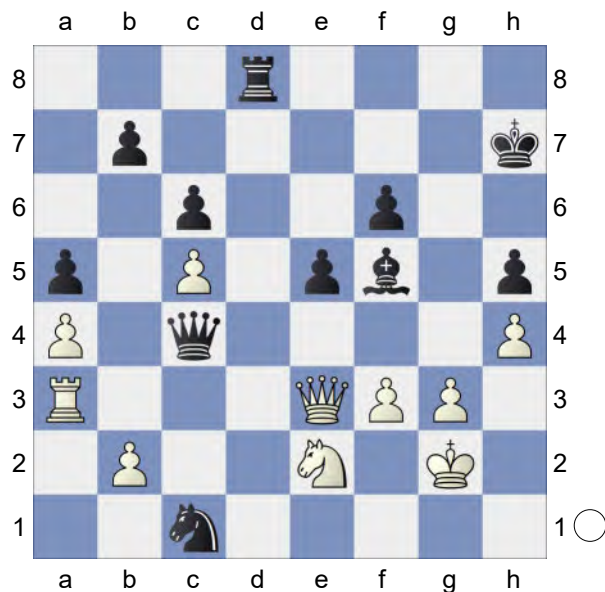
34...Nd3 35.Qe3 -7.45/21

[35.Rxd3 -4.10/16 Rxd3 36.Nc3]

35...Nxc1

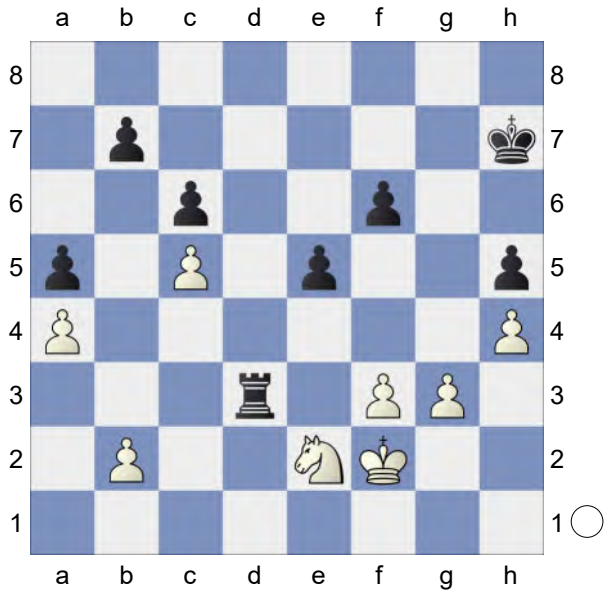
[35...Nxc5? is the wrong capture.

36.Rc3 Qe6 37.Qh6+ (37.Rxc5 Kg8+; 37.Qxc5 Kg6+-) 37...Kg8 38.Rxc5+-]

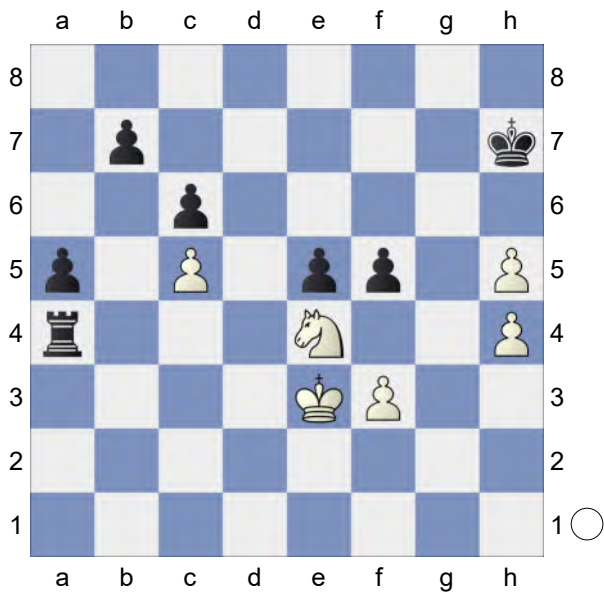


Black is clearly winning. 36.Nxc1 Qc2+

37.Ne2 Rd2 38.Kf2 Bd3 39.Rxd3
Qxd3 40.Qxd3+ Rxd3

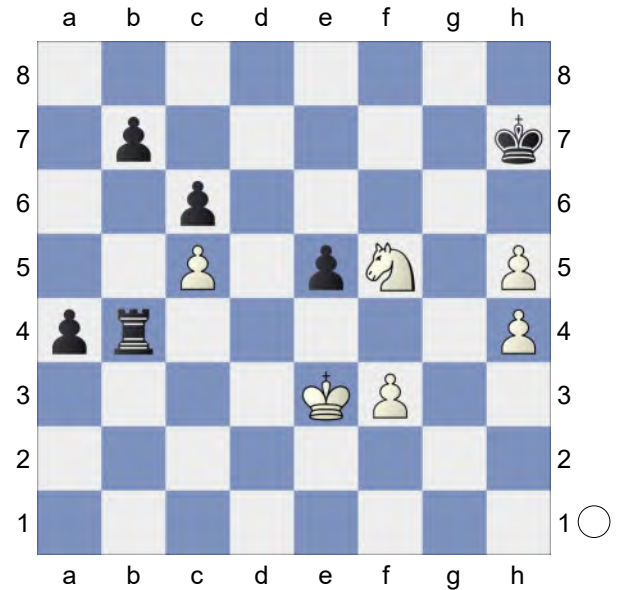


Endgame. KR-KN 41.g4 Rb3 42.gxh5
Rxb2 43.Ke3 Rb4 44.Ng3 Rxa4
45.Ne4 f5



46.Nd6 Rb4 47.Nxf5 a4

(Diagram)



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□ Remizov, Yaroslav

■ Kushko, Dmitriy

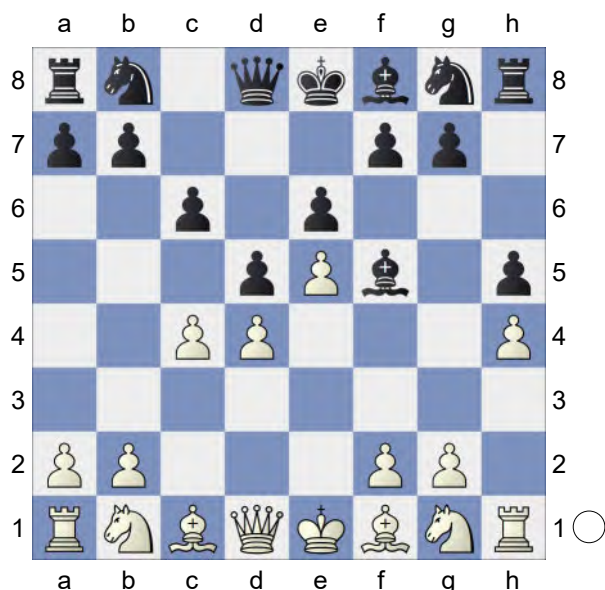
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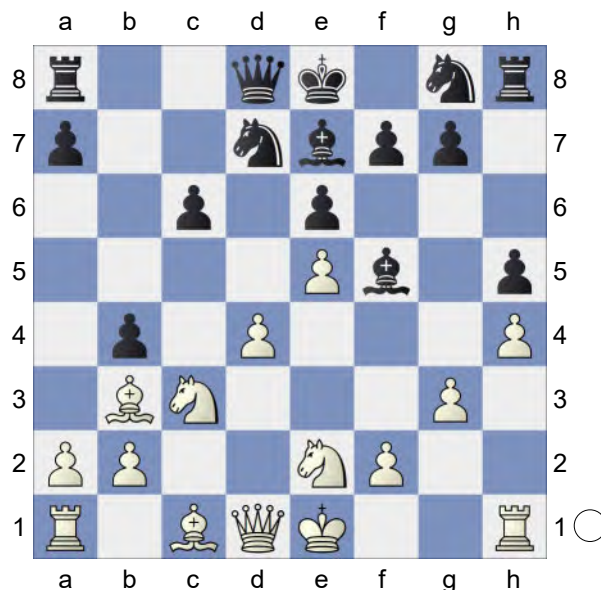
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.c4 e6

6.Nc3 **dx c4!** outshines the older 6...
Ne7. **erfolgreicher als das alte 6...Se7.**
7.Bxc4 Nd7 8.Nge2 Be7 9.g3 b5
10.Bb3 b4

(Diagram)



White is slightly better. 11.Na4 Nh6
12.Nf4N -0.38/20

[12.Bf4 0.10/20 12.Bxh6 0.59 Be4
13.Rf1 -0.30/18 (13.0-0 0.29/20)
13...Nf5= 14.f3 Bd5 15.Bxd5 cxd5
16.Qd2 0-0 17.Bg5 -1.22/20
(17.Kf2 0-0 17...f6! 18.exf6
Bxf6 0-1 Turcan,R (2406)-Haring,F
(2446) SVK-chT 2324 2023 (8.1)]

[12.Bxh6± 0.35/20 Rxd6 13.Rc1 Be4
14.0-0 Bxh4 15.f3 Rg6 16.fxe4
(16.Kf2 Rxd6 17.Nxd6 Qg5 18.Rg1
Nxe5 19.fxe4 Qf4+ 20.Ke2 Qf3+
21.Kd2 Qd3+ 22.Ke1 Bxg3+
23.Rxd6 Qxd6+ Chapter Advance
Variation-Caro-Kann Advance 4.h4 h5
5.c) 16...Bxg3 17.Rf3 Bxe5+ 18.Kf2
Qh4+ 19.Ke3 Rg4 Chapter Advance
Variation-Caro-Kann Advance 4.h4 h5
5.c]

12...g6 0.80/18

[12...c5 0-0 keeps the upper
hand. 13.Nxh5 Kf8]

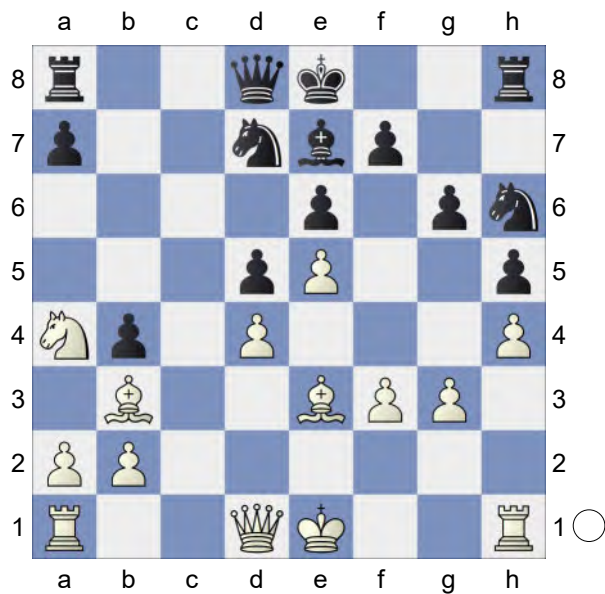
13.Be3 0.18/21

[13.0-0± 0.80/18]

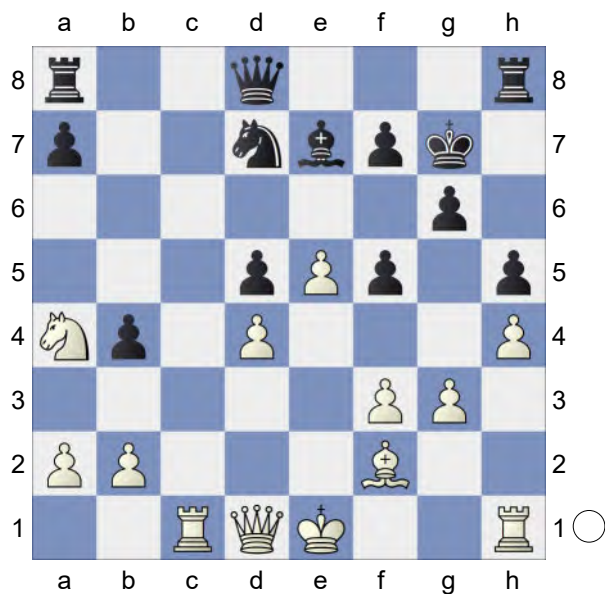
13...Be4 0.70/19

[13...c5= 0.18/21]

14.f3± Bd5 15.Nxd5 cxd5

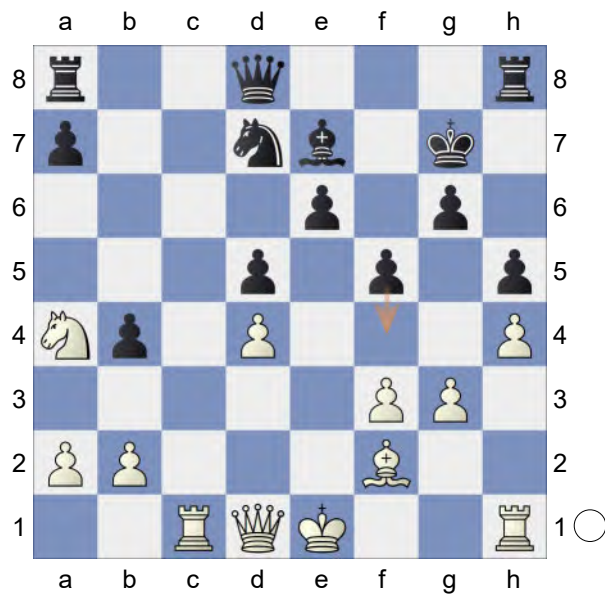


16.Bf2 Nf5 17.Bc2 Kf8 18.Rc1 Kg7
19.Bxf5 exf5



20.e6 -0.27/20 fxe6=

(Diagram)



21.0-0 -0.44/18

[21.Rc6= 0.00/19]

21...f4! 22.Qe2 -1.30/20

[22.Qe1 -0.44/20]

22...fxg3 23.Bxg3 Bxh4 24.Bh2
-1.89/20

[24.Bd6 Bf6 25.Qe3]

24...Re8 -1.26/16

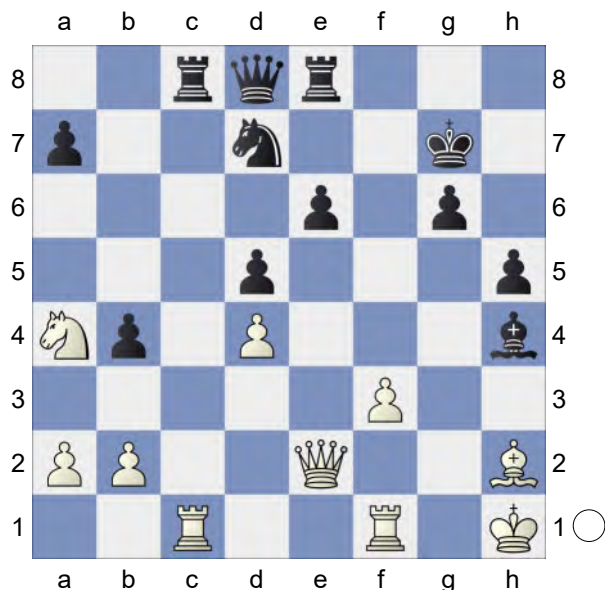
[Black should play 24...Qg5+-+
-1.89/20 25.Kh1 Rhc8]

25.Kh1 -1.94/18

[25.Rc7 e5 26.Bxe5+ Kg8
27.Rc6 Qg5+ 28.Qg2 Qxg2+
(28...Nxe5? 29.dxe5 Qxg2+
30.Kxg2) 29.Kxg2 Nxe5 30.dxe5
Rxe5 31.Kh3]

25...Rc8+

(Diagram)



26.Qa6? -3.67/19

[26.Nc5 -1.98/17 was called for. e5
27.Nxd7 Qxd7 28.Bxe5+ Bf6
29.Rxc8 Qxc8 30.Kg2]

26...Rxc1 27.Rxc1 Qg5

[Resist 27...Qf6 28.Qd3 Qg5
29.Rc2+]

28.Rc7 Re7 29.Qe2 Nb6 -1.76/18

[Δ29...Bg3 -3.35/19 30.Bxg3 Qxg3]

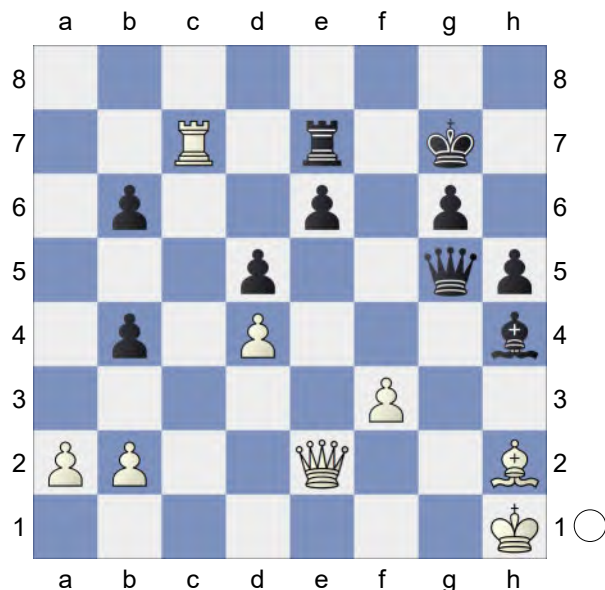
30.Nxb6? -4.42/20

[30.Nc5 -1.76/18]

30...axb6 -2.63/19

[Δ30...Rxc7 -4.42/20 31.Qe5+ Qxe5
32.Bxe5+ Bf6 33.Bxc7 axb6
34.Bxb6 e5 35.dxe5 Bxe5]

(Diagram)



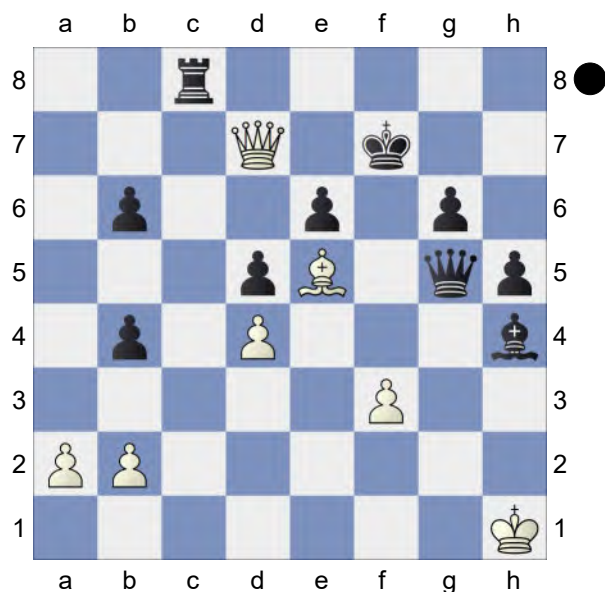
31.Be5+ Kf7 32.Rc8 Re8 -2.14/21

[Δ32...Bg3 -3.61/20 ...Bxe5 would
now be deadly. 33.a3 Bxe5 34.Qxe5
Qxe5 35.dxe5 bxa3 36.bxa3 g5
(36...Ra7? 37.Rh8+)]

33.Qb5? -4.02/20

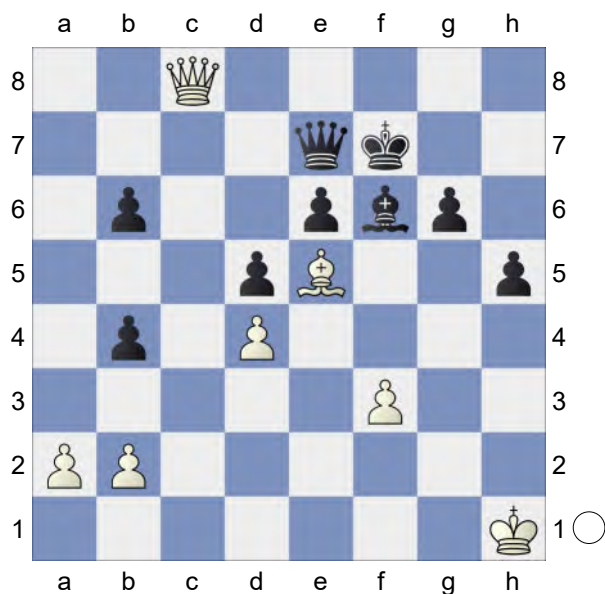
[33.Rxe8 -2.14/21 Kxe8 34.Qc2]

33...Rxc8 34.Qd7+



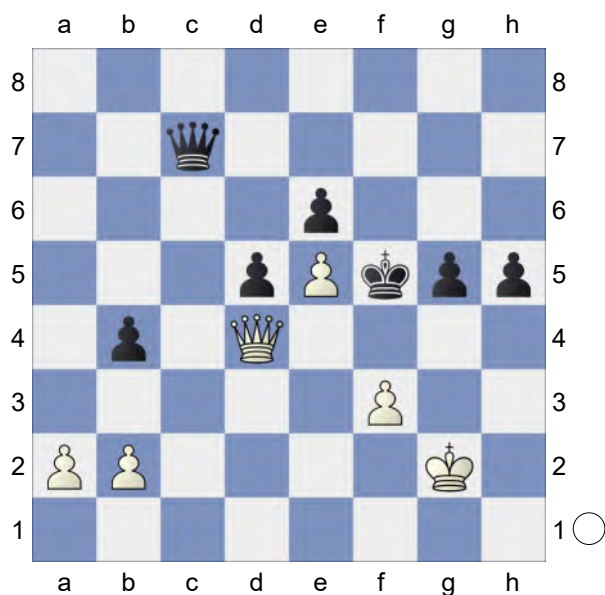
Qe7! 35.Qxc8 Endgame. KQB-KQB
35...Bf6

(Diagram)



Prevents Qh8 36.Qb8 Bxe5 37.dxe5
KQ-KQ 37...g5 38.Kg2 Kg6 39.Qxb6
Kf5 40.Qd4 Qc7 -1.55/20

[40...Qf8+ -3.20/20 has better
winning chances. And now ...Kg6
would win. 41.Qd2 Kg6 (41...Kxe5
42.Qxg5+ Kd4 43.Qd2+ Kc5
44.Qe3+ Kc6 45.Qxe6+ Qd6
46.Qe2=) 42.Qd3+ Qf5]



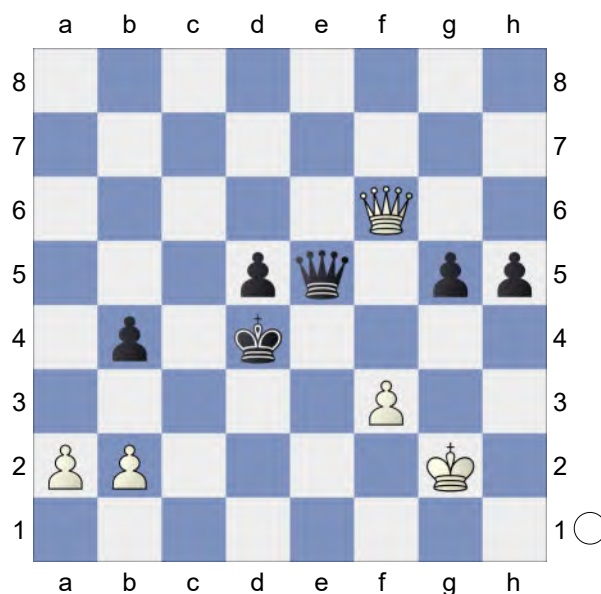
41.Qd3+ -2.78/32

[41.Qxb4 -1.55/20 Kxe5 (41...Qxe5
42.Qf8+ Qf6 43.Qb8 -) 42.Qd2]

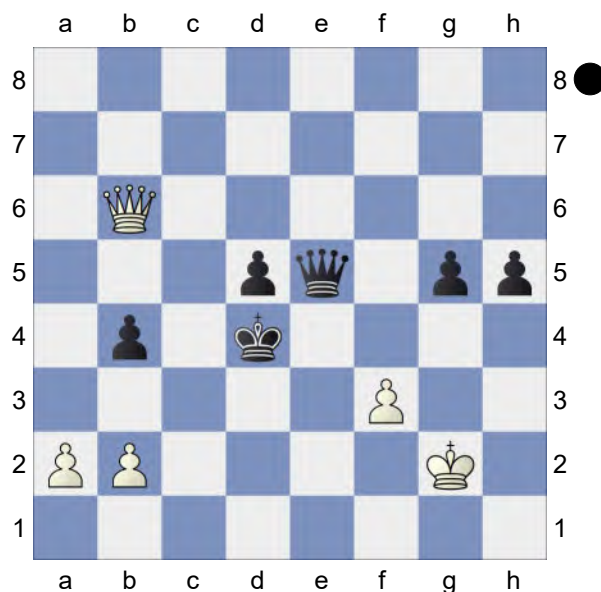
41...Kxe5 42.Qg6? -4.78/17

[42.Qd2 -2.64/17 Qd8 43.a4]

42...Kf4 43.Qf6+ Ke3 ...Qc2+ is the
strong threat. 44.Qxe6+ Kd4 45.Qf6+
Qe5

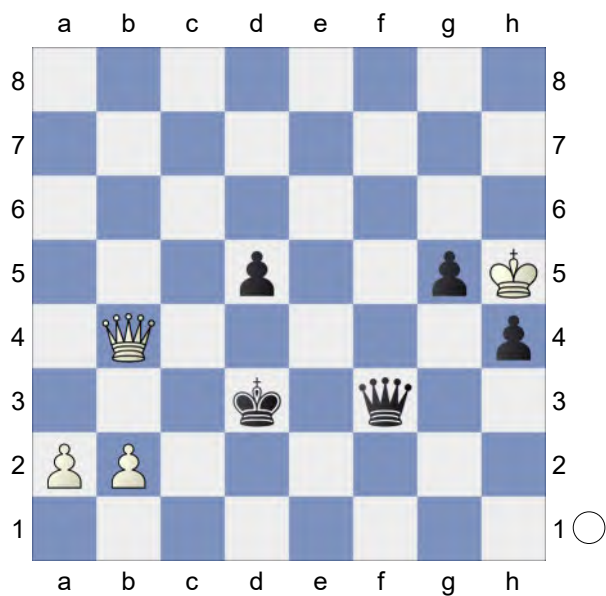


46.Qb6+

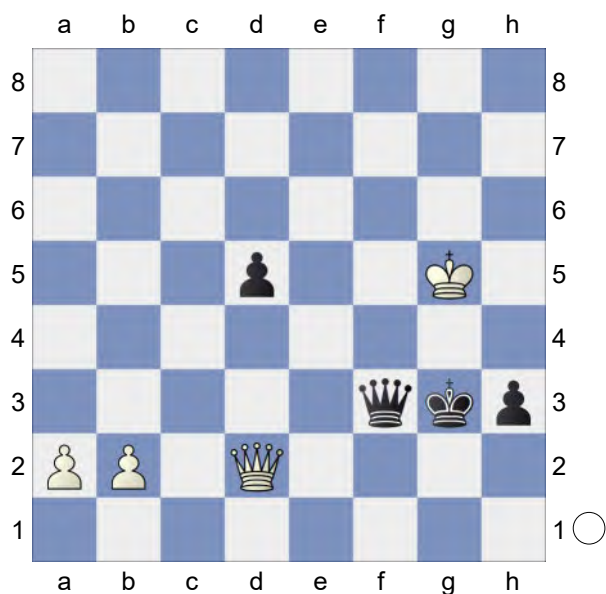


Kd3! 47.Qxb4 Qe2+ 48.Kg3 h4+
49.Kg4 Qg2+ 50.Kh5 Qxf3+

(Diagram)



51.Kxg5 h3 aiming for ...Qe3+.
52.Qc3+ Ke2 53.Qc2+ Kf1 54.Qc1+ Kg2 55.Qd2+ Kg3

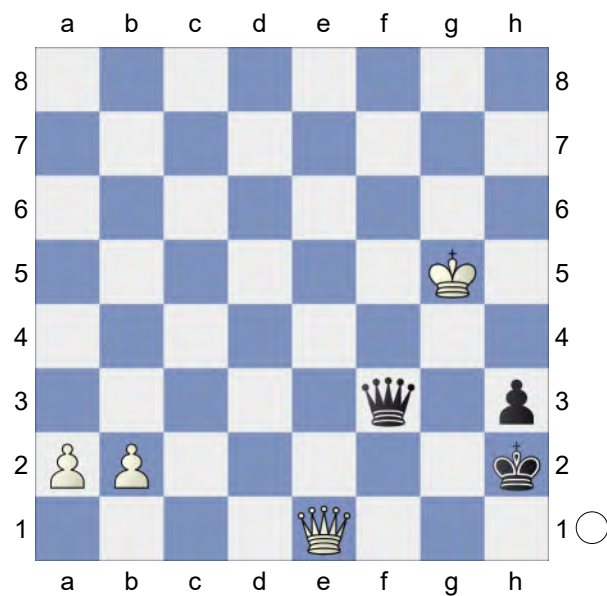


Strongly threatening ...Qg4+. 56.Qe1+ Qf2? -0.02/16

[56...Kh2+- **-7.21/18** 57.Qc1 d4
 58.Qf4+ Qg3+ 59.Kf5 Kg2 (59...d3?
 60.Qd2+ Kg1 61.Ke4-+) 60.Qxg3+ Kxg3]

57.Qe5+= Kg2 58.Qxd5+ Qf3
59.Qd2+ Kh1 Threatens to win with ...
Qg2+. 60.Qe1+ Kh2

(Diagram)

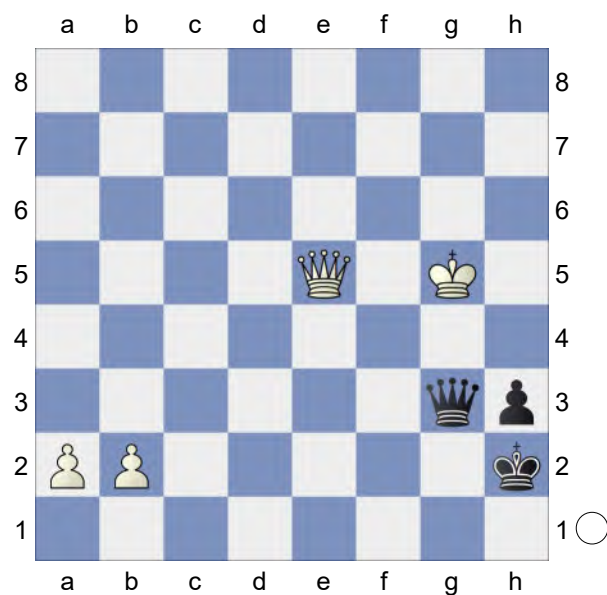


White must now prevent ...Qg3+.

61.Qe5+ -7.60/24

[61.Qb4= **0.00/37**]

61...Qg3+

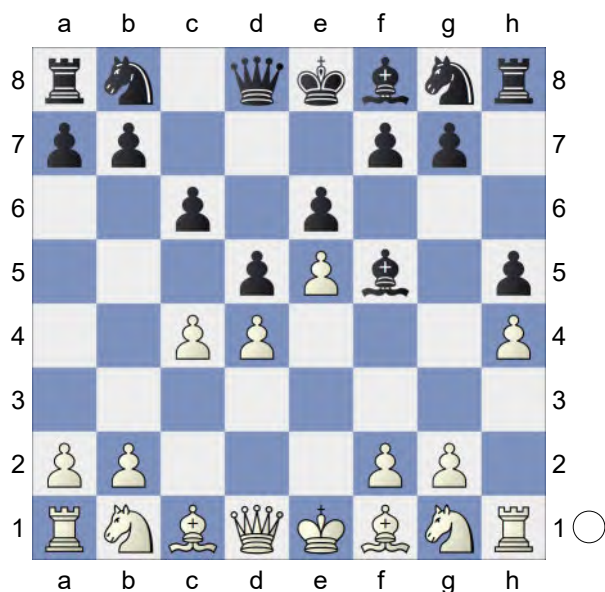


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136 **B12**
 ☐ **Garrido Outon,Alex** **2379**
 ■ **Moussard,Jules** **2667**
 Alicante Easter op 7th (6) 08.04.2023
[Daniel Fernandez]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.c4 e6



6.Nc3 dxc4 is now more promising than **6...Ne7**. im Vergleich zu **6...Se7** vielversprechender. **7.Bxc4 Nd7**
8.Nge2 The Spaniard deviates from his previous game.

[8.Nf3 Bg4 9.Be2 was covered in Garrido Outon,A-Fernandez,D Vrnjacka Banja 2023, when Ne7 improves. 10.Bg5 Qb6 11.0-0 Nf5= Cesar Maestre,B-Garcia Ramos,D Roquetas de Mar 2022]

8...Be7 9.Be3 A logical developing move, keeping Ng3 in reserve but also some setups with g3 instead are possible.

[9.Ng3 immediately is also possible.]

9...Nh6

[9...Nb6 first is perhaps slightly more reliable: 10.Bb3 Nh6 11.g3 Ng4

12.Qd2 Nxe3 13.Qxe3
 Baghdasaryan,V-Kollars,D INT 2023
 Qd7=]

10.Ng3

[10.Bxh6?! Rxh6 11.g3 Qa5 12.a3 0-0-0 13.Qc1 f6= Jones,G-Le,Q INT 2021]

[10.Nf4 Ng4 11.g3 Nb6 12.Bd3 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 g6= soon led to a draw in Vokhidov,S-Murzin,V Warsaw 2021.]

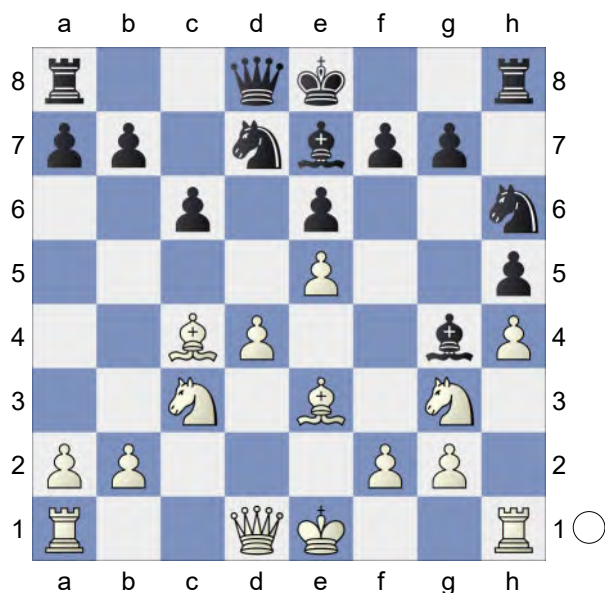
10...Bg4?!N

[Vorgänger: 10...Bg6 11.Nxh5 (11.Bd3? Nxe5 12.Bxg6 Nxb6 13.Nxh5 Nf5= wins a pawn for Black) 11...Nf5 12.Nf4

A) 12...Nxe3 13.fxe3 Bxh4+ (13...Rxh4 was the actual order of the Donchenko game below, but it allows White the extra nuance of 14.Kf2! Bf5 15.Rxh4 Bxh4+ 16.g3±) 14.Kf1 Qg5 Vagman,R-Kochavi,O Thessaloniki 2022 15.Nxg6 Qxg6 16.Bd3 The addition of rooks on the h-file seems to benefit White, since Black can't very well play ...Qh6 anymore.;

B) 12...Rxh4 13.Rxh4 Bxh4 14.Kf1 Nxe3+ 15.fxe3 Qg5 16.Nxg6 Qxg6 1-0 (41) Anton Guijarro,D (2685)-Seemann,J (2424) Vrnjacka Banja 2023 17.Bd3 Qh6! (17...Qg3 18.Qf3 Qxf3+ 19.gxf3 White's central pawn phalanx is already starting to cause some trouble. Black had to fight for the h-file without delay. Be7 20.Ke2 Kf8 21.Rh1 Kg8 22.Bh7+ Kf8 23.f4± Anton Guijarro,D-Seemann,J Vrnjacka Banja 2023) 18.Qf3 Be7 19.Ke2 f6 20.exf6 gxf6" Black had solved the

opening problems in Shevchenko,K
-Donchenko,A Sitges 2019.]

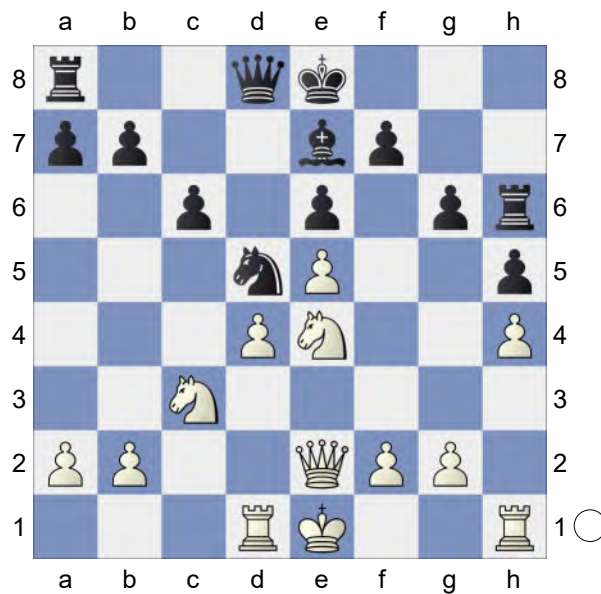


11.Be2 I'm not sure if White was expecting this simple approach, but it reaps rich rewards. **11...Bxe2**

[11...Qb6!? is a bit less compliant, but shouldn't affect the fact that White has done well out of the opening.]

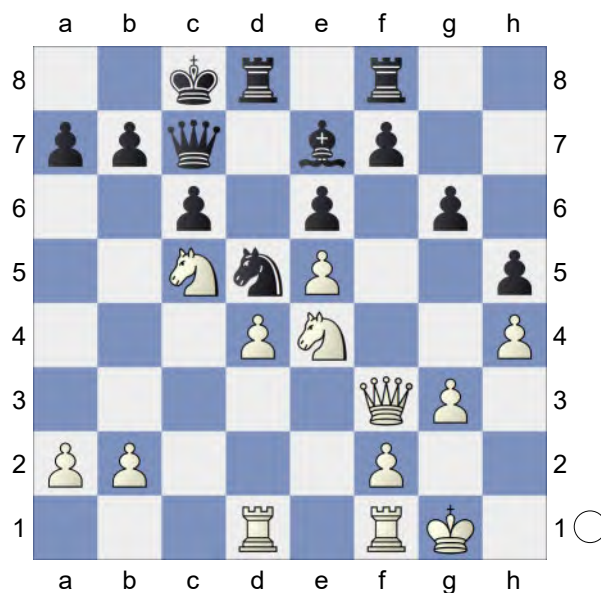
12.Qxe2 g6 13.Bxh6 Rxh6 14.Nge4± Actually making progress from here will of course be a major challenge, but White has a reasonable plus. **14...Nb6 15.Rd1 Nd5**

(Diagram)



16.g3 Rh8 17.Qf3 Qd7 Black is extremely solid in the centre, so White needs to find other places to play.

18.Na4 Rf8 An effect of the rating advantage: rather than concern himself wholly with what White is doing on the queenside, Black starts to prepare some possible ... f5/f6 break. **19.Nac5 Qc7 20.0-0 0-0-0**

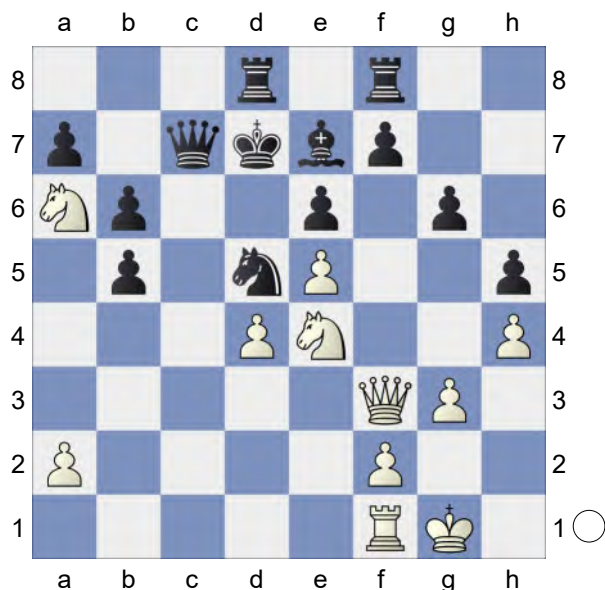


21.b4 Starting to probe on the queenside. **21...b6**

[21...Nxb4 is actually playable thanks to various resources, chief among

which is perhaps 22.Rb1 Rxd4 23.a3
Rxe4! avoiding dropping the b7-pawn.
24.Qxe4 (24.Nxe4 Nd5↑) 24...Bxc5
25.axb4 Bb6 26.b5 Rd8=]

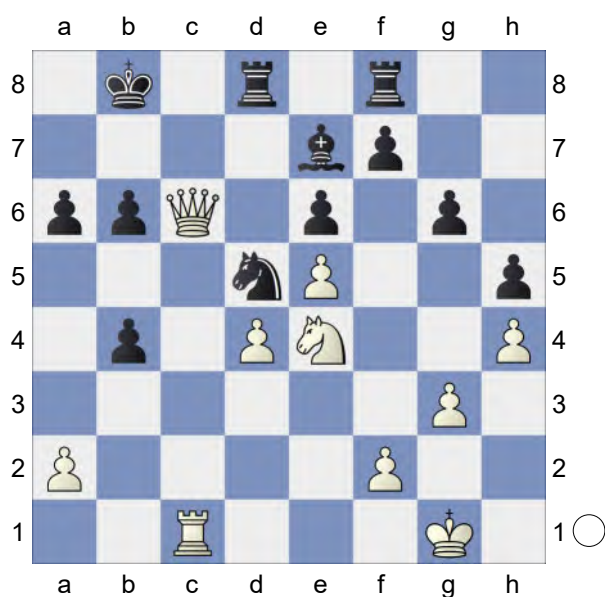
**22.Na6 Qb7 23.b5 cxb5 24.Rc1+ Kd7
25.Rc7+ Qxc7**



26.Nxc7 Kxc7 27.Qd3

[27.Nc3± is more practical,
exchanging off Black's best piece.]

**27...b4 28.Rc1+ Kb7 29.Qb5 a6
30.Qc6+ Kb8**



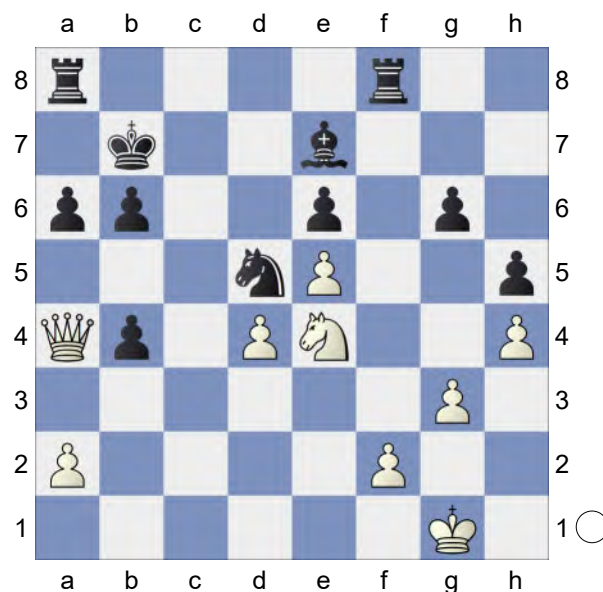
**31.Qa4 Kb7 32.Qc6+ Kb8 33.Qa4
Kb7 34.Rc6 Ra8**

[34...Rc8 35.Rxc8 b5=]

35.Rxe6? A fascinating way of
sharpening the struggle, and perfectly
understandable.

[35.Nd6+ is definitely stronger though,
since after Bxd6 36.Rxd6 Black has
to react to the threat of Qc6+, and
this allows an exchange sacrifice.
Rfc8 37.Rxd5 exd5 38.Qd7+-]

35...fxe6



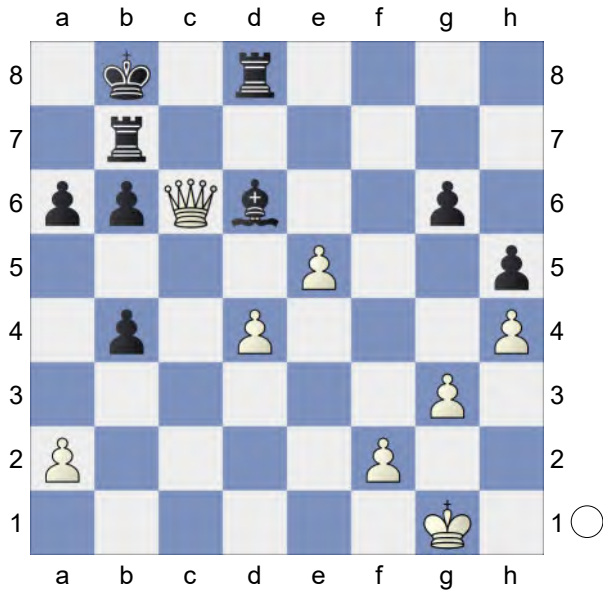
**36.Qd7+ Kb8 37.Qxe6♞ Rd8 38.Nd6
Bxd6 39.Qxd5**

[39.exd6 Ra7 40.Qxd5 Rad7=
has to be practically easier for Black,
even if the machine still gives
zeroes.]

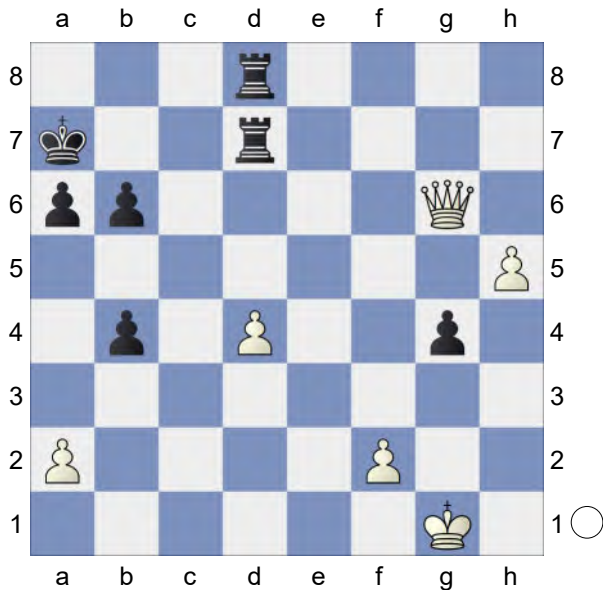
39...Ra7 40.Qc6 Rb7

[40...Be7 41.Qxb6+ Rb7 42.Qxg6
Rxd4 43.Qxa6 Rd2"]

(Diagram)



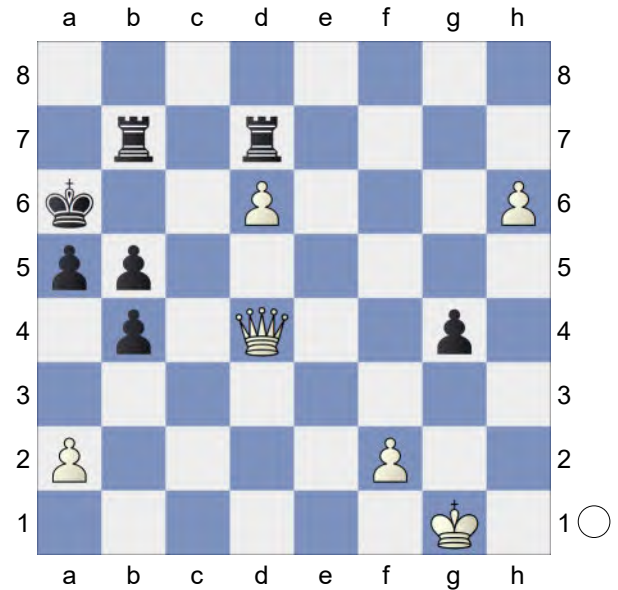
41.exd6 Ka7 42.d7 Rbxd7 43.Qxg6 Rd5 44.g4 hxg4 45.h5 R5d7



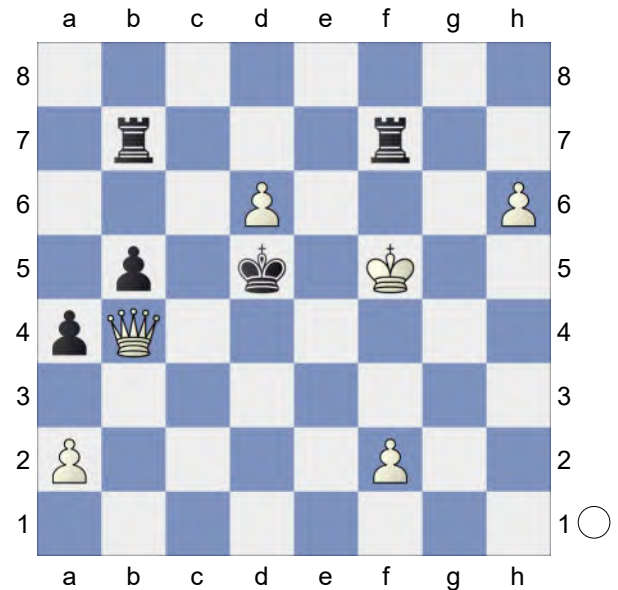
46.h6 a5 47.d5 Rb7 48.d6 b5?!
In a complicated position Black makes a non-obvious mistake, and succumbs essentially as a result.

[48...Rbd7 49.Qxg4 Ka6"]
49.Qf6 Rdd7 50.Qd4+ Ka6

(Diagram)

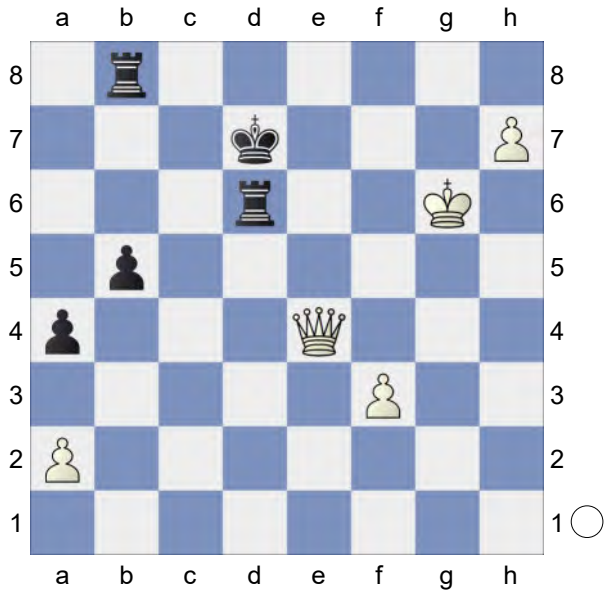


51.Kg2 a4 52.Qxb4 Kb6 53.Kg3 Kc6 54.Kxg4 Kd5 55.Kf5 Rf7+

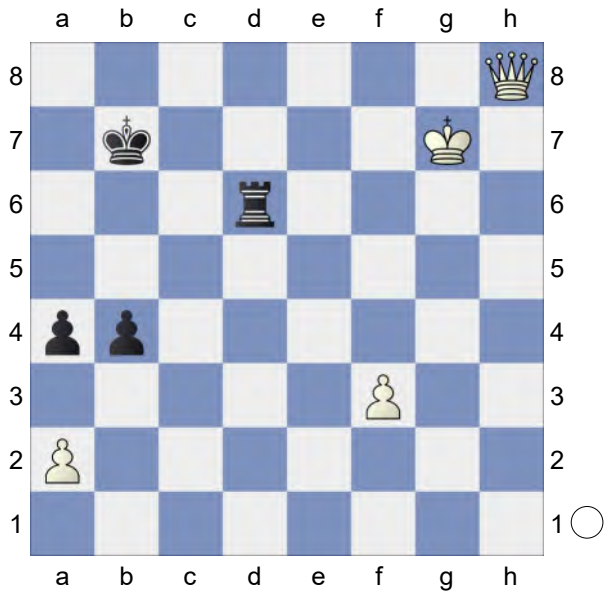


56.Kg5 Rfd7 57.f3 Ke6 58.Kg6 Rxd6 59.h7 Rb8 60.Qe4+ Kd7+

(Diagram)

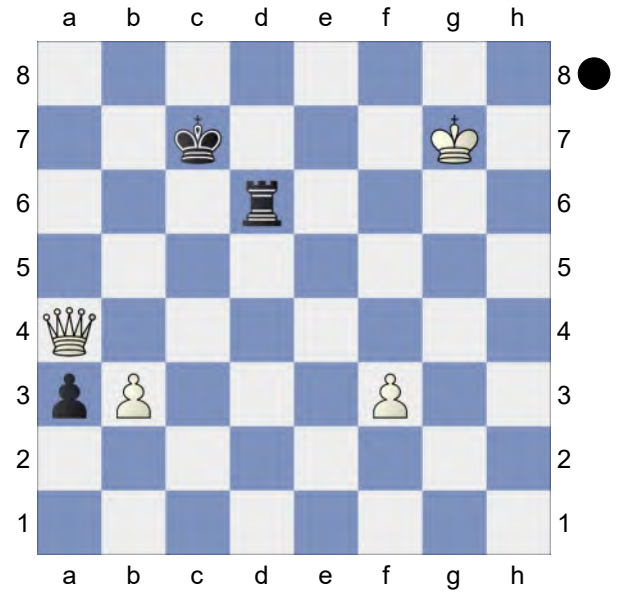


61.Kg7 Kc7 62.Qe5 Rb7 63.Qe7+ 1-0
Kb6 64.Qxb7+ Kxb7 65.h8Q b4



66.Qe8 b3 67.axb3 a3 68.Qe7+ Kc6
69.Qe4+ Kc7 70.Qa4

(Diagram)



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■ Papp,Gabor

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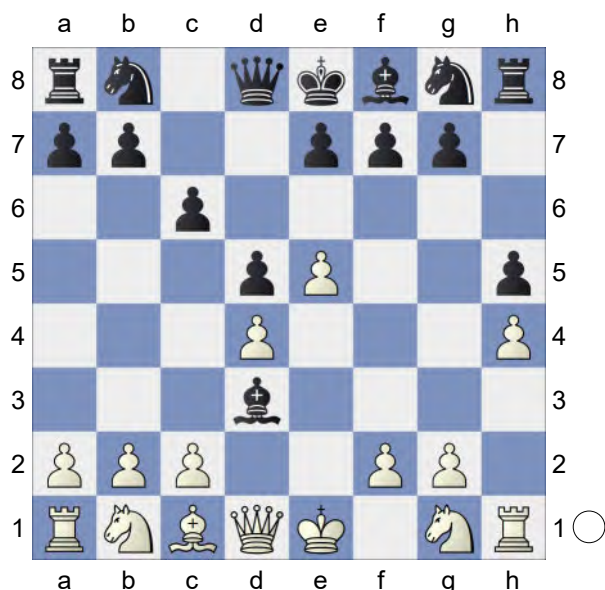
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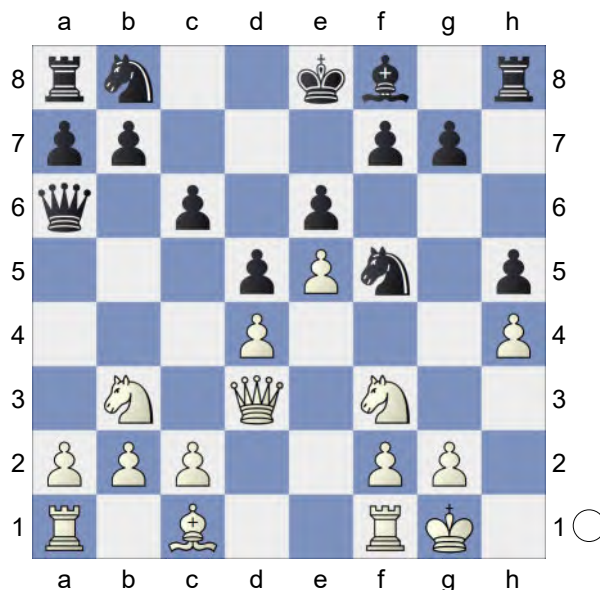
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 e6 7.Nf3 **Qa5+!** is recently more successful than 7...Nbd7. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 7...Sbd7. 8.Nbd2 Nh6 9.0-0 Nf5 White is slightly better. 10.Nb3 Qa6

(Diagram)



11.Qd1 Nd7 12.Bg5 Rc8

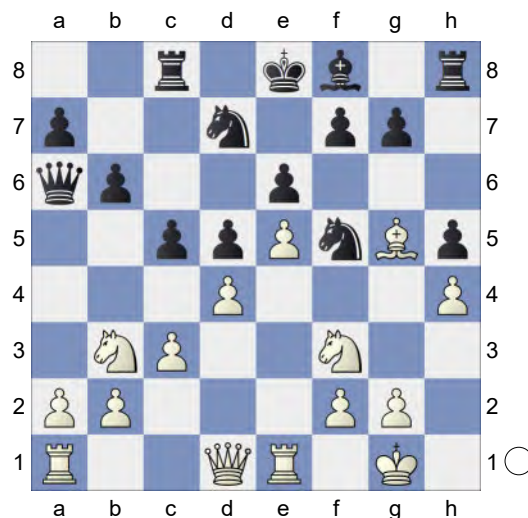
[12...c5 13.c3 Be7 14.g3 Bxg5 15.Nxg5 cxd4 16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.cxd4 Rc8 18.Qf3 f6 19.exf6 gxf6 20.Nxe6 Qxe6 21.Rfe1 Ne5 22.dxe5 fxe5 23.Rad1 Rd8 24.Qc3 d4 25.Rxd4 Rxd4 26.Qxd4 exd4 27.Rxe6+ 1-0 (62) Laddha,S (2303)-Ahmad,A (2279) Titled Tuesday intern op 07th Jan Early blitz 2025 (8)]

13.Re1 b6 0.94/21

[13...Be7± 0.52/22 is superior.]

14.c3 g6N

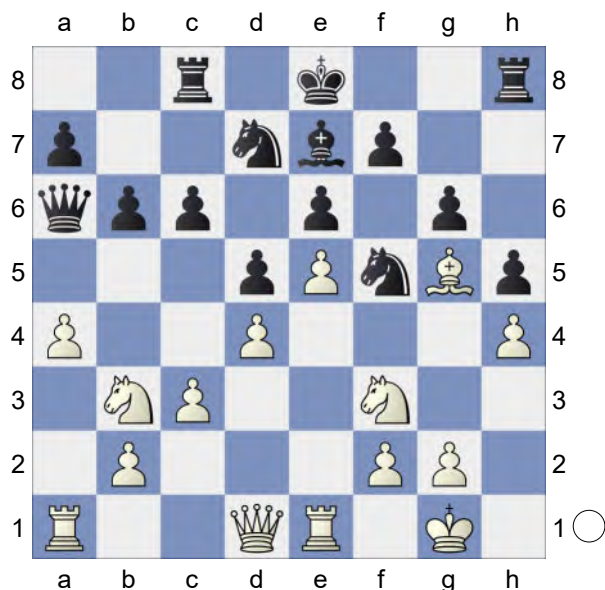
[14...c5 1.19/19 14...Qa4 0.76



15.a3 -0.06/20 (15.Nbd2!± 1.19/19)

15...Qa4= 16.g3 c4 17.Nbd2 Qxd1
 18.Rexd1 f6 19.Bf4 Kf7 20.a4 Be7
 21.Rdc1 Rc6 22.Kg2 a6 23.Nf1 Ra8
 24.Ne3 Nxe3+ 25.Bxe3 Rcc8
 26.Rcb1 b5 27.axb5 axb5 28.Rxa8
 Rxa8 29.b3 Ra7 30.bxc4 bxc4
 31.Rb5 Bd8 32.Rb1 Ba5 33.Ra1
 Bb6 34.Rxa7 Bxa7 35.exf6 gxf6
 ½-½ (49) Id2 (2502)-Farionov,A
 (2636) EU-chT (Men) 15th 2005 (13)
 36.Kf1 Bb6 37.Ke2 Ba5 38.Kd2 Kg6
 39.Ng1 Nb6 40.Ne2 Na4 41.Kc2
 Kf5 42.f3 Bc7 43.Bf4 e5 44.Be3 e4
 45.fxe4+ Kxe4 46.Bf4 Ba5 47.Bd2
 Bc7 48.Bf4 Ba5 49.Bd2 Bc7
 ½-½ Seo,J (2502)-Donchenko,A
 (2636) EU-ch Blitz Katowice 2022
 (13)]

15.a4N Be7



16.Qd2 Bxg5 17.Qxg5 Kf8 18.Nc1
 White is more active.

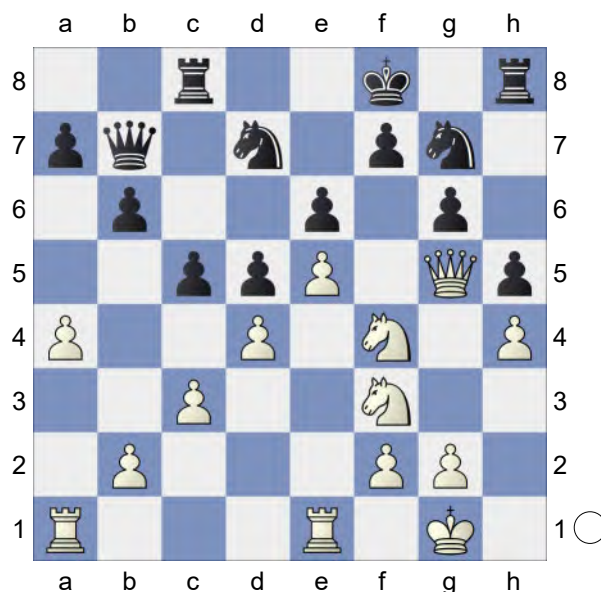
[18.Nbd2 feels hotter. Kg7 19.Nf1
 Nf8 20.Ne3]

18...c5 Predecessor: 19.Ne2 Qb7
20.Nf4 0.80/19

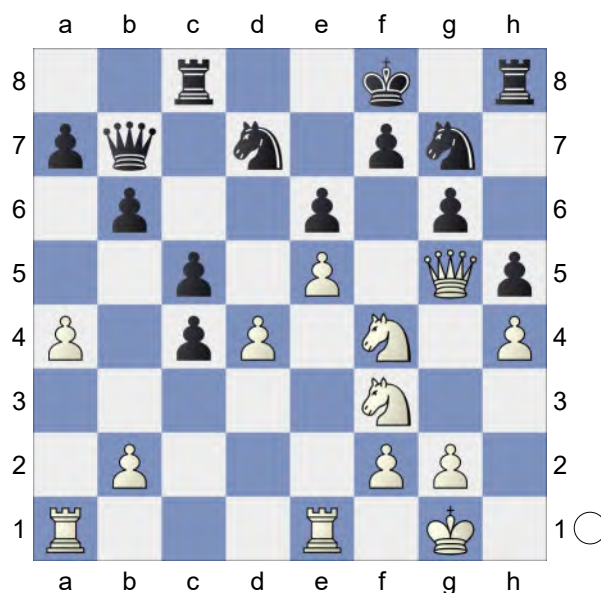
[White should try 20.Ng3 1.28/16]

20...Ng7? 2.85/16

[20...Kg8± 0.80/19]



Loses the game. **21.c4!+-** cxd5 is the
 strong threat. **21...dxc4**
 [21...Kg8 22.cxd5]



22.d5 Re8

[22...exd5 23.e6 Nb8 24.exf7
 (24.Nxd5 fxe6 25.Nf4 Kg8+-;
 24.Qxd5 Qxd5 25.e7+ Kg8±)
 24...Kxf7 25.Ne5+ (25.Nxg6
 Rhe8+-; 25.Nxd5 Nc6+-; 25.Qxg6+
 Kg8+-) 25...Kg8 26.Nexg6+-
 (26.Nfxg6 Nc6+-)]

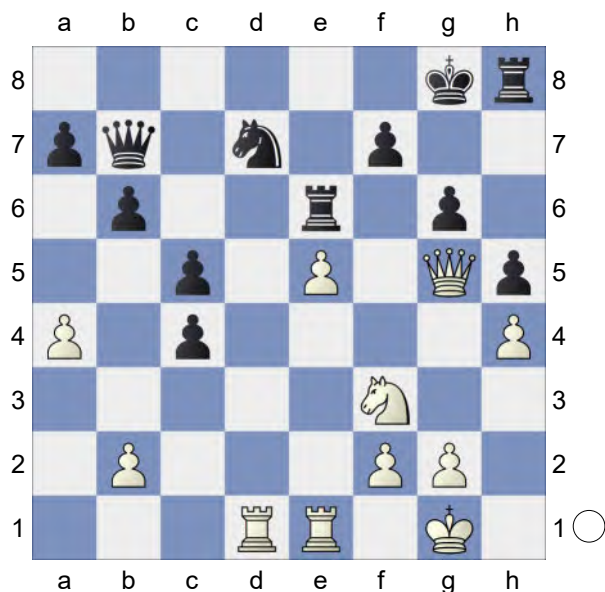
[22...Kg8 23.dxe6]

23.Rad1 And now dxe6 would win.

23...Kg8 3.81/18

[23...Qc7 2.72/18 24.d6 Qb7]

24.dxe6 Nxe6 25.Nxe6 Rxe6



1/2-1/2 (28) Romm,M (2445)-Paredes,C

(2453) ICCF email 2017 **26.Qd8+ Nf8**

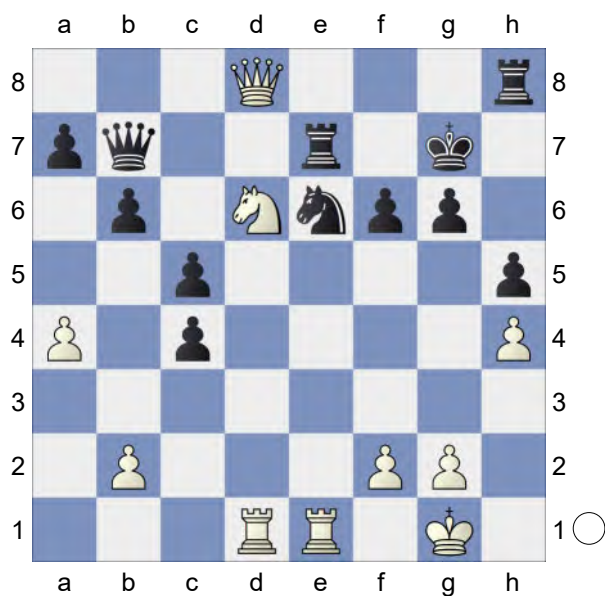
27.Ng5 Re7 6.23/20

[27...Kg7 2.83/20 28.Nxe6+ Nxe6
29.Qf6+ Kh7]

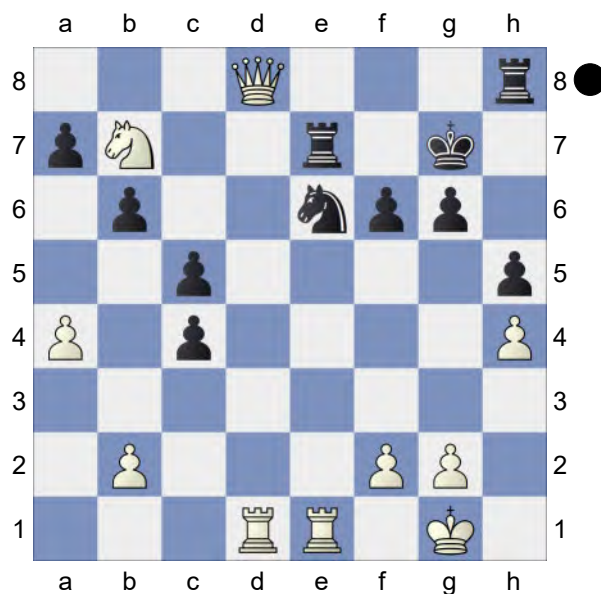
28.e6 White is clearly winning. **28...f6**

29.Ne4 Black must now prevent Rd7.

29...Kg7 30.Nd6 Nxe6



31.Nxb7

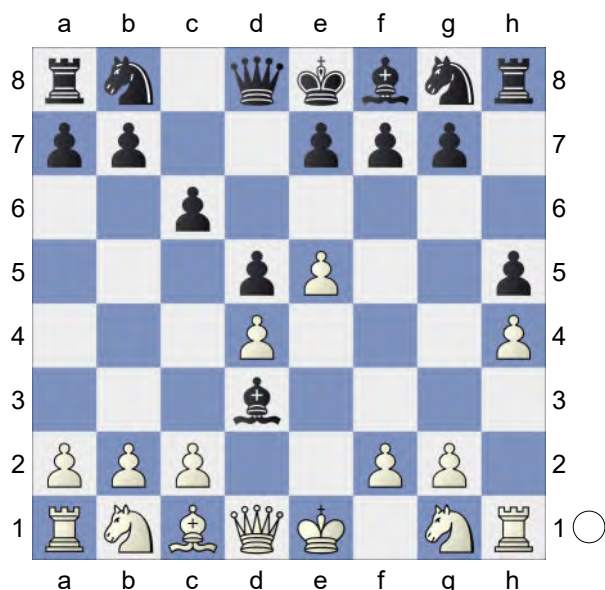


Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.58. An unexpected result.

1/2-1/2

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 ☐ Jones, Gawain C **2683**
 ■ Fernandez, Daniel Howard **2465**
 4NCL Division 1 " " Pool A (4.3) 13.1.19
 [Justin Tan]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 e6 7.Bg5 Qb6 8.Nd2 Ne7

[8...c5! is the critical continuation.
 9.c4 Qxb2 10.Rd1 Nc6 11.Ngf3

A) 11...Nge7?! 12.Rb1 Nb4
 (12...Qxa2 13.0-0 will transpose.)
 13.Qe2 Qxa2 14.0-0 Nec6
 15.dxc5 d4 16.Rfc1 Bxc5 17.Qd1
 b6 18.Ra1 Qb2 19.Ne4 d3
 20.Bd2! 0-0 21.Nc3!+- 1-0 (52)
 Kozlowski, W (2431)-Biedermann, T
 (2409) ICCF email 2015;

B) 11...Nb4 12.Qe2 cxd4 13.0-0
 d3 14.Qe3 Qa3 (14...Ne7?!
 15.Rb1 Qa3 16.Nd4 a6 17.Rb3
 Qa5 18.Rfb1 Nc2 19.Qxd3 Nxd4
 20.Qxd4± 1-0 (30) Morozovich, A
 (2711)-Laznicka, V (2676)
 Poikovsky 2015) 15.Rb1 (15.cxd5
 Nxd5 16.Qe4 Qa6 17.Nc4 Bc5

18.Rxd3 Nge7=) 15...Nh6 16.Bxh6
 (White needs to eliminate that
 knight. 16.Rb3 Qxa2 17.cxd5?
 Nf5 18.Qe4 Nxd5±)

B1) 16...Rxb6

B1a) 17.Rb3 Qxa2 (17...Qa6
 Moncher, S (2448)-Piro, V ICCF
 email 2016, 1-0 (45).) 18.cxd5
 Nxd5 19.Qxd3 Qa6 20.Qxa6
 bxa6 21.Rb7 is supposedly
 the difference, now Ng5 ideas
 are looming. then again, this
 should be a draw after Rg6
 22.Ng5 f6 (22...Be7
 23.Nde4±) 23.exf6 Rxf6
 24.Nde4 Rg6= he is after all,
 two pawns up!;

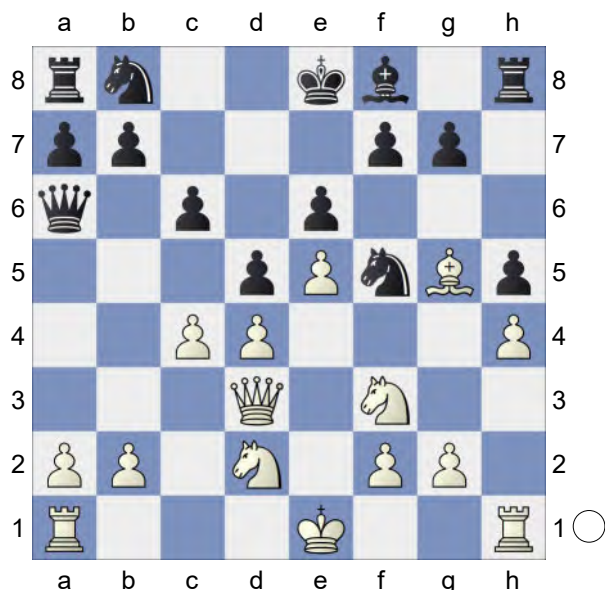
B1b) 17.Ng5!? Rc8 18.cxd5
 Nxd5 19.Qf3 Rc7=;

B2) 16...gxh6 17.Rb3 Qxa2
 18.cxd5 Nxd5 19.Qxd3 Qa6
 20.Qb1 b6 21.Ne4 Qa4
 " -" (37) Andersen, J (2303)-
 Hrubcik, M (2402) ICCF email
 2016 You could not have
 guessed the Caro-Kann would
 turn out to be such a sharp
 opening! Black has two pawns
 but an airy king. The position is
 equal but perhaps only a classic
 email game could prove it!]

[Caruana tried to do away with the
 king's knight development, but got
 himself into a very dubious position.
 8...Qa6 9.c4 Bb4 10.b3 c5 11.Ngf3
 Nc6 12.dxc5 Nge7 13.0-0 Nf5
 14.Qc2 Ncd4 15.Nxd4 Nxd4 16.Qd1
 Bxc5 17.Nf3 Qb6 " -" (58) Vocaturo,
 D (2606)-Caruana, F (2827) Caleta
 2017 now Vocaturo's 18 cxd5 was
 much better for White still, although I
 prefer 18.Rc1 Nxf3+ 19.Qxf3 d4
 20.Rfd1±]

9.Ngf3 Qa6

[9...Nf5 10.0-0 Nd7 11.c4 Bb4
12.c5 Qc7 13.Nb3±]

10.c4 Nf5**11.0-0**

[11.Qc3! Nd7 12.0-0

A) 12...dxc4? 13.Nxc4 Nb6
14.Ne3 Ne7 1-0 (58) Heimann,A
(2 5 7 8) - R e p k a , C (2 4 7 5)
Balatonszarszo 2017 15.Qc2 Ned5
16.Rfd1 Be7 17.Bxe7 Nxe7
18.Rd3±;

B) 12...Nb6

B1) 13.c5 is probably even better. I understand that Anton was unsure about the effects of blocking up the position, but Black will eventually need to move his b-pawn to bring the queen back into the game. That must favour White. Then again, what he did also seems very convincing. Nc8 (13...Nd7 14.a4 b6 15.b4±) 14.a4 Be7 15.b4 0-0 16.Rfb1±;

B2) 13.b3 Qa3 14.Qc2 Be7
15.Nb1 Qa6 16.Bxe7 Nxe7
17.Nbd2 Nd7 18.Rfe1 Rc8

19.b4 b6 20.a4 0-0 21.Ra3
Nf5 22.Rc3 Rfd8 23.Rc1±
1-0 (39) Anton Guijarro,D (2627)-
Le,Q (2718) Almaty 2016;

C) 12...Qb6 13.c5 Qc7 14.b4→;

D) 12...Be7 13.Bxe7 Nxe7 14.a4
0-0 15.a5 dxc4 16.Nxc4 Nd5
17.Qc2 c5 18.Ng5 g6 1-0 (47)
Volotovskiy,K (2159)-Maltsevskaya,
A (2279) Voronezh 2018 19.dxc5
Nxc5 (19...Rac8 20.Ne4+-)
20.Nd6±]

11...Bb4 12.b3 Nd7 Most common, but slightly inaccurate. In such positions, it is very easy to simply 'make moves', inevitably reaching a slightly cramped position, with the hope that an idea will present itself there. But Black should be more attentive at this exact point.

[12...0-0 13.Rfd1 c5! 14.a3 Bxd2
15.Rxd2 dxc4 16.bxc4 cxd4 17.Nxd4
Nxd4 18.Qxd4 Nc6 19.Qe4 Qa5=]

13.Rfd1 0-0?! After having analysed this game, I concluded that if White achieves the setup: b3, Rfd1, Nf1 (to avoid the bishop for knight exchange on d2) then Black really has difficulties neutralising White's space advantage, as no immediate exchanges are possible. Thus, 13...Bxd2 is not as stupid as it looks, but I don't think that's a pleasant choice to make.

[13...Be7? 14.Bxe7 Kxe7 (14...Nxe7
15.Nf1 0-0 16.Ng3 g6 17.Qe3)
15.Nf1 Qa3 16.cxd5 cxd5
1-0 (51) Kunal,M (2352) -Deshpande,
A (2225) Bhopal 2017 17.Ne3 g6
18.Qd2+-]

[13...Nb6?! 14.a4 Qa5? (14...0-0
15.a5 Nd7 16.Qc2 Bxd2 17.Bxd2
Rfc8 18.Ng5±; 14...Bxd2 15.Nxd2±)
15.Nf1 dxc4 16.bxc4 Be7 17.Ne3
g6 18.Nxf5 gxf5 19.Bxe7 Kxe7

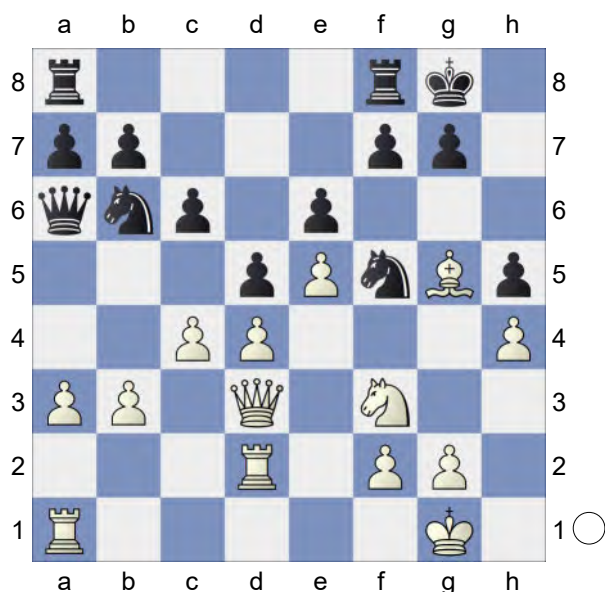
20.Rdb1 Rhg8 21.Ng5+- 1-0 (39)
Horvath,A (2484) -Kathmale,S (2300)
New Delhi 2018]

[13...Bxd2 14.Rxd2 0-0 15.Rc1±]

14.a3?!

[14.Nf1! dxc4?! (14...Nb6 15.a3
Be7 16.Bxe7 Nxe7 17.Ne3 g6
18.a4±) 15.bxc4 Nb6 16.a3 Ba5
17.Rac1 Na4 18.Rc2 (18.Qb3
is also strong. Bd8 19.Ne3 Bxg5
1/2-1/2 (78) Redondo Benavente,A
(2055)-Chitlange,S (2237) Porto
Carras 2018 20.Nxg5 Nxh4 21.Qc2
g6 22.Qe4 Nf5 23.g4+-) 18...b5
19.c5 f6 20.exf6 gxf6 1-0 (32) Yu,Y
(2751)-Yuan,Q (2393) Shenzhen 2017
21.Bh6! Rf7 22.Ng3+-]

14...Bxd2 15.Rxd2 Nb6



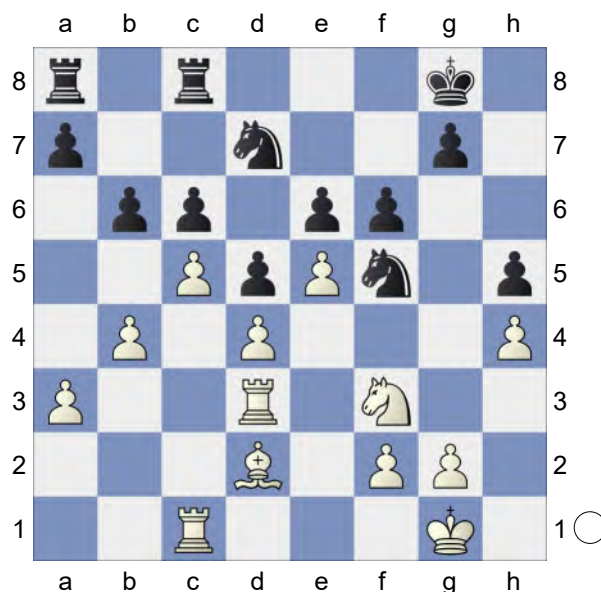
**16.c5 Qxd3 17.Rxd3 Nd7= 18.b4 b6
19.Rc1**

[19.Rb3 was objectively better, but
maybe not when you have White
against a player 220 rating points
lower than you! bxc5 20.bxc5 Rfb8]

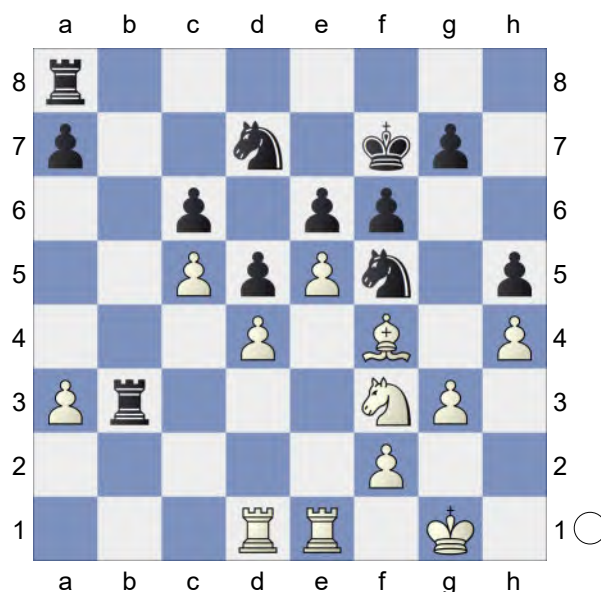
19...Rfc8

[I'm not sure what Gawain had in mind
against 19...bxc5 20.bxc5 (20.dxc5
Rfb8 21.Bd2 f6±) 20...Rfb8±]

20.Bd2 f6



**21.Re1 Kf7 22.g3 bxc5 23.bxc5
Rcb8± 24.Bf4 Rb2 Black offers a draw.
25.Rdd1?! Rb3+-**



**26.Kg2 a5! 27.a4 Ra7 Understandable
to restrict the opponent's counterplay,
but not the most straightforward
continuation.**

[27...Ra3 immediately nets a pawn,
for example 28.exf6 (28.Ra1 Rxf3
29.Kxf3 Nxd4+ 30.Kg2 Nc2-+)
28...gxf6 29.Rb1 Ra7!-+]

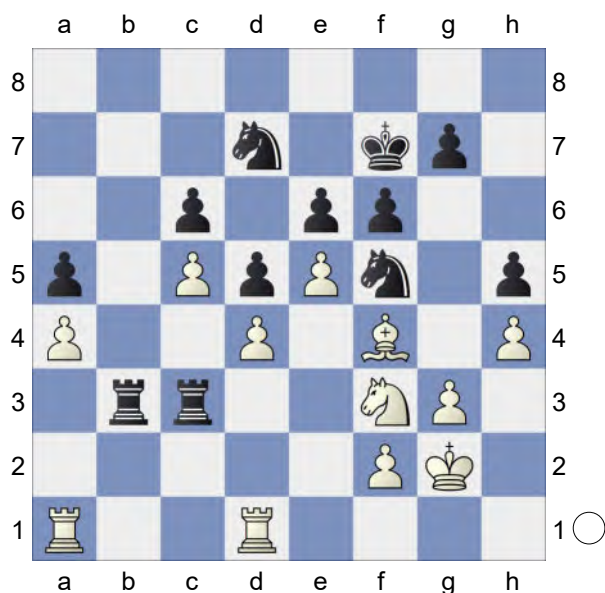
28.Re2

[28.exf6 gxf6 29.Be3 Rab7
(29...Nxe3+ 30.fxe3 Rab7 31.e4
R7b4 32.exd5 cxd5-+ still wins.)
30.Bd2]

28...Rab7 29.Ra2 Rc3! 30.Raa1

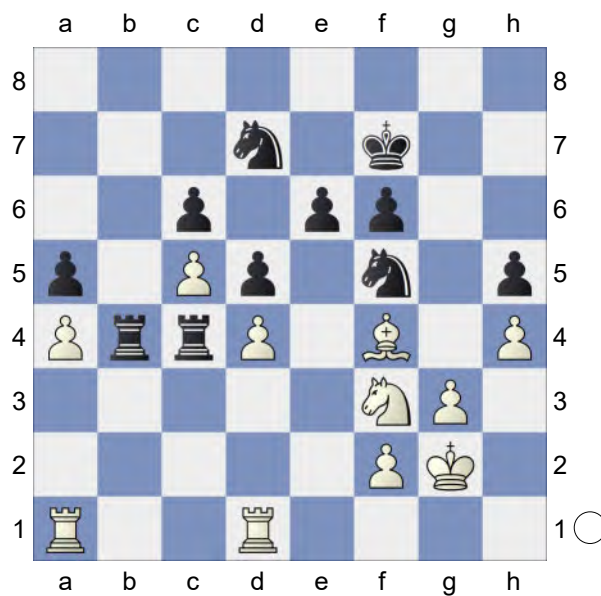
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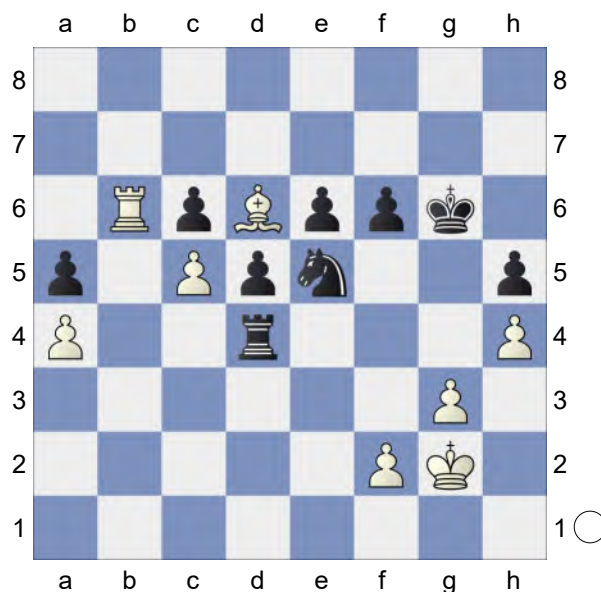
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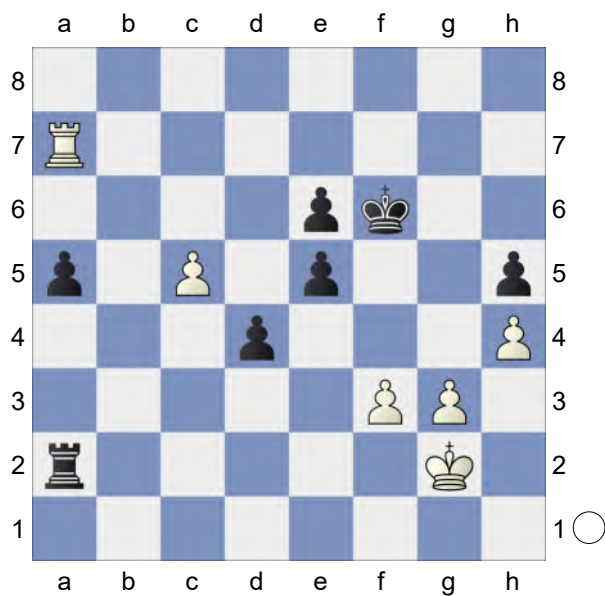


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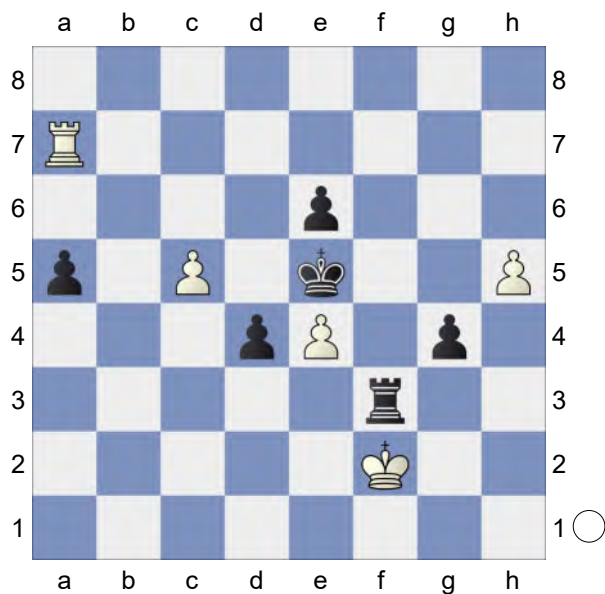
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(Diagram)

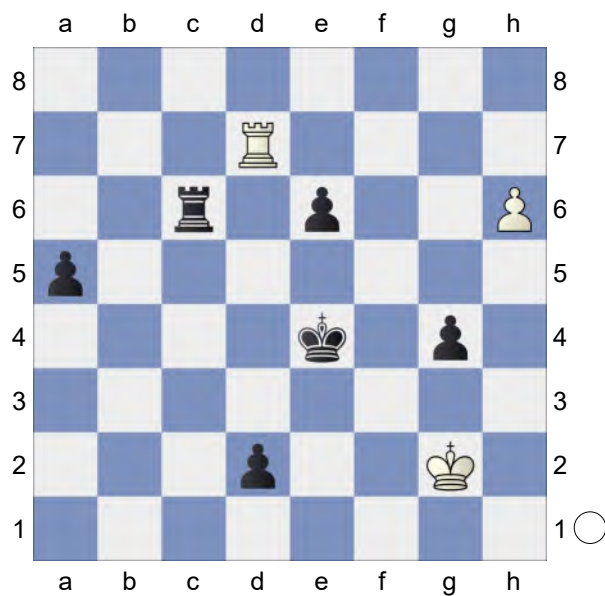


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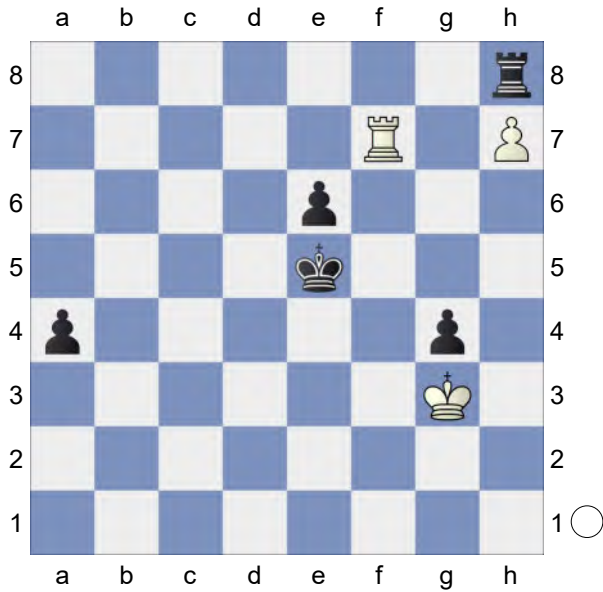
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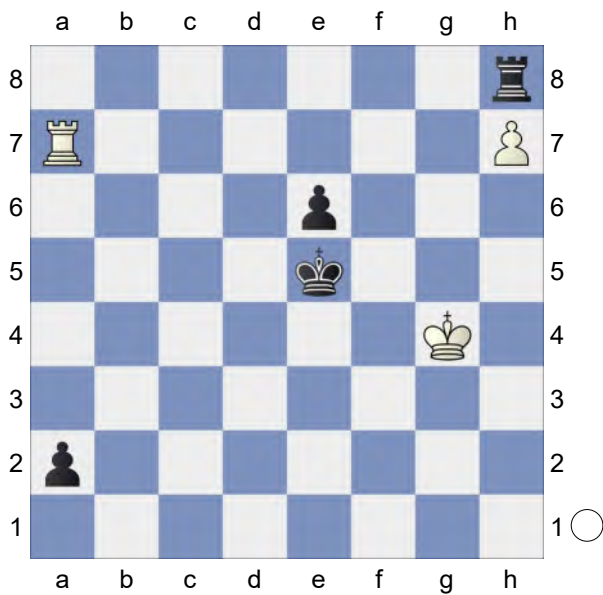
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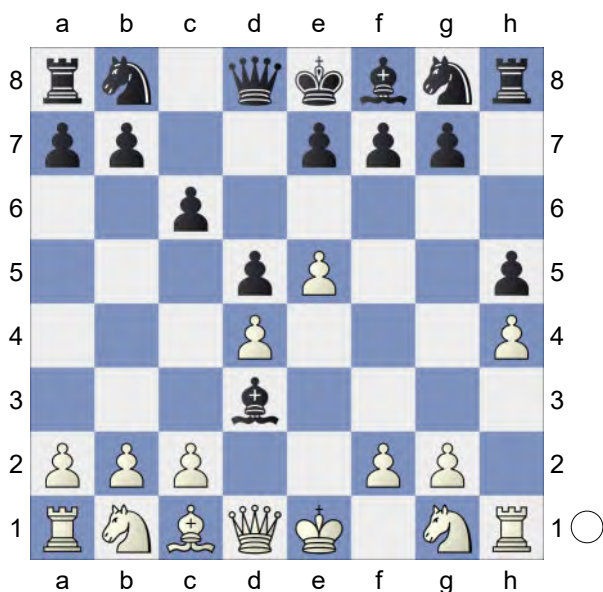
[Justin Tan]

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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 e6 7.Bg5 Qb6 8.Nd2 Ne7

[8...c5! is the critical continuation.

9.c4 Qxb2 10.Rd1 Nc6 11.Ngf3

A) 11...Nge7?! 12.Rb1 Nb4

(12...Qxa2 13.0-0 will transpose.)

13.Qe2 Qxa2 14.0-0 Nec6

15.dxc5 d4 16.Rfc1 Bxc5 17.Qd1

b6 18.Ra1 Qb2 19.Ne4 d3

20.Bd2! 0-0 21.Nc3!+- 1-0 (52)

Kozlowski,W (2431)-Biedermann,T

(2409) ICCF email 2015;

B) 11...Nb4 12.Qe2 cxd4 13.0-0

d3 14.Qe3 Qa3 (14...Ne7?!

15.Rb1 Qa3 16.Nd4 a6 17.Rb3

Qa5 18.Rfb1 Nc2 19.Qxd3 Nxd4

20.Qxd4± 1-0 (30) Morozovich,A

(2711)-Laznicka,V (2676)

Poikovsky 2015) 15.Rb1 (15.cxd5

Nxd5 16.Qe4 Qa6 17.Nc4 Bc5

18.Rxd3 Nge7=) 15...Nh6 16.Bxh6

(White needs to eliminate that

knight. 16.Rb3 Qxa2 17.cxd5?

Nf5 18.Qe4 Nxd5±)

B1) 16...Rxb6

B1a) 17.Rb3 Qxa2 (17...Qa6

Moncher,S (2448)-Piro,V

ICCF email 2016, 1-0 (45).)

18.cxd5 Nxd5 19.Qxd3 Qa6

20.Qxa6 bxa6 21.Rb7

is supposedly the difference,

now Ng5 ideas are looming.

then again, this should be a

draw after Rg6 22.Ng5 f6

(22...Be7 23.Nde4±) 23.exf6

Rxf6 24.Nde4 Rg6=

he is after all, two pawns up!;

B1b) 17.Ng5!? Rc8 18.cxd5

Nxd5 19.Qf3 Rc7=;

B2) 16...gxh6 17.Rb3 Qxa2

18.cxd5 Nxd5 19.Qxd3 Qa6

20.Qb1 b6 21.Ne4 Qa4

1/2-1/2 (37) Andersen,J (2303)-

Hrubcik,M (2402) ICCF email

2016 You could not have

guessed the Caro-Kann would

turn out to be such a sharp

opening! Black has two pawns

but an airy king. The position is

equal but perhaps only a classic

email game could prove it!]

[Caruana tried to do away with the

king's knight development, but got

himself into a very dubious position.

8...Qa6 9.c4 Bb4 10.b3 c5 11.Ngf3

Nc6 12.dxc5 Nge7 13.0-0 Nf5

14.Qc2 Ncd4 15.Nxd4 Nxd4 16.Qd1

Bxc5 17.Nf3 Qb6 1/2-1/2 (58)

Vocaturo,D (2606)-Caruana,F (2827)

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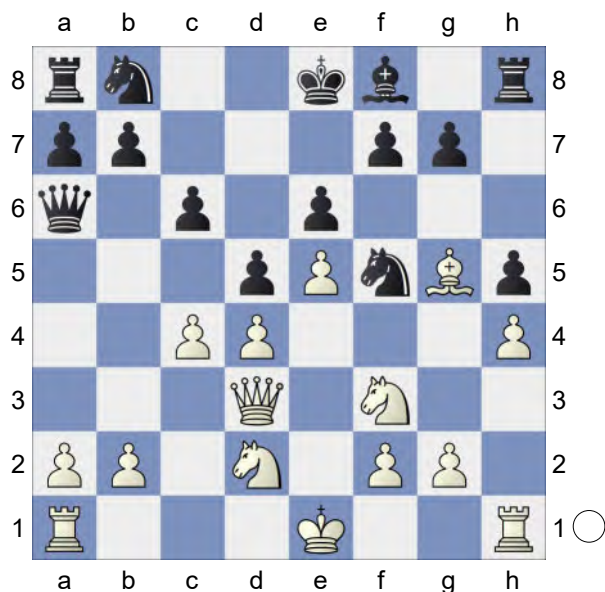
was much better for White still,

although I prefer 18.Rc1 Nxf3+

19.Qxf3 d4 20.Rfd1±]

9.Ngf3 Qa6

[9...Nf5 10.0-0 Nd7 11.c4 Bb4
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10.c4 Nf5**11.0-0**

[11.Qc3! Nd7 12.0-0

A) 12...dxc4? 13.Nxc4 Nb6
14.Ne3 Ne7 1-0 (58) Heimann,A
(2 5 7 8) - R e p k a , C (2 4 7 5)
Balatonszarszo 2017 15.Qc2 Ned5
16.Rfd1 Be7 17.Bxe7 Nxe7
18.Rd3±;

B) 12...Nb6

B1) 13.c5 is probably even better. I understand that Anton was unsure about the effects of blocking up the position, but Black will eventually need to move his b-pawn to bring the queen back into the game. That must favour White. Then again, what he did also seems very convincing. Nc8 (13...Nd7 14.a4 b6 15.b4±) 14.a4 Be7 15.b4 0-0 16.Rfb1±;

B2) 13.b3 Qa3 14.Qc2 Be7
15.Nb1 Qa6 16.Bxe7 Nxe7
17.Nbd2 Nd7 18.Rfe1 Rc8

19.b4 b6 20.a4 0-0 21.Ra3
Nf5 22.Rc3 Rfd8 23.Rc1±
1-0 (39) Anton Guijarro,D (2627)-
Le,Q (2718) Almaty 2016;

C) 12...Qb6 13.c5 Qc7 14.b4→;

D) 12...Be7 13.Bxe7 Nxe7 14.a4
0-0 15.a5 dxc4 16.Nxc4 Nd5
17.Qc2 c5 18.Ng5 g6 1-0 (47)
Volotovskiy,K (2159)-Maltsevskaya,
A (2279) Voronezh 2018 19.dxc5
Nxc5 (19...Rac8 20.Ne4+-)
20.Nd6±]

11...Bb4 12.b3 Nd7 Most common, but slightly inaccurate. In such positions, it is very easy to simply 'make moves', inevitably reaching a slightly cramped position, with the hope that an idea will present itself there. But Black should be more attentive at this exact point.

[12...0-0 13.Rfd1 c5! 14.a3 Bxd2
15.Rxd2 dxc4 16.bxc4 cxd4 17.Nxd4
Nxd4 18.Qxd4 Nc6 19.Qe4 Qa5=]

13.Rfd1 0-0?! After having analysed this game, I concluded that if White achieves the setup: b3, Rfd1, Nf1 (to avoid the bishop for knight exchange on d2) then Black really has difficulties neutralising White's space advantage, as no immediate exchanges are possible. Thus, 13...Bxd2 is not as stupid as it looks, but I don't think that's a pleasant choice to make.

[13...Be7? 14.Bxe7 Kxe7 (14...Nxe7
15.Nf1 0-0 16.Ng3 g6 17.Qe3)
15.Nf1 Qa3 16.cxd5 cxd5
1-0 (51) Kunal,M (2352) -Deshpande,
A (2225) Bhopal 2017 17.Ne3 g6
18.Qd2+-]

[13...Nb6?! 14.a4 Qa5? (14...0-0
15.a5 Nd7 16.Qc2 Bxd2 17.Bxd2
Rfc8 18.Ng5±; 14...Bxd2 15.Nxd2±)
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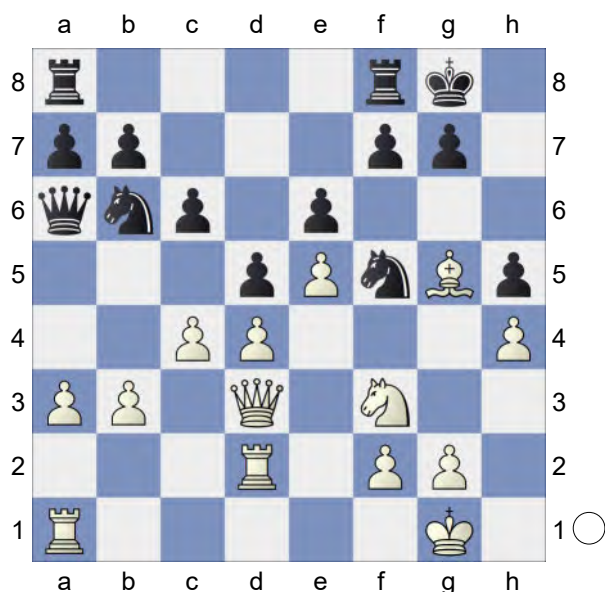
20.Rdb1 Rhg8 21.Ng5+- 1-0 (39)
Horvath,A (2484) -Kathmale,S (2300)
New Delhi 2018]

[13...Bxd2 14.Rxd2 0-0 15.Rc1±]

14.a3?!

[14.Nf1! dxc4?! (14...Nb6 15.a3
Be7 16.Bxe7 Nxe7 17.Ne3 g6
18.a4±) 15.bxc4 Nb6 16.a3 Ba5
17.Rac1 Na4 18.Rc2 (18.Qb3
is also strong. Bd8 19.Ne3 Bxg5
1/2-1/2 (78) Redondo Benavente,A
(2055)-Chitlange,S (2237) Porto
Carras 2018 20.Nxg5 Nxh4 21.Qc2
g6 22.Qe4 Nf5 23.g4+-) 18...b5
19.c5 f6 20.exf6 gxf6 1-0 (32) Yu,Y
(2751)-Yuan,Q (2393) Shenzhen 2017
21.Bh6! Rf7 22.Ng3+-]

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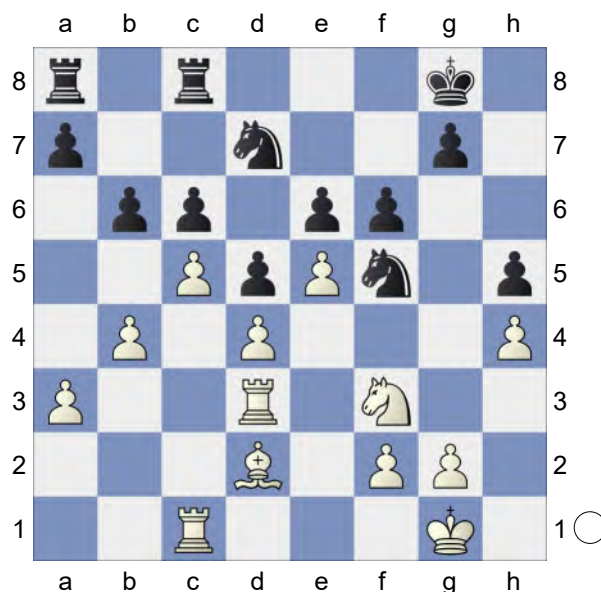
**16.c5 Qxd3 17.Rxd3 Nd7= 18.b4 b6
19.Rc1**

[19.Rb3 was objectively better, but
maybe not when you have White
against a player 220 rating points
lower than you! bxc5 20.bxc5 Rfb8]

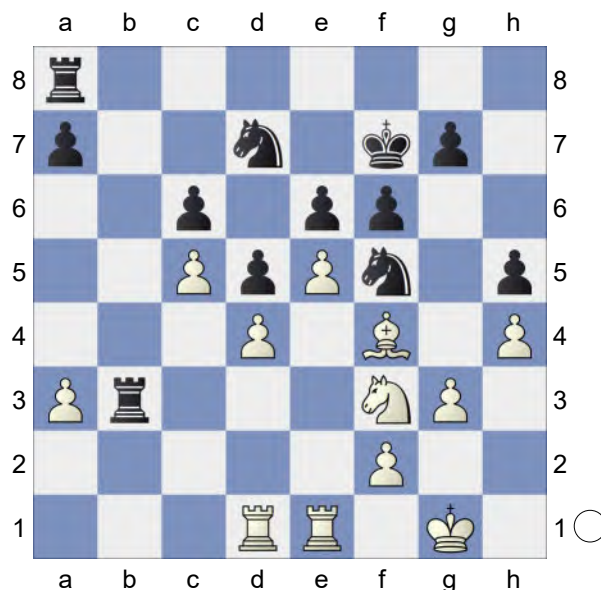
19...Rfc8

[I'm not sure what Gawain had in mind
against 19...bxc5 20.bxc5 (20.dxc5
Rfb8 21.Bd2 f6±) 20...Rfb8±]

20.Bd2 f6



**21.Re1 Kf7 22.g3 bxc5 23.bxc5
Rcb8± 24.Bf4 Rb2 Black offers a draw.
25.Rdd1?! Rb3+-**



**26.Kg2 a5! 27.a4 Ra7 Understandable
to restrict the opponent's counterplay,
but not the most straightforward
continuation.**

[27...Ra3 immediately nets a pawn,
for example 28.exf6 (28.Ra1 Rxf3
29.Kxf3 Nxd4+ 30.Kg2 Nc2-+)
28...gxf6 29.Rb1 Ra7!-+]

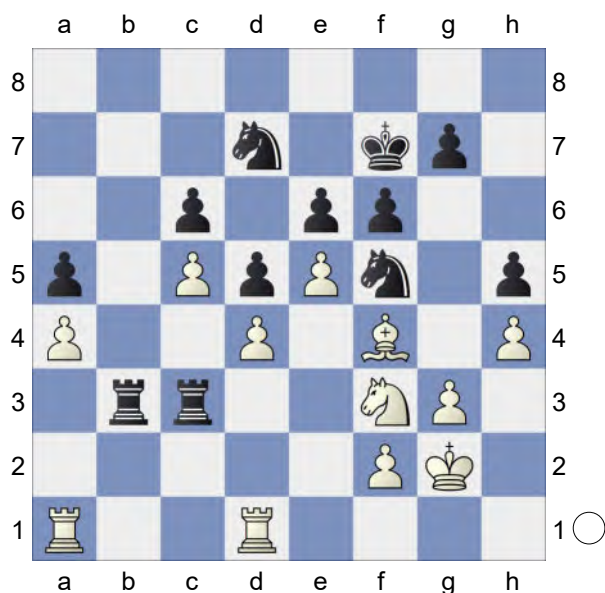
28.Re2

[28.exf6 gxf6 29.Be3 Rab7
(29...Nxe3+ 30.fxe3 Rab7 31.e4
R7b4 32.exd5 cxd5-+ still wins.)
30.Bd2]

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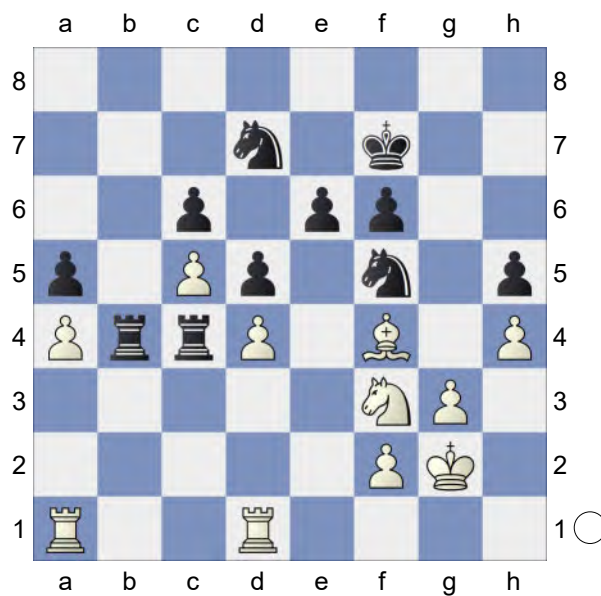
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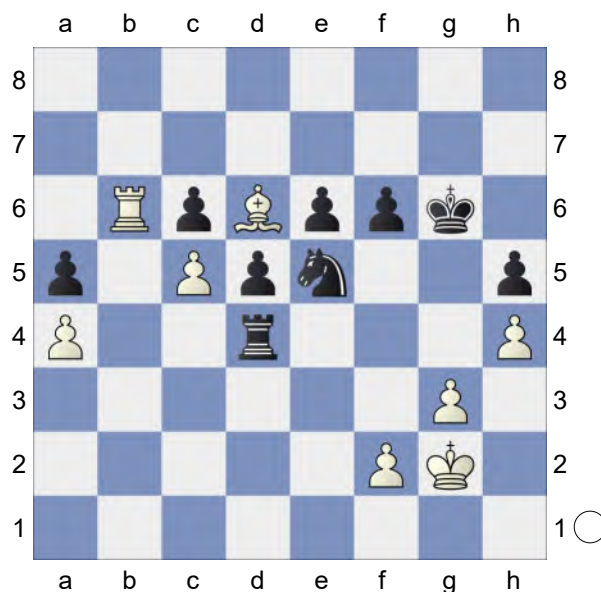
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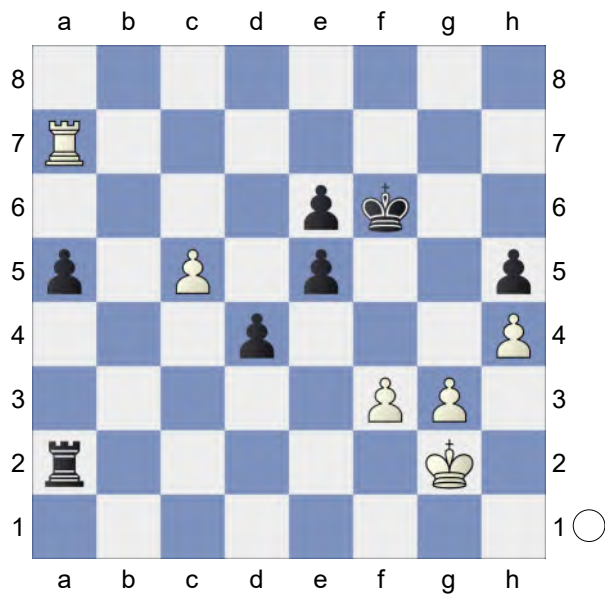


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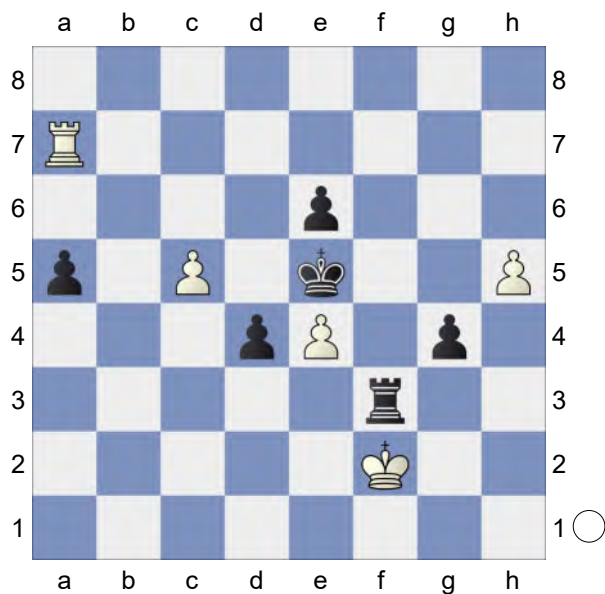
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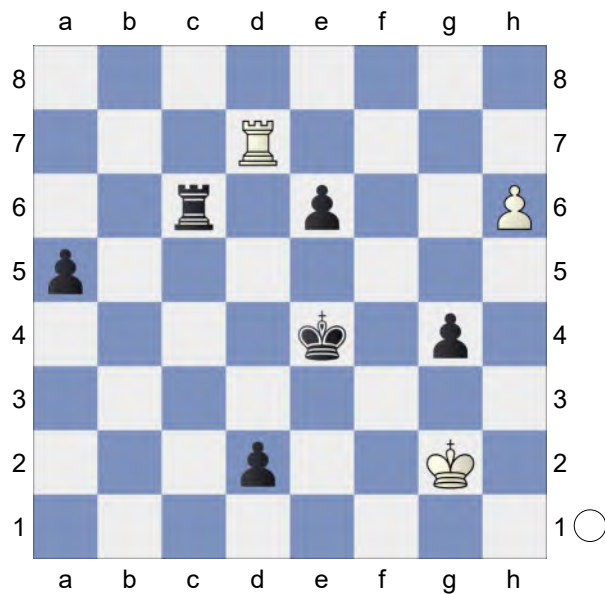


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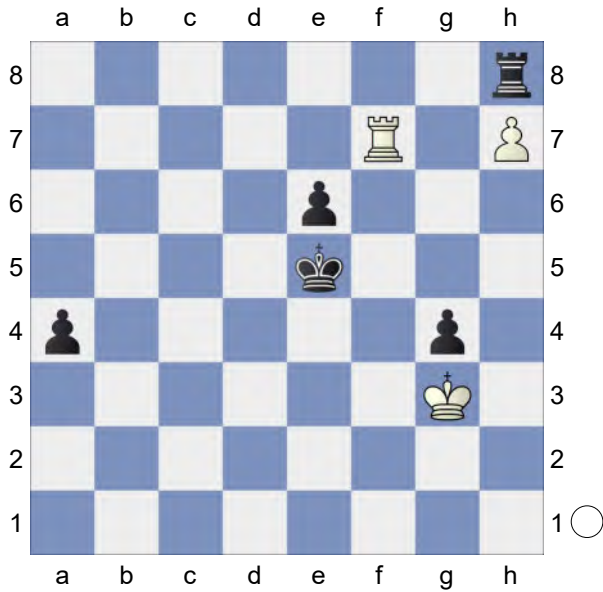
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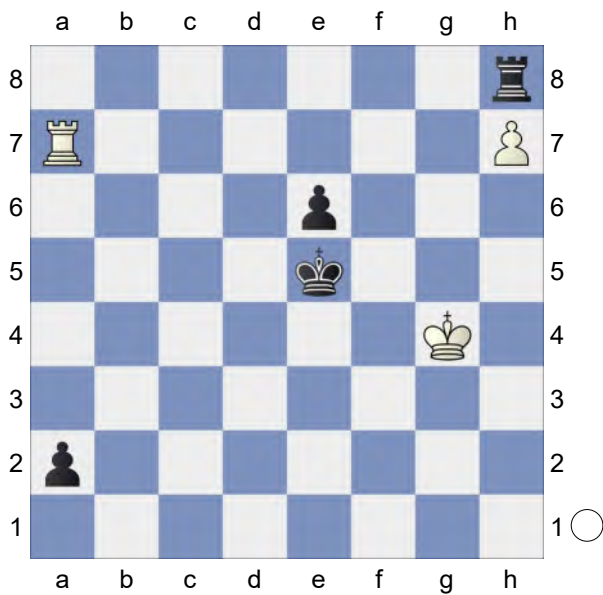
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[Kitty Kat]

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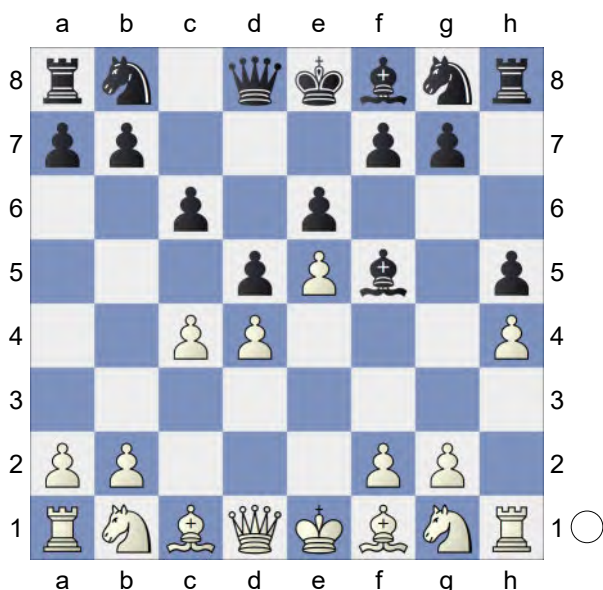
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.c4 e6

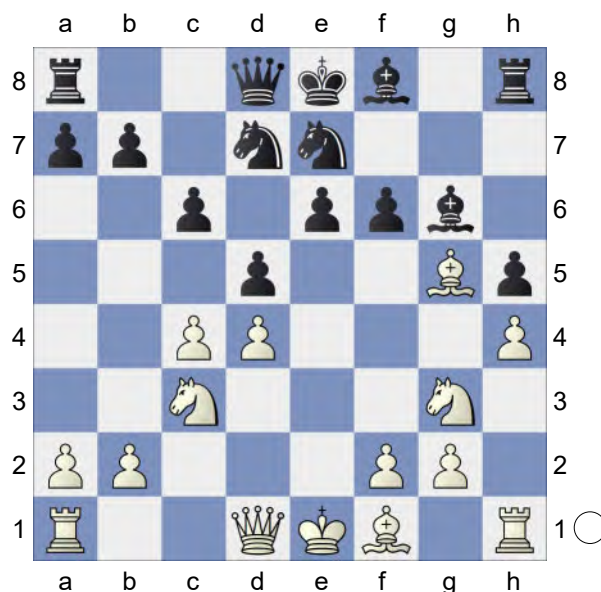


6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Nge2! The main line 7.Nge2 scores better than 7.Bg5. Die Hauptvariante 7.Sge2 punktet besser als 7.Lg5. 7...Nd7 8.Ng3 Bg6 9.Bg5 White wants to play cxd5. White is slightly better. 9...f6 0.48/17

[9...Qb6= 0.08/20 10.Rc1 Qxb2 11.Bd3 dxc4 12.Bxg6 Nxc6 13.0-0 Nb6 14.Nce4 Qxa2 15.Nxh5 Nd5 16.Qf3 Rh7 17.Ra1 Qb3 18.Qg4 b5 19.Ra6 Kd7 20.Rfa1 Kc7 21.Nhg3 Kb7 22.h5 Nh8 23.Nf5 Nb4 24.Nfd6+ Bxd6 1-0 (27) Van Foreest, J (2687)-Shimanov, A (2581) PRO League Prelim rapid 2023 (4.4)]

10.exf6± gxf6

(Diagram)



11.Be3 Qc7N 0.99/17

[11...Qb6± 0.40/18 12.Qd2 0-0-0 13.Rc1 Kb8 14.a3 Qa5 15.c5 e5 16.Be2 Nc8 17.b4 Qxa3 18.Nb1 Qa4 19.0-0 a5 20.bxa5 exd4 21.Bxd4 Bh6 22.f4 Bxb1 23.Rxb1 Bf8 24.Rb4 1-0 Henriquez Villagra, C (2618)-Avila Pavas, S (2499) Belgrade Serbia op 2023 (7)]

[11...Qa5 12.Be2 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Nd5 14.0-0 0-0-0 15.Nxd5 cxd5 16.Be2 Bd6 17.Nxh5 Kb8 18.g3 Rdg8 19.Bf3 Be4 20.Bg2 Ka8 21.Rc1 Qd8 22.Rc3 Bxg2 23.Kxg2 Qe8 24.Nf4 Rxh4 25.Qf3 Nb6 26.b3 0-1 (33) Panesar, V (2460)-Aczel, G (2502) Budapest SixDays 06 GM-A 2024 (1)]

[11...Kf7 12.Be2 dxc4 13.Nxh5 Nb6 14.Nf4 Bh6 15.Nxg6 Nxg6 McShane, L (2683)-Danielsen, H (2533) 111/(51) Reykjavik 2011]

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1-0 (34) Degraeve, J (2586)-Stephan, V (2380) FRA-ch Accession 2016 (7)]

12.Rc1 0.38/21

[12.cxd5± 0.99/17 Nxd5 13.Nxd5 exd5 14.Bd3 Bxd3 15.Qxd3]

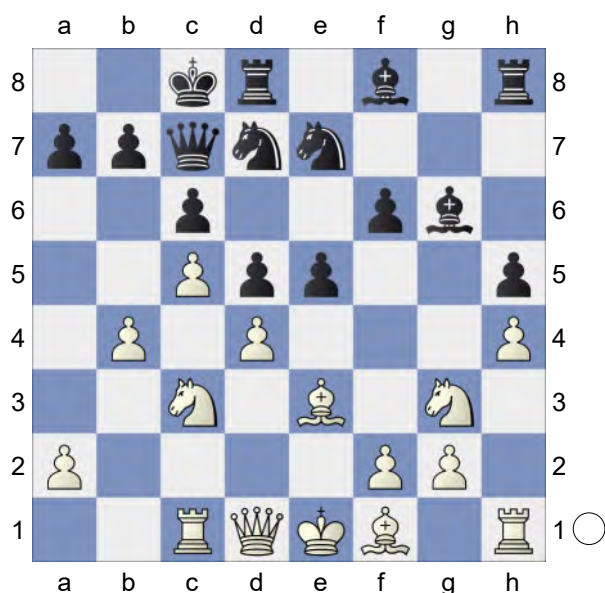
12...Nb6 13.b3 0-0-0 1.23/19

[13...Nf5± 0.44/20 14.Nxf5 Bxf5]

14.c5 0.02/21

[White should play 14.Nb5!± 1.23/19 Qb8 (14...cxb5 15.cxb5 Nc6 16.bxc6±) 15.c5]

14...Nd7= 15.b4 e5



16.b5 -0.77/22

[16.Bd3= 0.06/20]

16...exd4 -0.31/21

[16...Nxc5!± -0.77/22 Hoping for ... Ne6. 17.bxc6 (17.dxc5 d4±) 17...Nxc6]

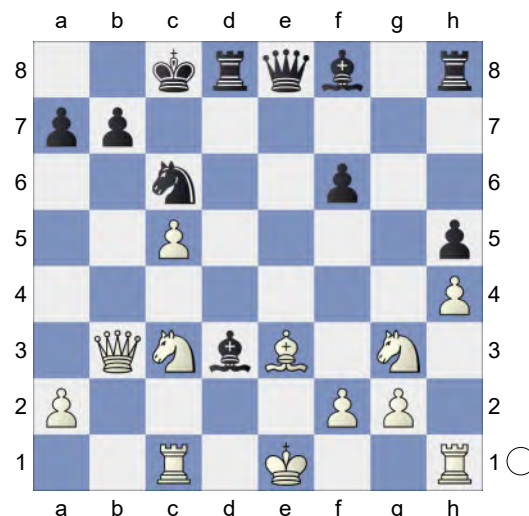
17.Qxd4± Qe5 18.bxc6 -1.04/20

[18.Nce2= -0.19/21 remains equal.]

18...Nxc6± 19.Qxd5 Nxc5N -0.29/21

[Vorgänger: 19...Qe8! 20.Bb5 -2.15/21 (20.Nb5± -1.08/19 Nxc5 Pin, Discovered Attack 21.Nxa7+ Nxa7 22.Rxc5+ Nc6 23.Rxc6+ Qxc6 24.Qxc6+ bxc6 25.Ba6+ Kc7 26.0-0) 20...Nde5+ 21.Qb3 Black must now prevent 0-0. Nd3+?

0.77/17 (21...Bd3!-+ -2.04/20 22.Rb1 Bxb1 23.Qxb1 Bxc5) 22.Bxd3± Bxd3



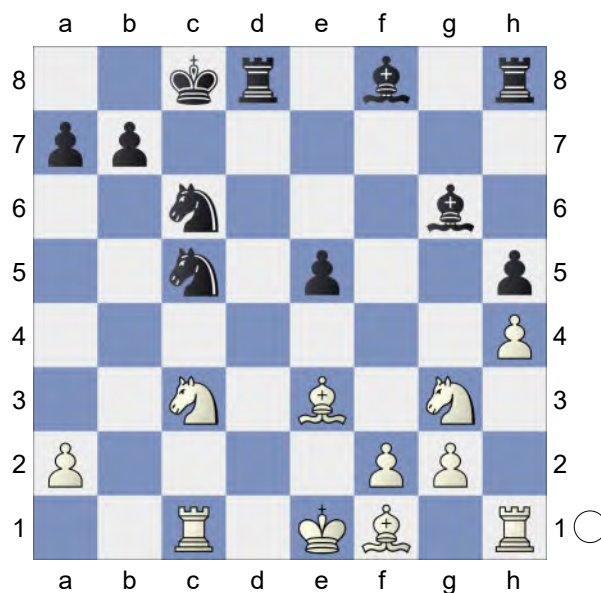
23.Nd5 0.00/21 (23.Nce2!± 0.93/22)

23...Ba6!= Strongly threatening ...Nd4.

24.Nxf6 Qe5 1-0 Klek, H (2273)-Mader, M (2213) BL 2324 (Women) 2023 (11.1)]

[19...Qe8!± -1.06/21 20.Bb5 Nde5 (20...Bxc5? 21.Bxc6 Bxe3 22.0-0+; 20...Nxc5 21.Qf3±)]

20.Qxe5= fxe5



21.Nb5 -1.42/20

[21.f3± -0.35/19]

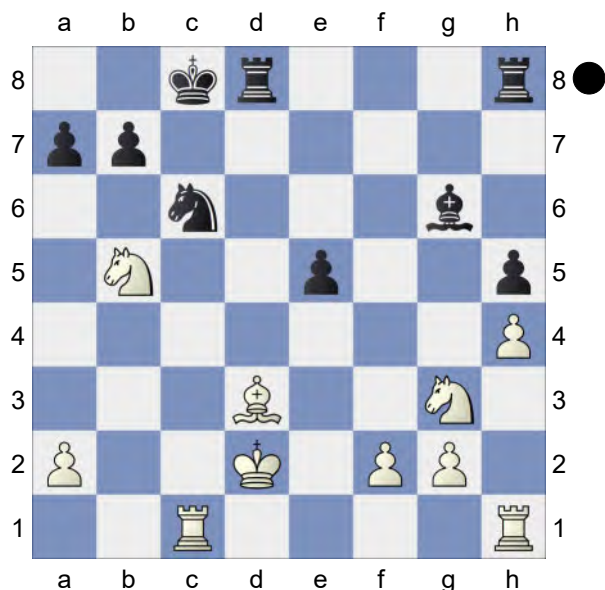
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[23.Nc3 $\bar{\text{f}}$ -1.54/20 Rxd3 (23...Bxd3 24.f3 $\bar{\text{f}}$) 24.Nge2]

23...Bxd2+-+

[23...Bxd3? *perishes.* 24.Nxa7+ Kd7 25.Nxc6 Bxd2+ 26.Kxd2+-]

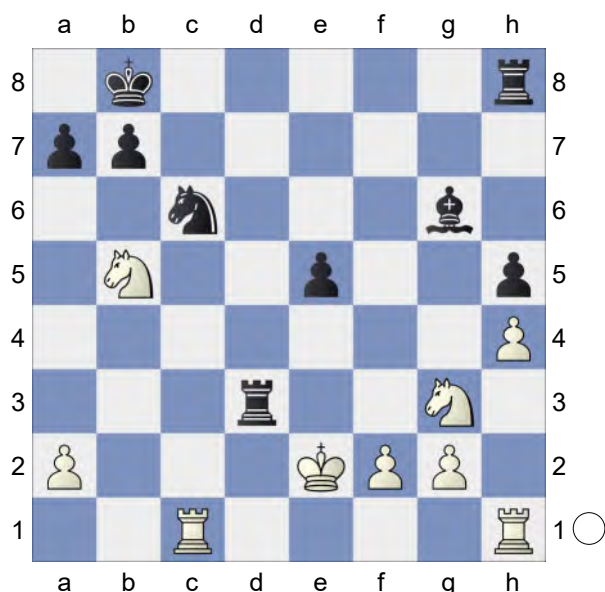
24.Kxd2



Rxd3+ -0.58/20

[*Better is* 24...Kb8!-+ -2.04/26
And now ...Nb4! would win. 25.Ke3
 (25.Rc3? Nb4+-) 25...Rxd3+ 26.Ke2
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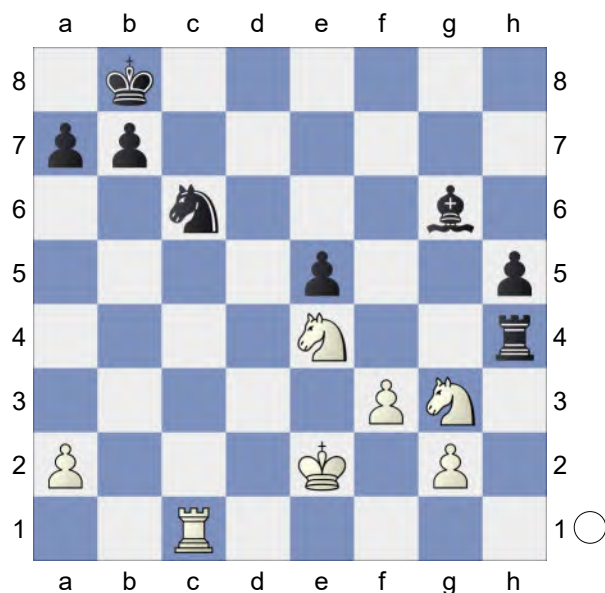
25.Ke2 $\bar{\text{f}}$ Kb8



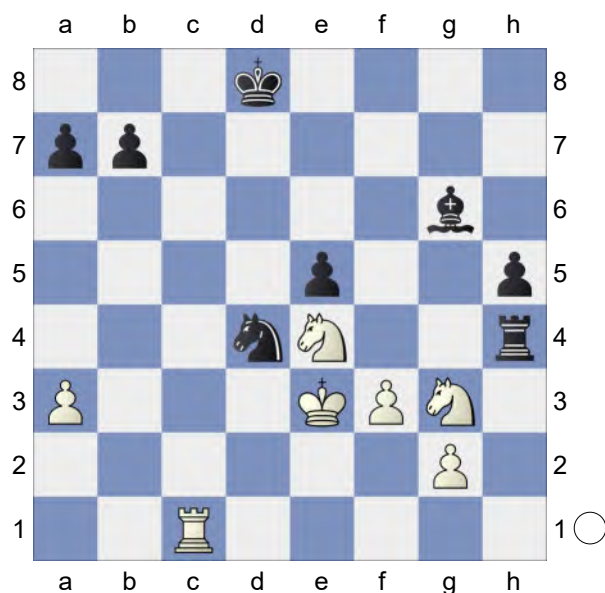
26.Rhd1 Rhd8 27.Nc3 R3d4 28.f3

Rxh4 -0.40/19

[28...Rg8 $\bar{\text{f}}$ -0.82/21 29.Rxd4 exd4]
29.Rxd8+ Nxd8 30.Nce4 Nc6

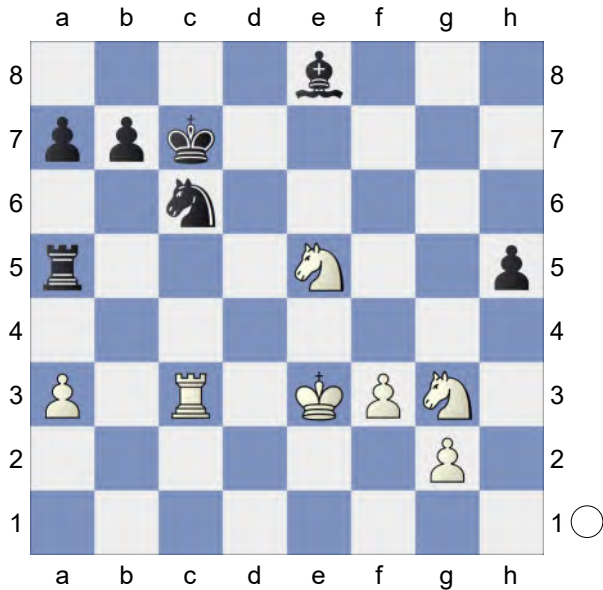


**31.Ke3 Rh2 32.Rg1 Rh4 33.Rd1 Kc7
 34.a3 Nd4 35.Rc1+ Kd8**

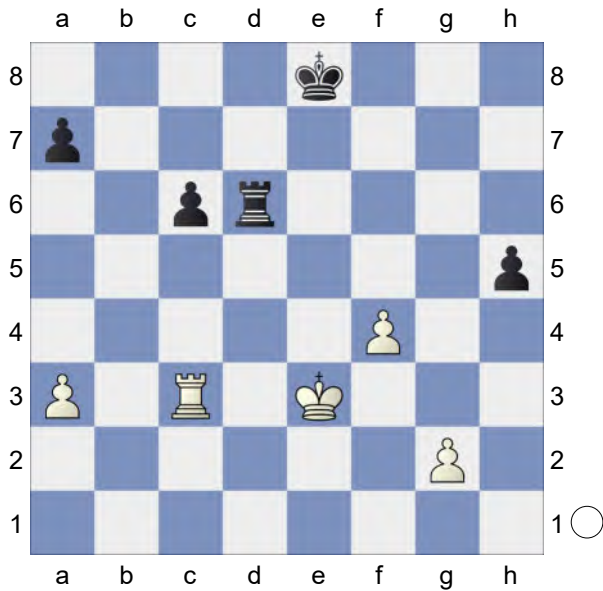


**36.Rc5 Nc6 37.Nd6 Kc7 38.Nc4 Be8
 39.Nxe5 Ra4 40.Rc3 Ra5**

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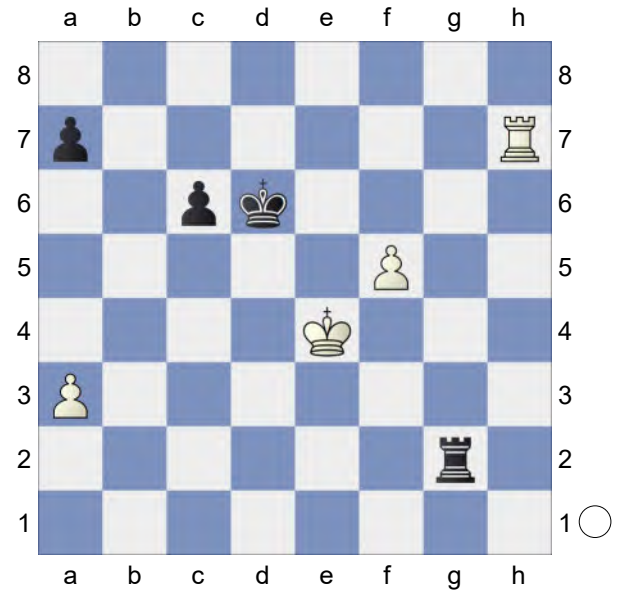


41.f4 Rd5 42.Ne4 With the idea Nf6.
42...Kd8! 43.Nf6 A dynamic duo of
 knights. **43...Rd6 44.Nxe8 Kxe8**
45.Nxc6 bxc6=

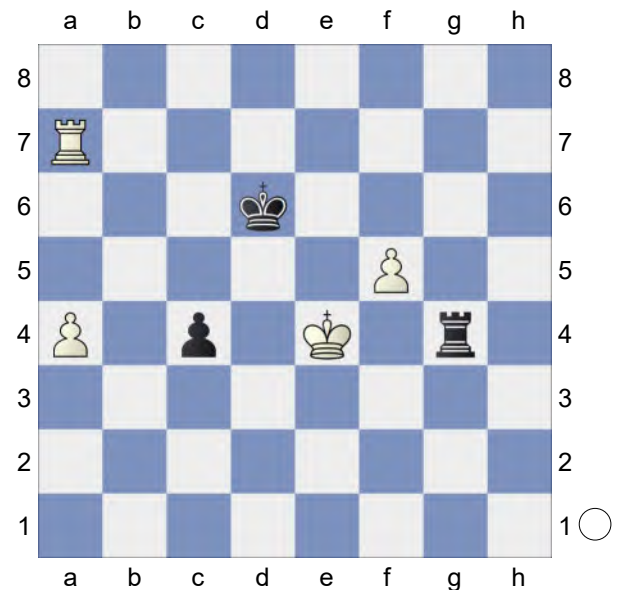


Endgame. KR-KR 46.Ke4 Kf7
 The position is equal. **47.Rh3 Rd2**
48.Rxh5 Rxg2 49.Rh7+ Ke6! 50.f5+ Kd6

(Diagram)

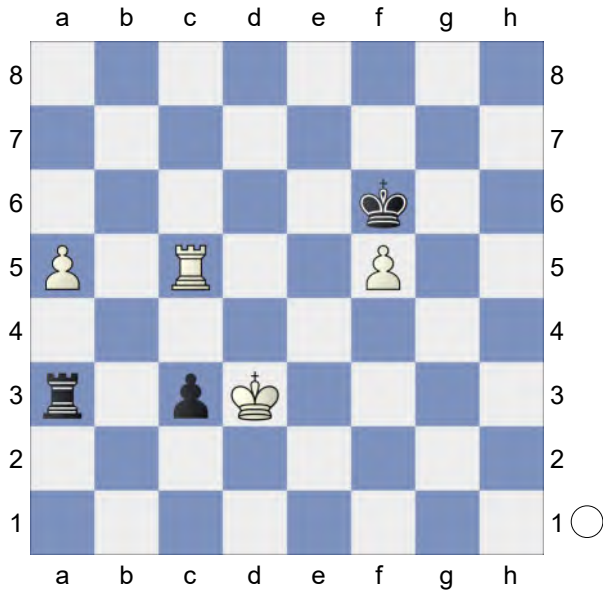


51.Rxa7 f6 is the strong threat.
51...Rg4+ 52.Kf3 Rg1 53.Kf4 c5
54.a4 c4 55.Ke4 Rg4+

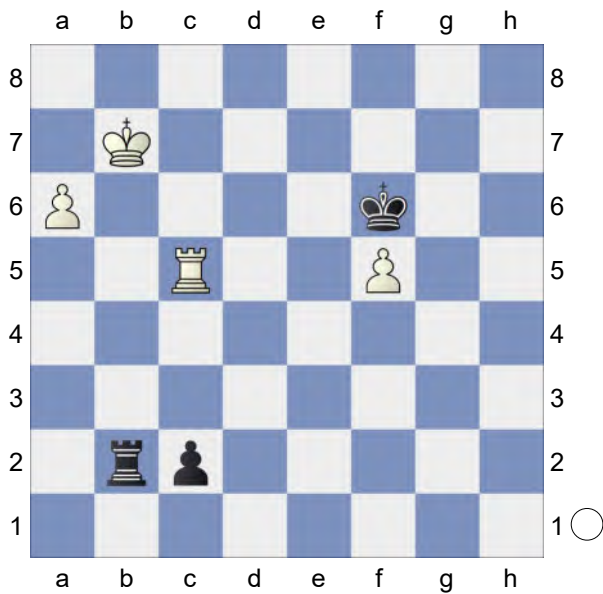


56.Ke3 Ke5 57.Ra5+ Kf6 58.Rc5 c3
59.a5 Ra4 60.Kd3 Ra3

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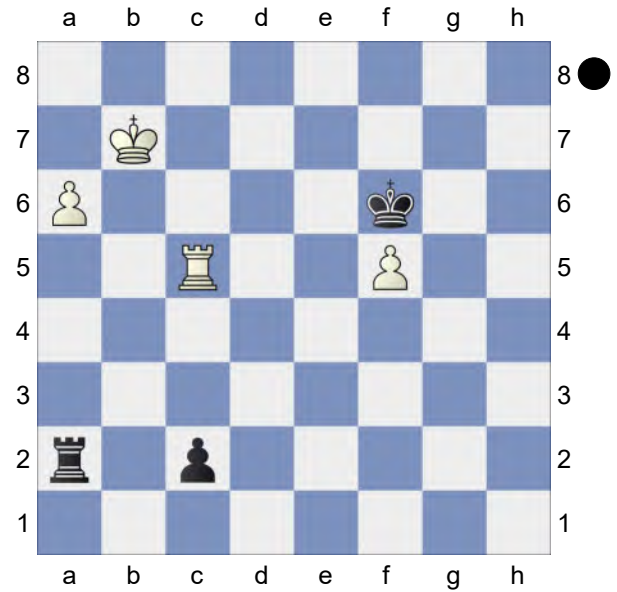


**61.Kc4 c2 62.Kb5 Ra2 63.a6 Rb2+
64.Kc6 Ra2 65.Kb7 Rb2+**



**66.Kc8 Ra2 67.Kb7 Rb2+ 68.Kc8
Ra2 69.Kb7**

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.15 (very precise)
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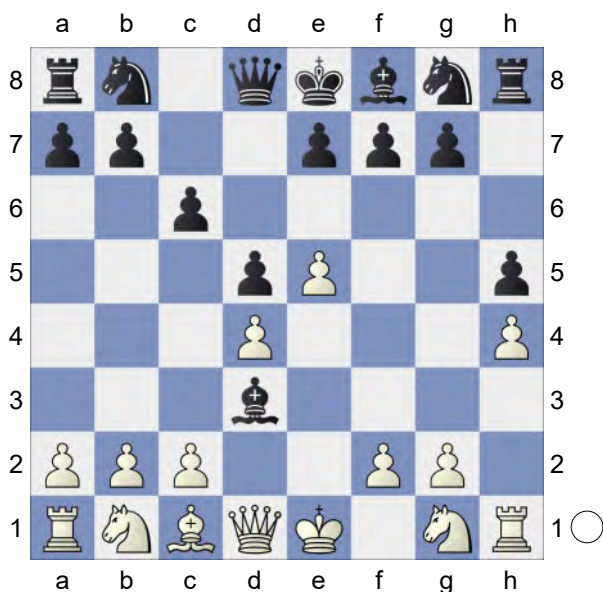
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.c3

[I discuss a few developments in the 7.b4 line in this month's Kramnik-Melkumyan game.]

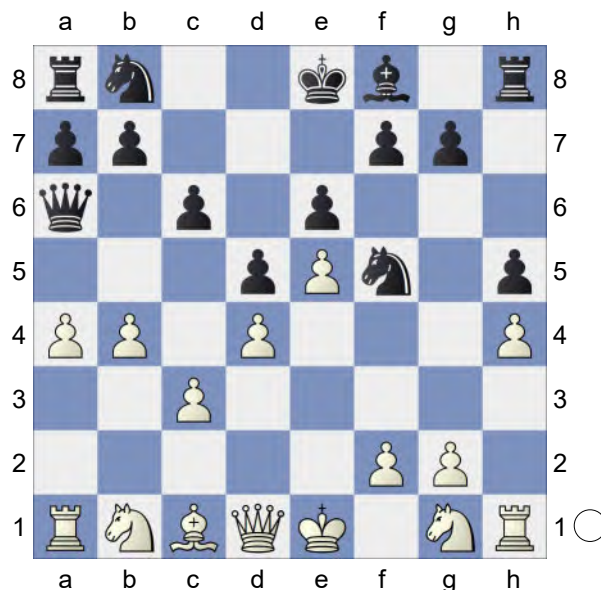
7...e6 8.a4 Qa6?! This move often falls under the category of wishful thinking: if White trades queens Black is more than fine, but if not, it ends up looking like a waste.

[8...c5! was preferable, as it's quite important to deny White some of this queenside space (they are looking for b4, a5 etc.) 9.dxc5 Qxc5 10.Nf3 Ne7 11.0-0 Nf5 12.Bg5 (12.Na3!? is another plan, but also shouldn't disturb the equilibrium much) 12...Be7 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.g3 Nc6 15.Nbd2 Rc8 16.Rfe1 g6= Cheparinov, I-Suleymanli, A Sitges 2021]

9.Qd1 Adhiban is not insecure about playing with queens on the board and rightly refuses the trade. 9...Ne7

[9...c5 There likely won't be another opportunity to push this pawn it was probably the right decision despite not being quite as strong as on the previous move. Against the plan of 10.Na3! there is now no ...a6 resource, and furthermore Black will likely need to move the queen again to avoid any fork tactics.]

10.b4 Nf5



11.Nf3 This move will never be bad, but maybe doesn't make quite the most of the information White has been given.

[The more typical plan is 11.Ne2± to keep Ng3 on the table, as in Burke, J-Nyzhnyk, I St Louis 2022.]

11...Nd7 12.Na3 Nb6?! The start of a wrong plan, and the first meaningful time we can criticise Black for not playing some form of ...f6.

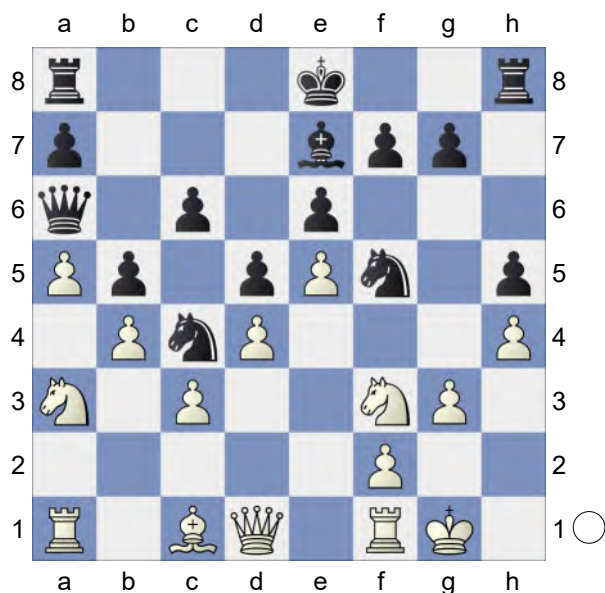
[12...f6!=]

13.a5 Nc4 14.0-0

[There were a couple of chances to force (or at least encourage) ...b5, such as 14.Qe2 b5 and White has

the same sort of structural plus as in the game.]

14...Be7 15.g3 b5



16.Nc2 0-0-0 17.Bg5

[In view of the next note, 17.Nce1! probably should have been played without first offering the bishop trade.]

17...Qb7 Black doesn't say no to a bishop trade, which seems like a strange decision considering that White's is 'bad' by any conceivable definition and will struggle to operate on a diagonal other than h4-d8.

[17...f6!? is already a reasonable candidate, and Black's general reluctance to play this move (at various stages) is in some sense the cause of their eventual demise.]

18.Qe2

[18.a6!? is also possible, e.g. Qd7 19.Bxe7 Qxe7 20.Qe2± and at some point the pawn on a6 might be expected to become tactically relevant.]

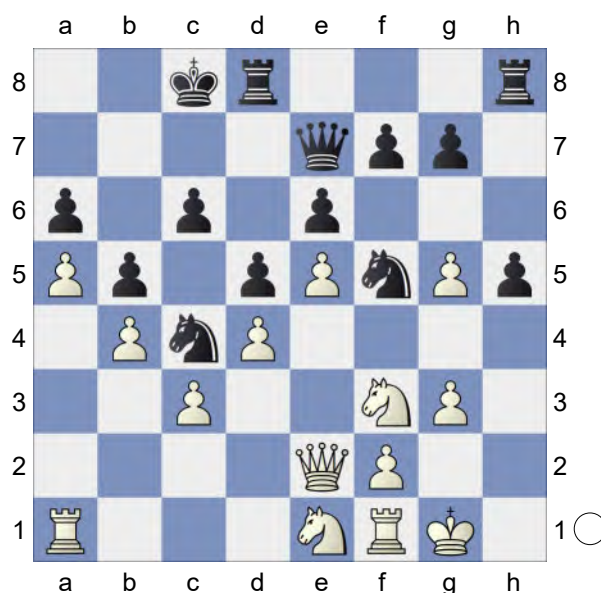
18...a6?! An extremely slow move, which pushes Black's already somewhat cramped position towards the limit of what is tenable.

[18...Bxg5! 19.hxg5 (19.Nxg5 Qd7) 19...Qe7]

19.Nce1 Bxg5 20.hxg5 Capturing towards the centre is usually the right way, but here wheel-clamping the f7-pawn was a higher priority.

[After 20.Nxg5!± Black no longer has any time to organise ...f6, and so must settle for a long and quite passive defence.]

20...Qe7

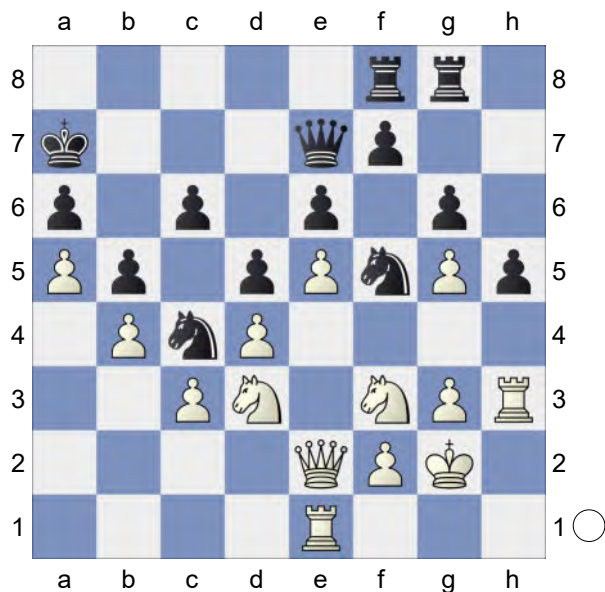


21.Nd3 Kb7?

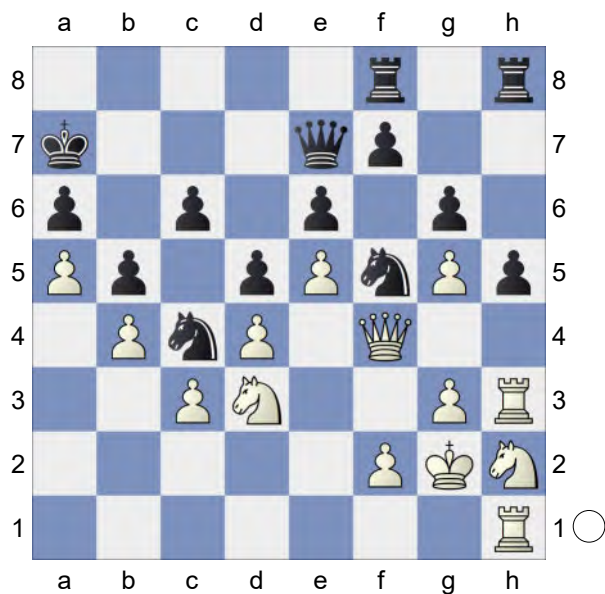
[21...f6 is actually still the best bet, but Black decides to try and set up a fortress instead. 22.exf6 gxf6 23.gxf6 Qxf6 24.Rae1± is one likely continuation, with good pressure for White against both e6 and a6, but it's not conclusive.]

22.Kg2 Ka7 23.Rae1 g6 Conceding that ...f6 is unlikely to happen anymore. White is now completely free to try and arrange g4 in a manner of their choosing. Adhiban takes a good eight moves to get there, but the eventual thrust came as a surprise to nobody: **24.Rh1 Rhg8 25.Rh3 Rdf8**

(Diagram)

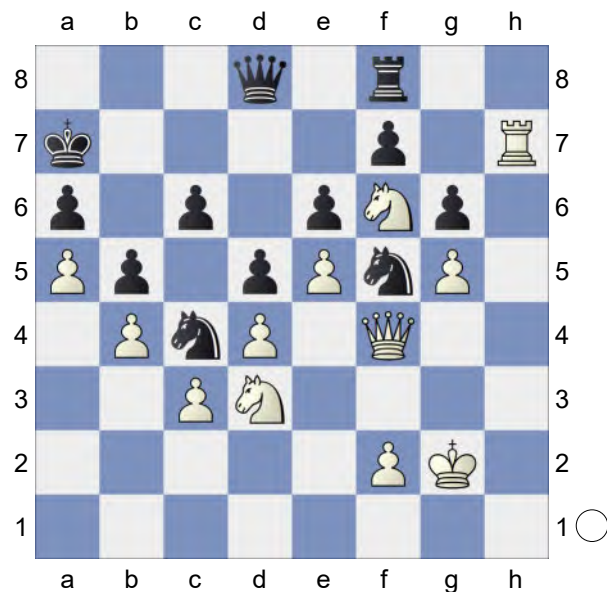


26.Qd1 Qd8 27.Qc1 Qe7 28.Reh1 Qd8 29.Qf4 Rh8 30.Nh2 Qe7

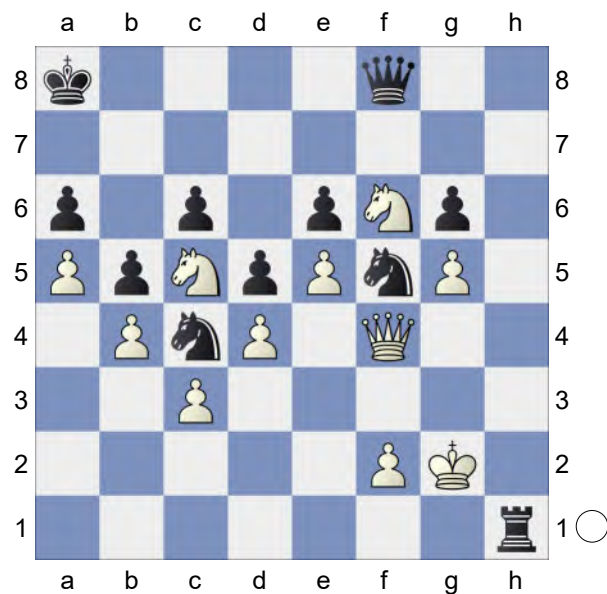


31.g4+- The game is over. While the position is still quite closed, the h-file opens up and this is all that White needs. **31...hxg4 32.Nxg4 Qd8 33.Rh7 Rxh7 34.Rxh7 Qe8 35.Nf6 Qd8**

(Diagram)

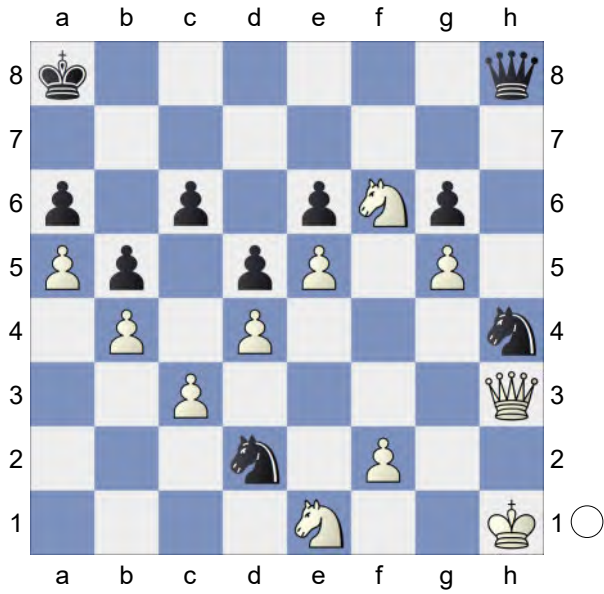


36.Kf1 Rh8 37.Rxf7+ Ka8 38.Nc5 Rh1+ 39.Kg2 Qh8 40.Rf8+ Qxf8

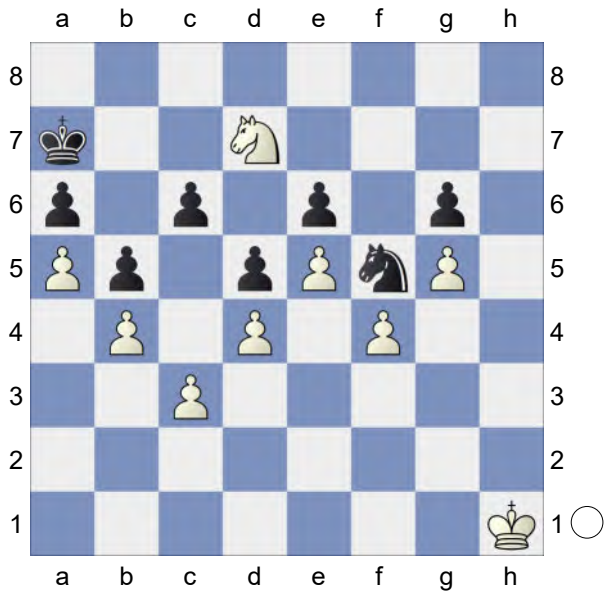


41.Kxh1 Qh8+ 42.Qh2 Nh4 43.Nd3 Nd2 44.Ne1 Ka7 45.Qh3 Ka8

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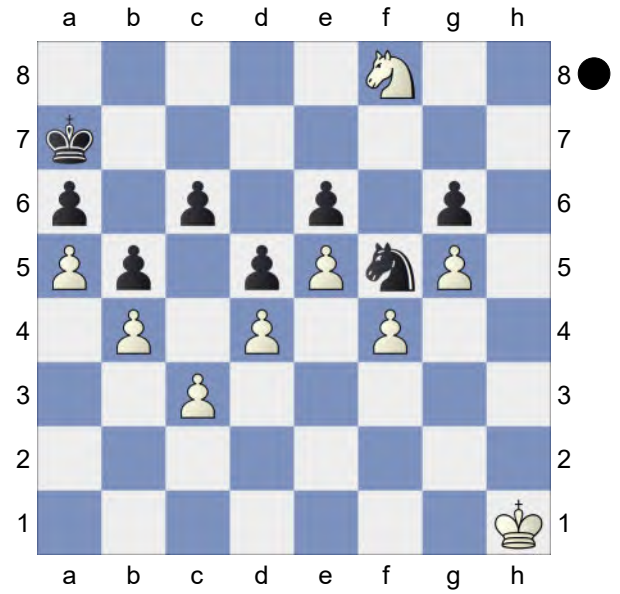


46.f4 Ka7 47.Ng2 Ndf3 48.Nxh4 1-0
Qxh4 49.Qxh4 Nxh4 50.Nd7 Nf5



51.Nf8

(Diagram)



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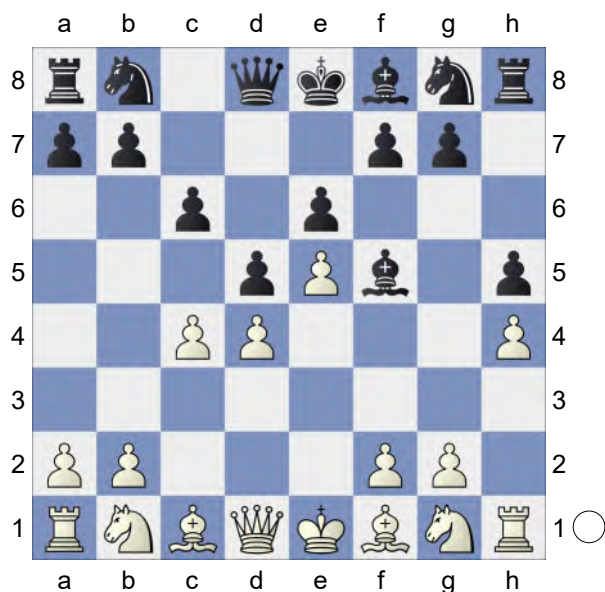
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Inf 61/(125) 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5

4.h4 h5 5.c4 e6



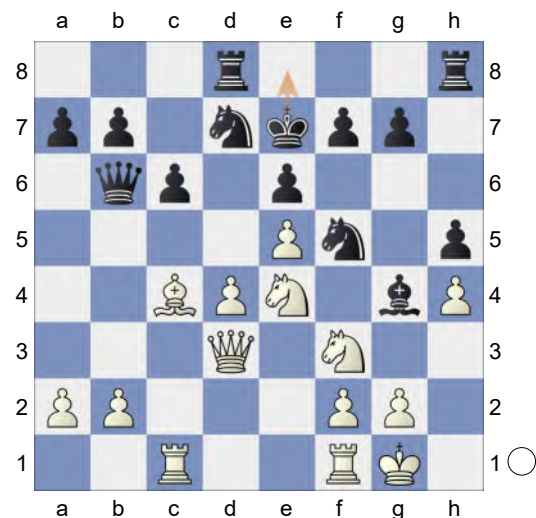
6.Nc3 **dx c4!** now scores much better than the old 6...Ne7.punktet besser als das ältere 6...Se7. 7.Bxc4 Nd7 8.Bg5 Qb6 0.56/19

[8...f6 9.exf6 gxf6 10.Be3 Nb6 11.Be2 Bg6 12.Nh3 Bd6 13.Nf4 Bxf4 14.Bxf4 Ne7 15.Qd2 Stangl,M (2540)-Polak,T (2410) Bad Woerishofen 1994]

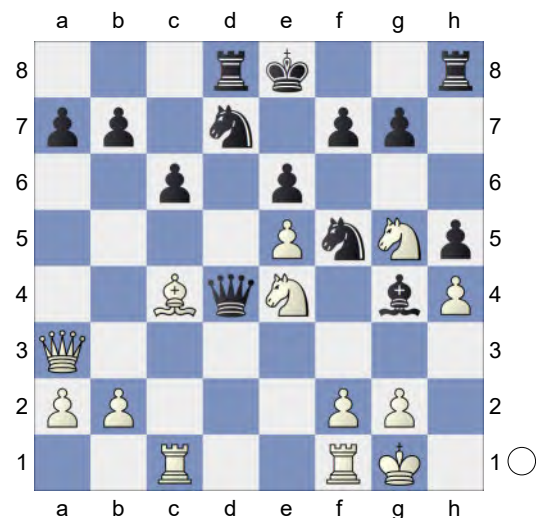
[8...Be7!= 0.14/19 deserves consideration.]

9.Nge2N

[Vorgänger: 9.Rc1 0.01/18 9.Nge2 0.49 9.Nge2 0.53 Be7! 10.Nf3 Nh6 0.55/21 (10...Bxg5=-0.03/18 11.hxg5 Qxb2) 11.0-0± Bg4 12.Bxe7 Kxe7 13.Ne4 Nf5! 14.Qd3! Rad8 1.43/18 (14...a5± 0.59/18)



15.Qa3+!± Ke8 16.Nfg5 Qxd4
0.75/18 (16...Rh6 1.21/19)



A) 17.Rfe1!± 0.75/18 and life is bright. Strongly threatening Bxe6! Qb6 (17...Rh6 18.Nxf7) 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Nxe6;

B) 17.Nxf7? -0.74/18 17...Kxf7 0-1 Stearman,J (2476)-Audi,A (2372) Qatar Masters op 2023 (6)]

[9.Qd2 f6 (9...Be7 10.Be3 0-0-0 11.Qe2 Nh6 12.Nf3 Ng4 13.0-0-0 Bb4 14.Bd2 f6 15.exf6 gxf6 16.Rhf1 Rhe8 17.Ne4 e5 18.Bxb4 Qxb4 19.a3 Qe7 20.Ng3 Bg6 21.dxe5 Ndx e5 22.Nxe5 Nxe5 23.Rxd8+ Rxd8 24.Qe3 ½-½ (59) Pahta,P (1998)-Molina,R (1880) Serbian

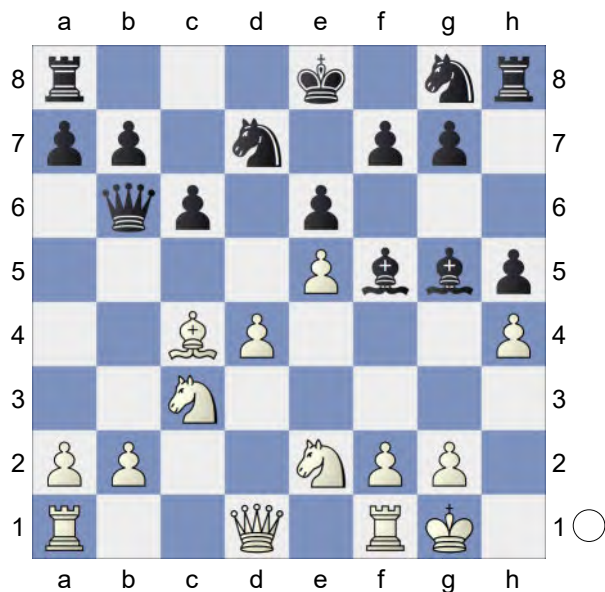
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 (7.5)) 10.exf6 gxf6 11.Be3 Qa5
 12.Nge2 0-0-0 13.0-0 Nb6 14.Bb3
 e5 15.Qc1 Ne7 16.dxe5 fxe5
 17.Bg5 Rh7 18.Ng3 Bg4 19.Re1
 Rd6 20.Nce4 Rd4 21.Nf6 Rh8
 22.Qe3 Ng6 23.Bf7 Nc4 1-0 (35)
Nejanky, M (1925)-Ponti, E (2044)
Buenos Aires Masters op 2023 (5)]

9...Be7 10.0-0 -0.14/20

[White should play 10.Bd3± 0.51/18]

[10.Qc1± 0.47/20]

10...Bxg5!=

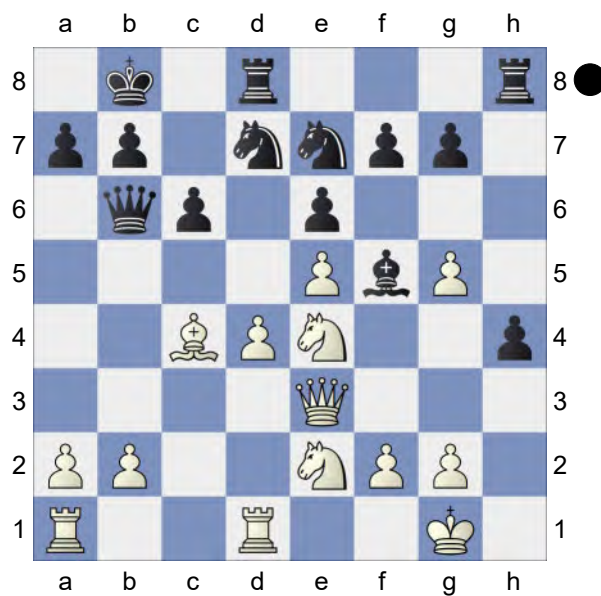


The position is equal. 11.hxg5 Ne7
 12.Qc1 0-0-0 13.Qe3 Kb8 14.Rfd1 h4
 15.Ne4? -2.42/18

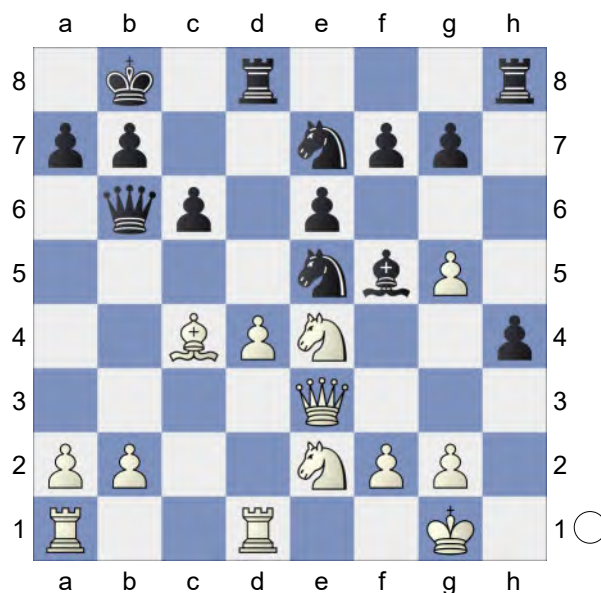
[15.Rd2± -0.33/19]

[White should play 15.b3± -0.41/17]

(Diagram)



15...Nxe5!+-



16.Bb3

[16.Nd2 Ng4 (16...N5g6)]

16...Ng4 17.Qf4+ Ka8

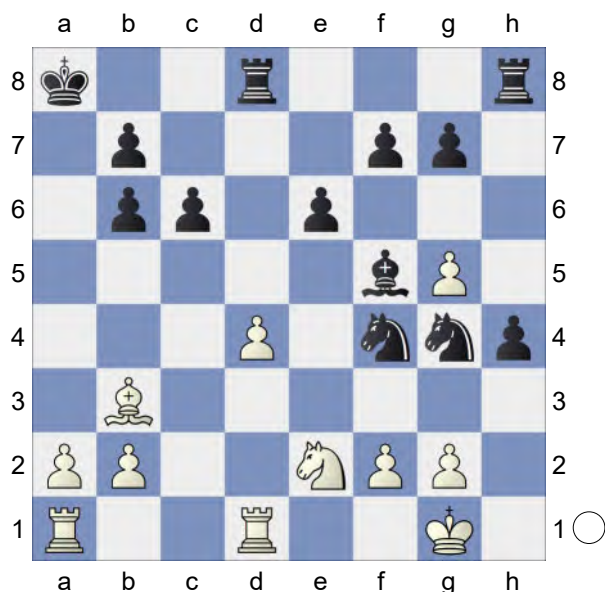
[17...Qc7 18.f3+-]

18.Nd6 Ng6 19.Nc4 Nxf4 -1.55/19

[Black should try 19...Qb4+- -2.74/21
 20.Qc7 Ne7]

20.Nxb6+± axb6

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21.Nxf4 Rd6 Black is more active.

22.Rac1 -2.01/22

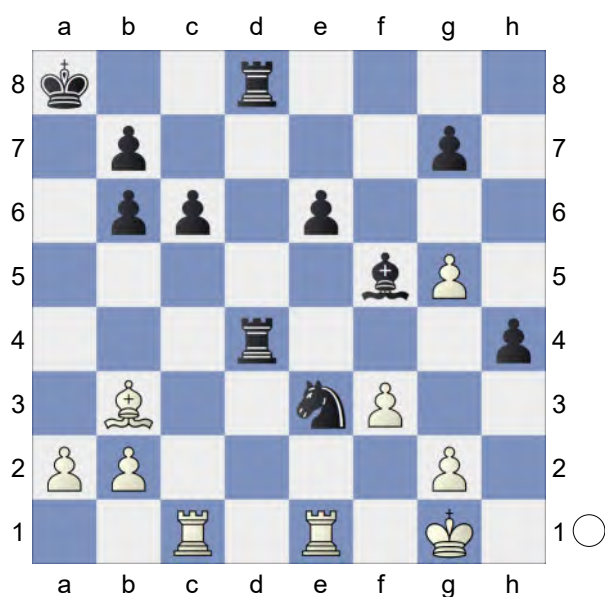
[22.Nh3 $\mp$ -1.35/23]

22...Rhd8+ 23.f3 Ne3 $\uparrow$ Deflection
Deflection. Keeping White busy.

[23...Rxd4 24.fxg4 Bxg4 25.Rxd4
Rxd4 26.Rc4+-]

24.Re1 Rxd4 25.Nxe6 fxe6

[25...Bxe6 26.Rxe3 (26.Bxe6 fxe6
27.Rxe3 $\mp$) 26...Bd5 27.Re7]



26.Rxe3 Rd2 27.Rc4? -4.69/21
Now White is beyond hope.

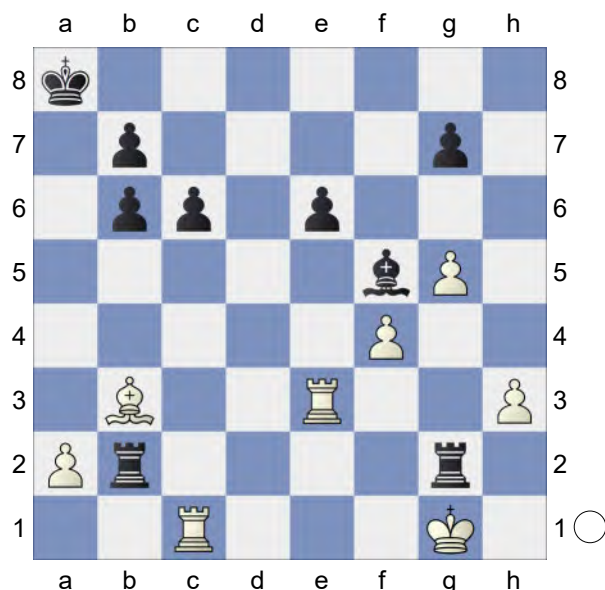
[27.Bxe6 $\mp$ -1.55/18 Bxe6 28.Rxe6]
27...h3

[27...Rxb2 28.Rxh4

A) 28...Rdd2 29.Bxe6 Bd3
30.Rg4= (30.Ra4+ Kb8 31.Bh3 $\pm$);

B) 28...b5 29.Bxe6 Bxe6
30.Rxe6+-]

28.gxh3 Rxb2 Threatens to win with ...
Rdd2! 29.f4 Rdd2 (-> ...Rb1+) **30.Rc1**
Rg2+



31.Kf1 Rh2 32.Kg1 Prevents Rh1+
Repels Rh1+ **32...Rbg2+**

[32...Rxh3? 33.Rxh3 Bxh3
34.Rc3+-]

[32...Bxh3 33.Rg3+-]

33.Kf1 Rd2

[**Worse is** 33...Bxh3 34.Rxh3 Rf2+
35.Kg1 (35.Ke1 Re2+ 36.Kf1 Ref2+
37.Kg1 Rfg2+ 38.Kf1 Rf2+=)
35...Rfg2+ 36.Kf1 Rf2+= 37.Kg1
(37.Ke1 Re2+ 38.Kf1 Ref2+=)
37...Rfg2+ 38.Kf1=]

34.Ke1 -6.08/20

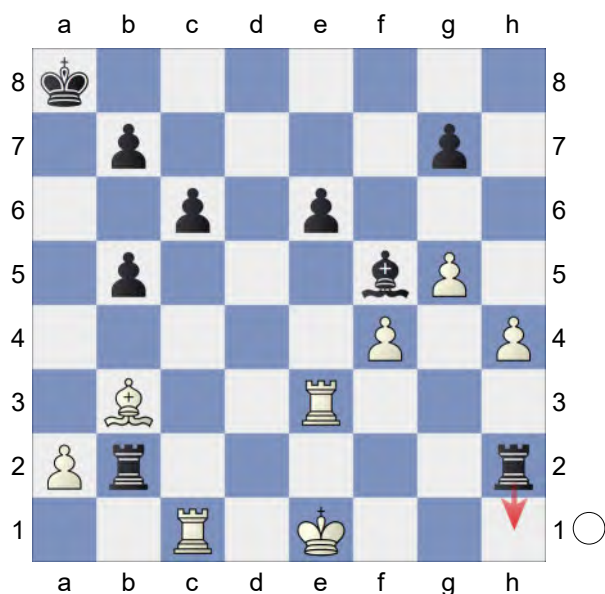
[$\triangle$ 34.Kg1 -3.98/20]

34...b5 Hoping for ...Rb2. Black is clearly
winning.

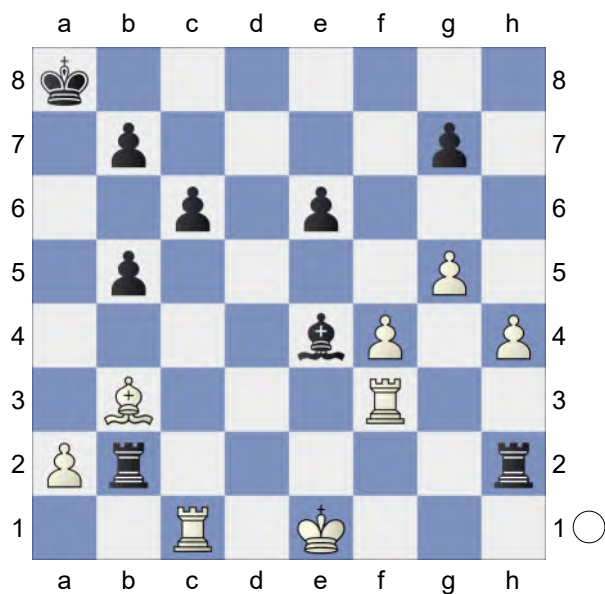
[**Weaker is** 34...Bxh3 35.Rxh3 Rde2+
36.Kf1 Ref2+ 37.Kg1 (37.Ke1 Re2+

38.Kf1 Rf2+ 39.Kg1 Rfg2+ 40.Kf1
 Rf2+=) 37...Rfg2+ 38.Kf1 Rf2+
 39.Ke1 Re2+ 40.Kd1 (40.Kf1
 Rf2+=) 40...Rd2+ 41.Ke1 Rde2+=]

35.h4 Rb2



36.Rf3 Be4



White got outplayed after the opening.
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 Black=0.14 (very precise)
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.63/
 Black=0.18 (very precise)

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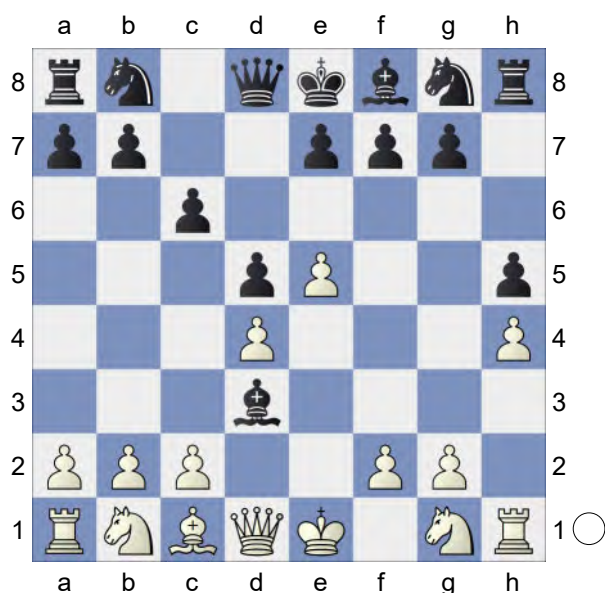
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An insane game made more chaotic by the blitz time-control but also emphasising just how hard these lines are to handle in practice. 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.Nd2 e6 8.Ne2 c5

This is what Justin gave before. In my opinion Black equalises here as well but ...Ne7 is perhaps the more practical continuation.

[8...Qa6 9.c4

A) For 9...c5? 10.dxc5 see Justin's notes to Nakamura,H-Svane,R Caleta 2019.;

B) 9...Ne7

B1) 10.a4!? leads to equality-the present game and others show quite adequately that White really needs b4 for the queenside play to get anywhere. Nd7 11.b3 Ng6 (11...0-0-0!?

was a daring if not objectively great decision in Kulesza,A-Niedbala,B Szklarska Poreba 2021.) 12.0-0 Be7=;

B2) 10.b3! c5 (10...Nf5? 11.Ng3!± Maiwald,J-Bluebaum,M Germany 2019) 11.0-0 Nbc6 12.Nf3 Nf5 (12...cxd4!? 13.Nexd4 dxc4 14.bxc4 Nxd4 15.Nxd4± Black has some strategic pluses here, but it is still not so simple to get the king to safety.) 13.Rd1 (13.Bg5N Be7 14.dxc5! dxc4 15.Qe4± White has slight pressure all over the board.) 13...dxc4 14.bxc4?! (14.Qe4∞) 14...cxd4 15.Nexd4 Nfxd4 16.Nxd4 Rd8± Kollars,D-Svane,R INT 2018;

C) 9...Nh6 10.Rb1! Preparing to play b4 without further ado. (10.Qc3 Nd7 11.Ng3 Be7 gives Black relatively easy equality.; 10.Ng3?! c5± was tested for White by some quite strong players, but looks unwise.)

[8...Ne7 is examined in Lagarde-Bluebaum, also from this month.]

9.c4!?N A strong novelty and the critical test of Black's concept. It is very far from rare in the Advance Caro that ...c5 is best met by c4.

[9.c3 Qa6!= equalises.]

[9.0-0 Qa6 is also not worrying: since Black has not committed either knight yet, it is possible to react to 10.c4 with Nc6 and there are no problems whatsoever.]

9...Nc6? This reaction is sometimes justified in the 6...e6 lines, but here it just loses far too much time.

[9...Ne7! 10.0-0 Nbc6 (10...cxd4 11.b4 Qd8 12.cxd5 Nxd5 13.a3 Nc6

14.Nf3±) 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Nc4
(Also playable is 12.Nb3 Qc7
13.Nc3 Nxc3 14.bxc3 with the idea of
Qg3, but Black has answers here as
well.) 12...Qa6 The first of quite a
few non-trivial 'only moves' which
mean that Black's position is not
really too enviable in this line in
practice. (12...Qc7 13.Bg5±
followed by Rac1, Rfd1, etc. and
Black can't complete development
easily.) 13.Bg5 Nb6□

A) 14.Rac1!? Nb4! (14...Be7
15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.Qxa6 bxa6
17.dxc5 Nxe5 18.cxd6±) 15.Qb3
Qxa2! 16.Qf3 Nxc4 17.Qxb7 Nb6
18.dxc5 Bxc5! (18...Qa6?!
19.Qxa6 Nxa6 20.cxb6 axb6
21.Rfd1±; 18...Qd5? 19.c6 Bc5
20.Rxc5 Qxc5 21.Rc1±) 19.Rxc5
0-0 20.Nc3 Qa6=;

B) 14.b3 Nxc4 15.bxc4 Be7
16.Bxe7 Nxe7 17.dxc5 0-0
(17...Ng6!?) is also alright, but
taking pawns is not: 18.Nc3
Nxe5?? 19.Qg3 Ng6 20.Nb5+-)
18.Ng3 Rfd8 19.Qe4 Qc6
20.Rab1= Black just needs to show
a tiny bit more caution to avoid
some annoying pawn-down ending,
but in general the position is by now
basically equal.]

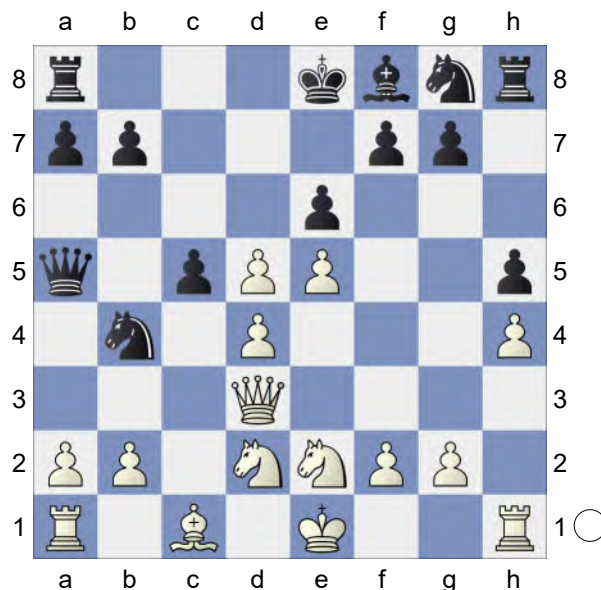
[9...Qa6 transposes to Nakamura-
Svane.]

[9...cxd4 10.Qb3 Nd7 11.cxd5 Qxd5
12.Qxd5 exd5 13.Nf3±
with a standard, very slight IQP pull.]

10.cxd5 Nb4

[10...exd5 11.0-0± This structure is
very nice for White (regardless of
the order through which it is reached)
since there is no longer any realistic
impediment to the simple plan of f4-

f5.]



11.Qb3 Preventing Black from
recapturing with the knight and thus
ensuring the structure mentioned
before. **11...exd5**

[11...c4 12.Qxc4 Nxd5 13.0-0+-]

**12.0-0 c4 13.Qf3 Nd3 14.Nc3?!
White abandons the idea of playing b3.**

[The computer indicates 14.Rd1!
, simply defending the d2-knight and
preparing to undermine Black's
centre with b3. Nh6 (14...Ne7
15.b3+-; 14...Bb4 15.Nf1+-
will work similarly to the game: White
wants just Bg5 and Ne3.) 15.Nc3 Rd8
16.Nb3+-]

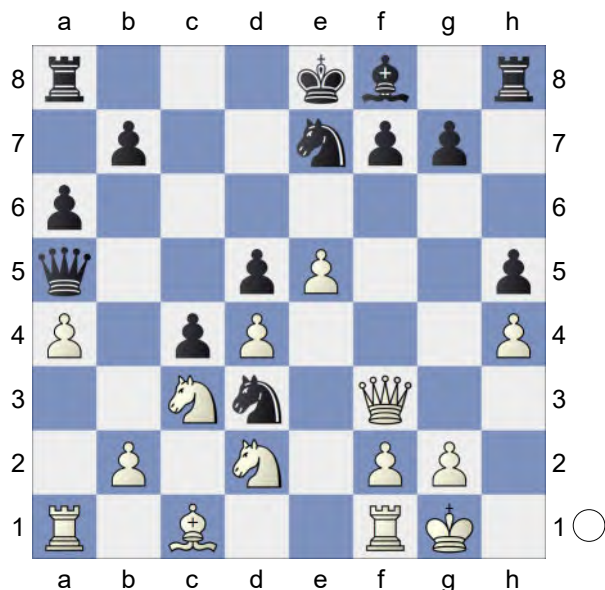
[14.b3!? is actually still playable,
though a tiny bit unnecessary. Nxc1
15.Raxc1 Qxd2 16.bxc4±]

14...Ne7 Over the next few moves the
evaluation see-saws a bit more before
the dust settles in Black's favour. As it
is blitz I will refrain from commenting too
much.

[14...Rd8± followed by ...Bb4 leaves
White not too much better, since there
is no real chance of undermining the

centre any more.]

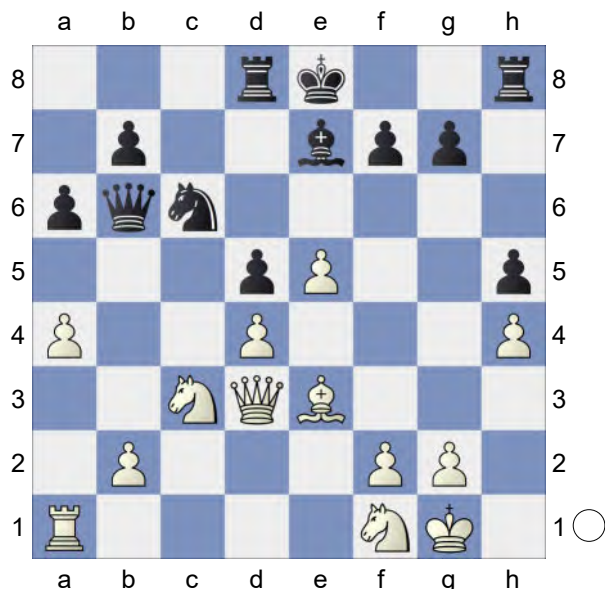
15.a4 a6



16.Rd1 Rd8 17.Nf1

[Perhaps the last relevant opening point is that 17.Nb3 Qb6 18.Nc5! will open up the d-file to White's advantage, for instance: Nxc5 19.dxc5 Qxc5 20.Bg5 d4 21.Ne4 Qxe5 22.Bf6!!+- and Black can resign soon.]

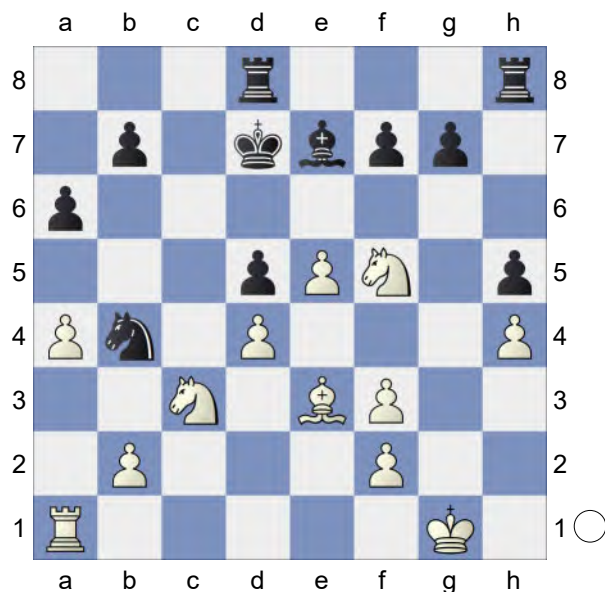
17...Qb6 18.Rxd3 cxd3 19.Qxd3 Nc6 20.Be3 Be7



21.Ng3 Nb4

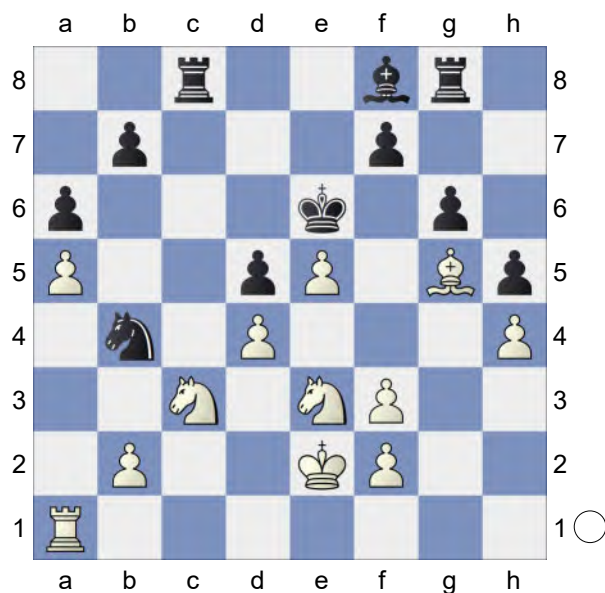
[21...Nxe5! is a tactic that is possible to see regardless of the time situation.]

22.Qe2 Qg6 23.Qf3 Qg4! 24.Nf5 Qxf3 25.gxf3 Kd7



Black has secured a pleasant endgame, but soon the d5-pawn gets misplaced.

26.Kf1 Rhg8 27.Ke2 Rc8 28.a5 Bf8 29.Bg5 g6 30.Ne3 Ke6

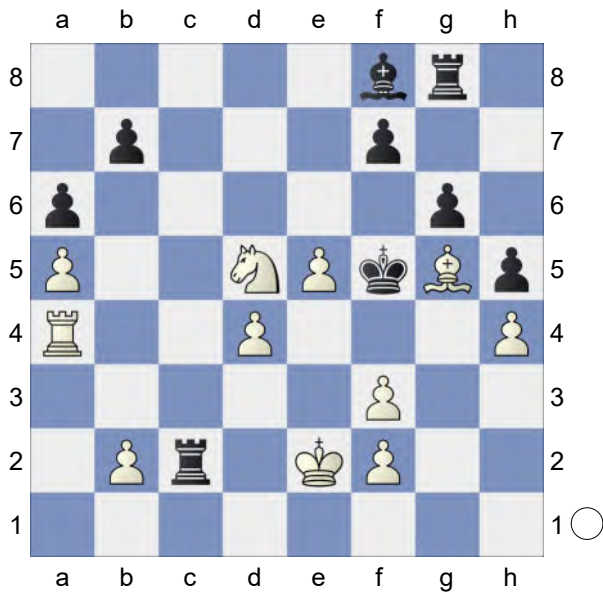


31.Ra4 Rc6 32.Ng2 Rc8??

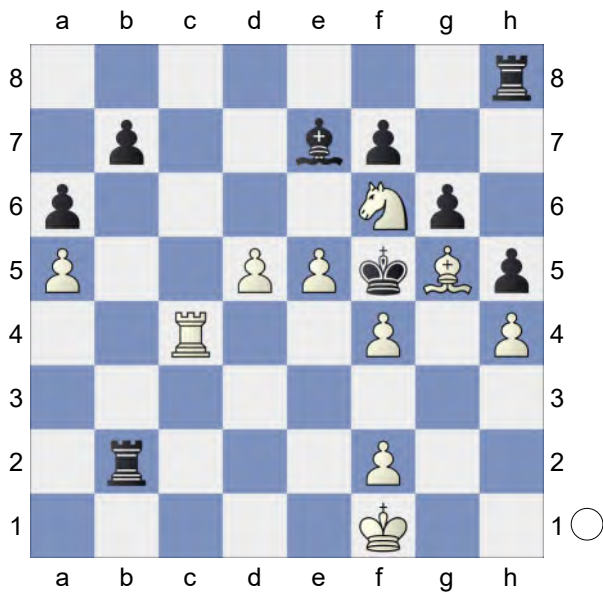
[After 32...Rc4! everything is still up for grabs.]

33.Nf4+ Kf5 34.Nfxd5+- Nxd5

35.Nxd5 Rc2+



**36.Kf1 Rxb2 37.Rc4 Ke6 38.Nf6 Rh8
39.f4 Be7 40.d5+ Kf5**

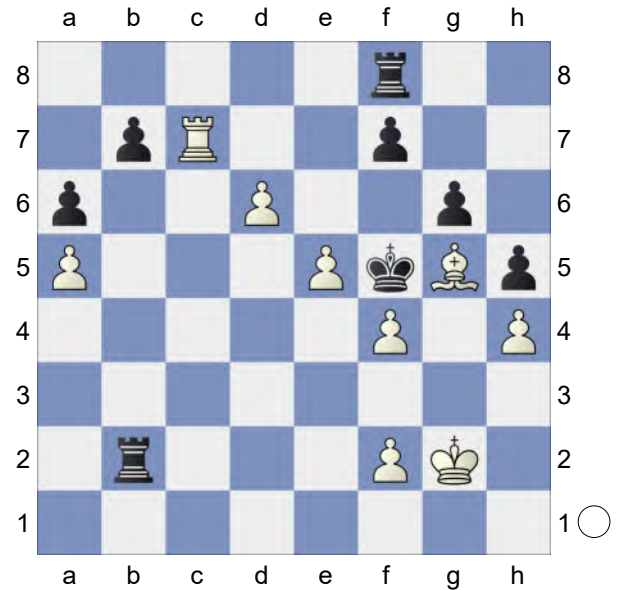


41.d6

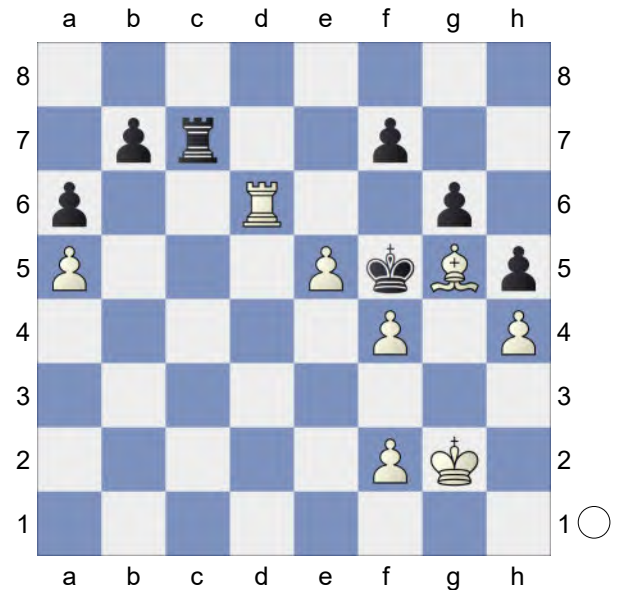
[41.Ne4! Bxg5 42.Nd6+ Kg4
43.fxg5+ Kh3 44.Nxf7+-]

**41...Bd8 42.Nd5? Ke6 43.Nc7+ Kf5
44.Kg2 Bxc7? The last mistake in this
slugfest is made by Black. It is no
longer possible to prevent the loss of a
rook for the d-pawn. 45.Rxc7 Rf8**

(Diagram)

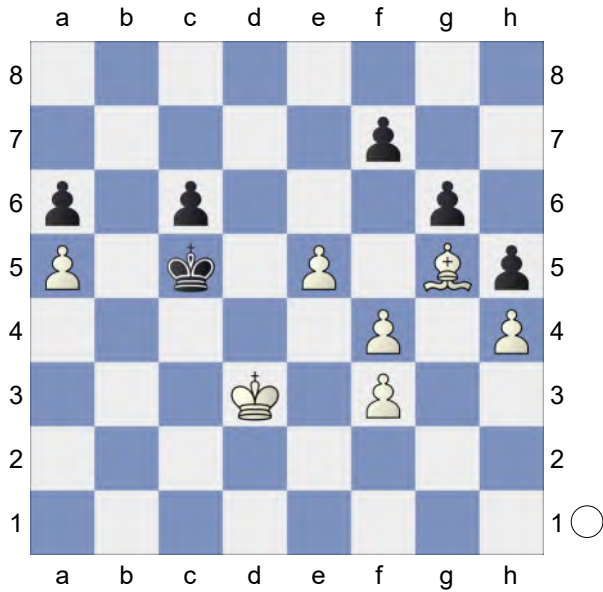


**46.d7 Rd2 47.Rc8 Rxd7 48.Rxf8 Ke6
49.Rd8 Rc7 50.Rd6+ Kf5**

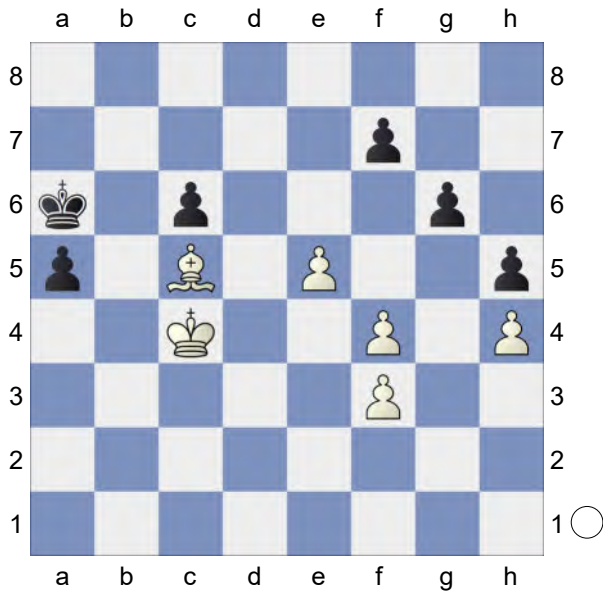


**51.f3 Rc6 52.Rxc6 bxc6 53.Kf2 Ke6
54.Ke3 Kd5 55.Kd3 Kc5**

(Diagram)

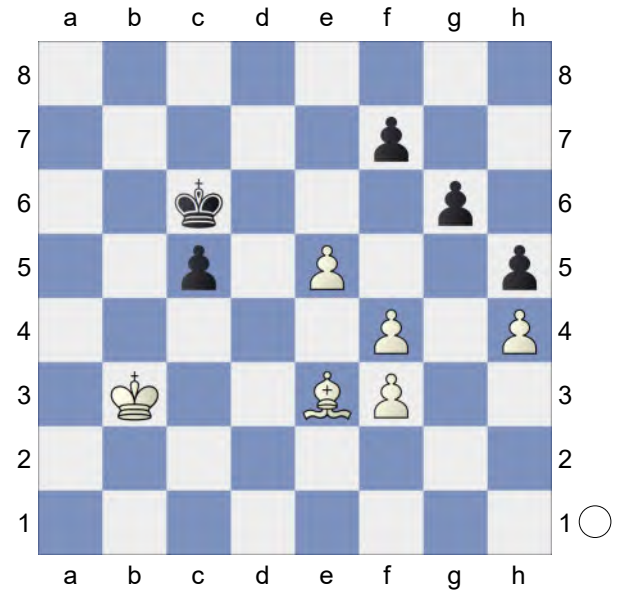


56.Bd8 Kb4 57.Be7+ Kxa5 58.Kc4 Kb6 59.Bb4 a5 60.Bc5+ Ka6

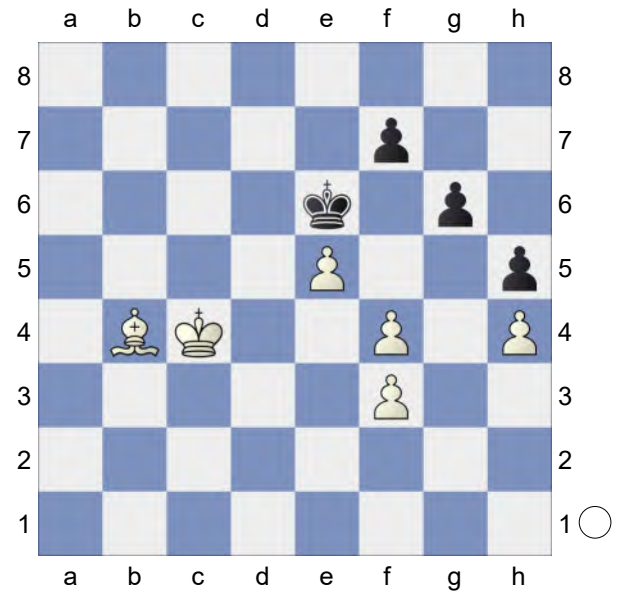


61.Bd4 a4 62.Kb4 a3 63.Kxa3 Kb5 64.Kb3 c5 65.Be3 Kc6

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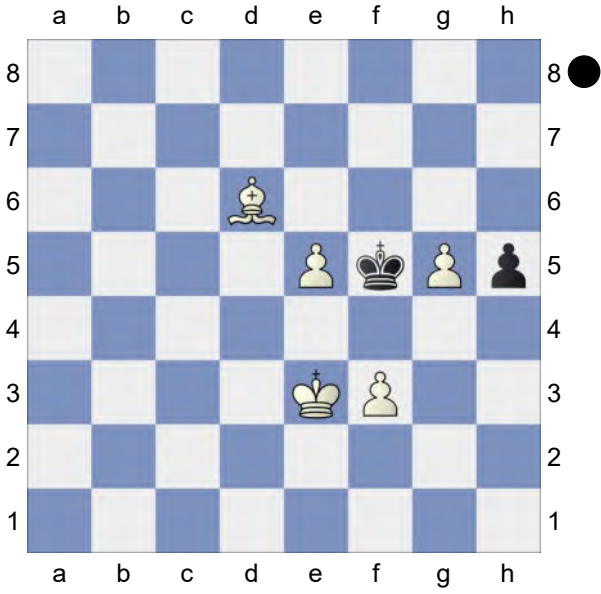


66.Kc4 Kd7 67.Kd5 c4 68.Bd2 Ke7 69.Bb4+ Kd7 70.Kxc4 Ke6



71.Kd4 Kf5 72.Ke3 f6 73.Bd6 g5 74.fxg5 fxg5 75.hxg5

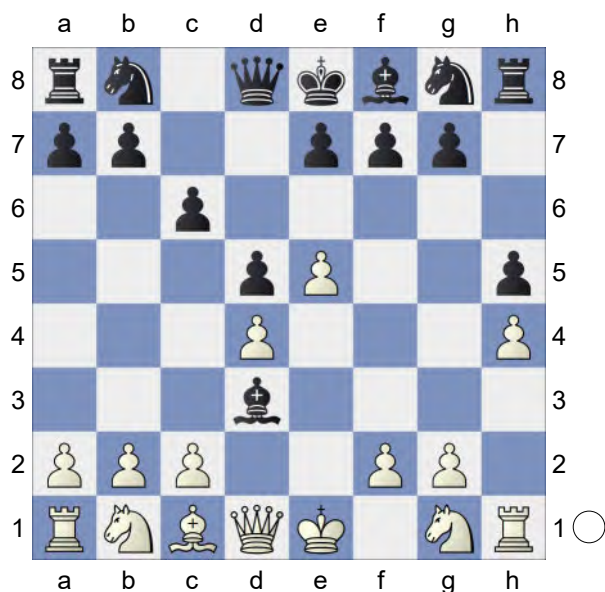
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 ☐ **Motylev,Alexander** **2641**
 ■ **Girya,Olga** **2432**
 RM Kura Mem 2021 rapid (6.3) 27.02.21
[Daniel Fernandez]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.b4!? Qxb4+
 I asked for a high-level test of Black accepting the sacrifice (at classical time-controls), and now I have it!

[We examined 7...Qa6 in van Foreest, J-Anton Guijarro, D Los Cancajos 2020, together with a review of White's other 7th moves.]

8.Nd2 e6 9.Rb1 Qe7 Reaching a critical position and one which I discussed at some length with English junior Harry Grieve in late 2020.

[9...Qa5 10.Rxb7 Nd7 11.Ngf3± is simply much better for White due to Black's lack of development. Kobo, O-Shuvalova, P INT 2020]

10.c4!?

[If White hesitates with 10.Ne2 then probably b5! is called for. 11.a4

a6 (11...b4!? still remains to be tested.; 11...bxa4 12.c4±) 12.Nf3 Black will have to move their queen soon enough in order to develop, but almost all the available squares come with clear disadvantages.

A) 12...Qc7 13.Ng5 followed by Nf4 lends substantial weight to the idea of a sacrifice on e6, so Black has to tread carefully. g6 14.Nf4 Ne7 15.Ba3 Nf5 Avoiding Bd6 ideas. 16.Bxf8 Rxf8 17.g4! hxg4 18.h5 Qe7☐ 19.Nh7 g5! Black has to play some very accurate chess in order to not face a -1 disadvantage almost immediately, including this exchange sacrifice. But it's still not totally clear that it's enough. 20.Ng2!? Rh8 21.Nf6+ Kd8 22.Ne3 Nxe3 23.Qxe3 Nd7 24.Nxg4→ The most essential part of this position for evaluation purposes seems to be White's passed h-pawn. Black can't easily arrange to play ...f5 and so lessening the kingside pressure is not on the cards in the short-term.;

B) 12...Qb7 unnecessarily gives White some ideas of c4. 13.Ng5!? Nh6 (13...g6? 14.c4±; 13...Ne7 14.Ng3 g6 15.c4±) 14.c3 Black has been forced into an unusual scheme of development, and this is enough concession for White's present purposes. Qd7 15.Nh7→ (15.Ng3 g6 16.0-0 Be7 17.Bf4↑);

C) 12...Qa7! 13.0-0 Ne7 14.Ba3 Nd7 (14...Nf5 15.Bxf8 Kxf8 16.Ng3±) 15.Nf4 Nb6 (15...Nf5 16.Bxf8 Kxf8 17.axb5 axb5 18.Qc3 Qb6 19.Ra1 Rxa1

20.Rxa1 g6) 16.axb5 cxb5
17.Bc5"]

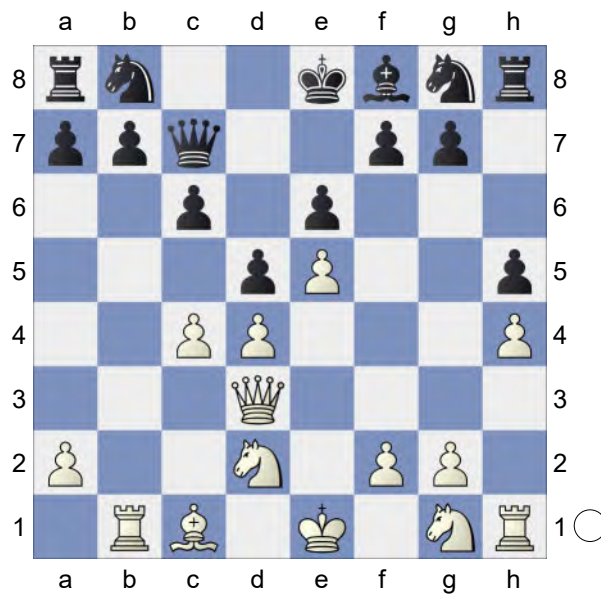
10...Qc7N

[10...Nh6 11.Ngf3 (11.Qb3!? Nf5!
12.Ne2 dxc4= and Black saves a hot
tempo on protecting the b7-pawn)
11...Nf5 was my recommendation
before, which I stand by. 12.Nf1 dxc4
13.Qxc4 b5! followed by routing the
b8-knight to d5 gives a very
complicated game. Note that in case
of 14.Qc3?! , arguably the most
logical place White can put this queen,
there is a5!! to make use of Black
not having moved their queen from e7
yet. The 'threat' is ...Qb4.]

[10...Na6?! Grieve,H-Le,Q INT 2020,
and now the simple 11.cxd5 cxd5
12.Qb5+ Qd7 13.Qxd7+ Kxd7
14.Rxb7+± gives White a reasonable
development advantage.]

[10...Qd7 is also alright, covering the
a4-e8 diagonal in case of accidents,
but Black will still want to put a knight
on f5 and it's better to commence that
plan immediately. Desideri,R-Carneiro,
V Sao Paulo 2018 11.Ne2!? Nh6
12.0-0 Nf5 13.Nf3±]

(Diagram)



Black prepares to play ...Nd7-b6 and fight for the light squares, which seems like an acceptable strategy (if not one I had especially considered before.)

11.Ngf3 White's knights are best placed on f3 and g3.

[It is more flexible to begin the same plan with 11.Ne2 , in case the f4-square becomes attractive in the meantime or to avoid interference between Nf1-g3 and 0-0. However, Black can equalise by the same method: Nd7 12.0-0 (Maybe more practical is 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.0-0 Nb6 14.Qb3± , intending either a4-a5 or some kind of c-file plan.) 12...Nb6 13.a4 Nxc4 14.Nxc4 dxc4 15.Qxc4 Ne7= and the position of White's knight makes no material difference.]

[The correct way to try and punish Black's queen move was perhaps 11.Qb3! , forcing Black to make a gutsy counter-sacrifice followed by some accurate neutralising moves. b5! (11...b6 12.Ne2 Ne7 13.0-0±; 11...dxc4? 12.Qxb7± is, of course, much better now than in the versions where Black didn't move their queen a

couple of moves ago.) 12.cxb5 cxb5
 13.Qxb5+ Nc6 14.Rh3!? Nge7
 (14...Rb8?? 15.Qxc6+!! Qxc6
 16.Rxb8+ Kd7 17.Ne2 followed by
 Rc3, and Black's pieces are
 completely tied up.) 15.Rc3
 My feeling was that White should be
 able to make some use of their
 superior co-ordination at this moment,
 but concrete attempts are all coming
 up short, e.g. Rb8 16.Qxb8+ Qxb8
 17.Rxb8+ Nxb8 18.Ne2 Nec6
 19.Ba3 Bxa3 20.Rxa3 Ke7=
 with a dead level position.]

11...Nh6?! This mixture of plans looks
 decidedly slow. Black should either have
 played this on the previous move, or
 gone for the intended ...Nd7 idea.

[11...Nd7! works perhaps better than
 after 11.Ne2, because in the lines with
 a pawn trade on d5 White doesn't
 have the ability to play Nc3-b5 ideas.
 12.0-0 Nb6 13.a4 Nxc4 14.Nxc4
 dxc4 15.Qxc4 Ne7=]

12.0-0 Allowing the knight to come to f5
 without let nor hindrance.

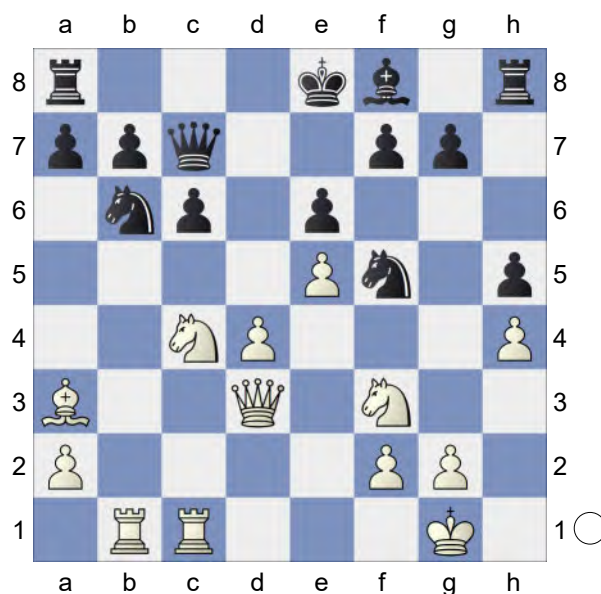
[12.Nf1!? White intends to simply
 take on d5 and h6, with a large lead
 in development. We know that ...Nf5
 seldom does well if White can meet it
 with Ng3, and so here Black has to try
 some other means of getting
 counterplay. However, even the
 principled dxc4 13.Qxc4 Nd7
 14.Ng3 Nb6 15.Qb3± seemingly
 leaves Black a bit worse.]

12...Nf5 13.Ba3 dxc4? Black opts for a
 version of the 'get a knight to d5' plan,
 which is more or less inevitable in all of
 these lines. However, in this version
 she just ends up with a clearly worse
 position.

[After 13...Bxa3 14.Qxa3 b6!

15.cxd5 cxd5 White doesn't have any
 Nc3-b5 ideas, and this factor is just
 enough to make Black retain equality.
 16.Rfc1 Nc6=]

14.Nxc4 Nd7 15.Rfc1 Nb6

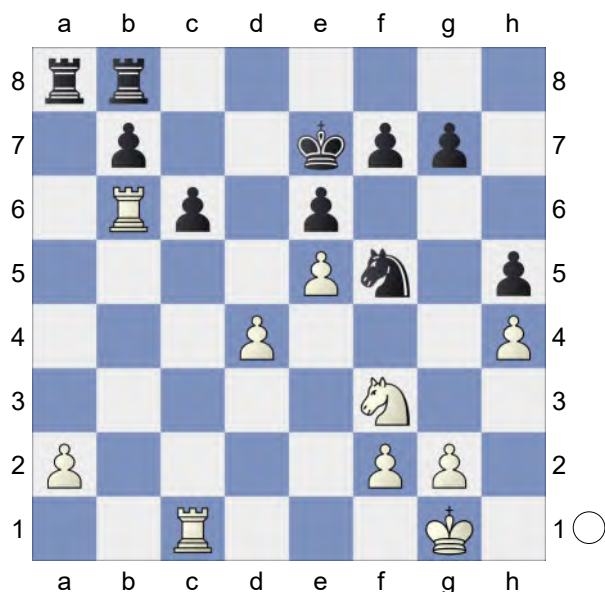


16.Bxf8 Kxf8 17.Qa3+ Qe7
18.Qxe7+??

[White had demonstrated very
 powerful early middlegame play to this
 point, but here sells out way too
 cheaply. 18.Nd6! would likely have
 netted a version of the same ending
 with two pairs of rooks and Black still
 in passivity. Since White threatens
 Rxb6, the reply is almost forced. Nxd6
 19.Rxb6 Nf5 20.Qxe7+ Nxe7
 21.Rxb7+-]

18...Kxe7 19.Nxb6 axb6 20.Rxb6
Rhb8=

(Diagram)

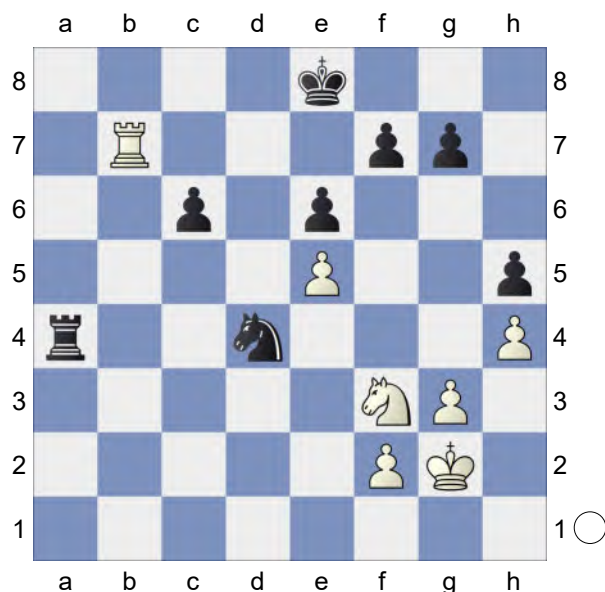


This is the big difference: Black can defend the b7-pawn with one rook, ensuring a trade of one pair, and use the other rook to keep an eye on the a2-pawn. If White plays slowly, they could even end up worse due to Black's better structure. For instance, allowing Black time for ...Kd7-c7 is automatically a very bad idea. **21.Rcb1 Rxa2 22.Rxb7+ Rxb7 23.Rxb7+ Ke8 24.g3 Ra4** Black's pressure against White's centre compensates exactly for their slightly worse structure. **25.Kg2!?** GM Motylev tries his best to whip something up, but Olga defends accurately and is never in any danger of losing.

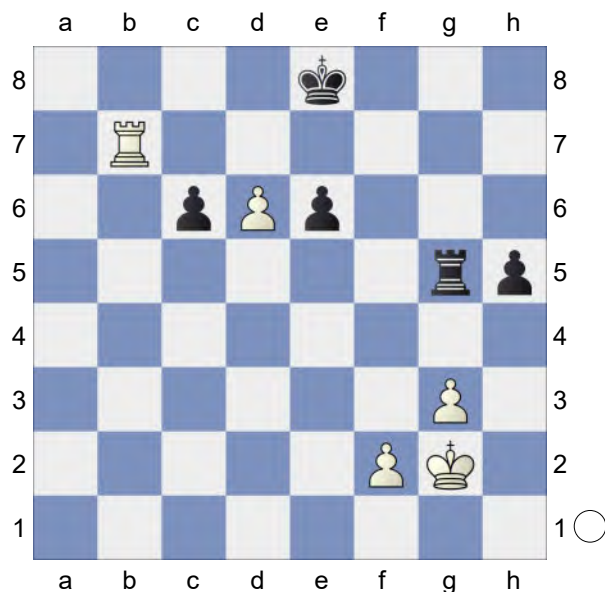
[25.Ng5 Nh6 26.Ne4 Rxd4 27.Nd6+ Kf8 also looks very nice, but falls short when it comes to actual mating potential.]

25...Nxd4

(Diagram)



26.Ng5 Ra5 27.Nxf7 Nf5 28.Nd6+ Nxd6 29.exd6 g5 30.hxg5 Rxc5

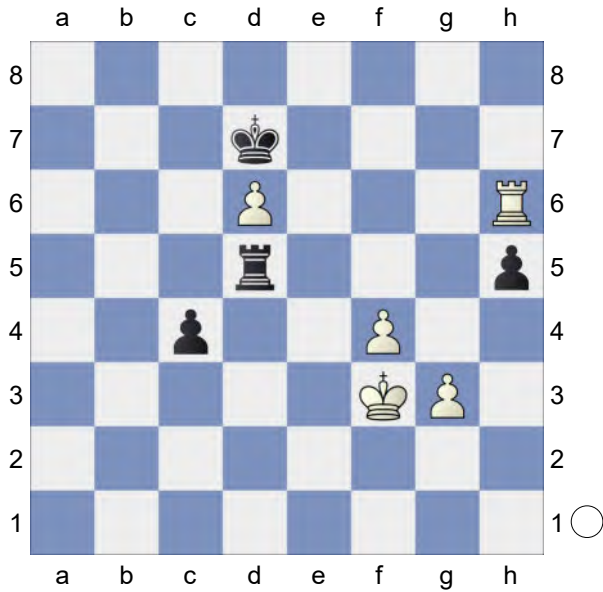


31.Re7+ Kd8 32.f4

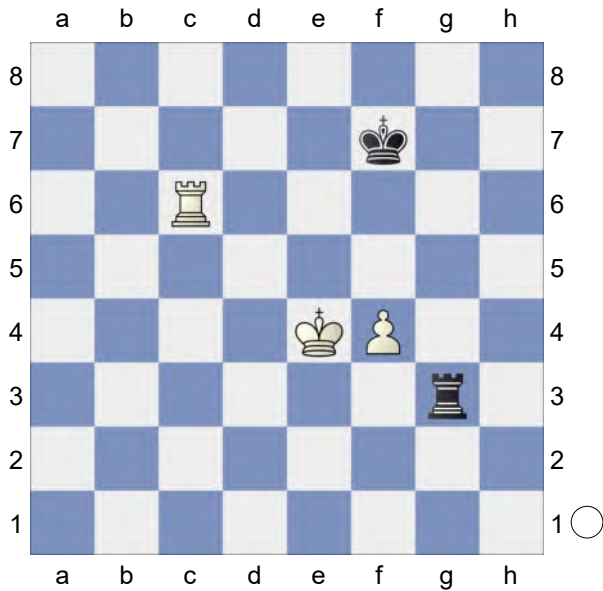
[32.Rxe6 h4! was undoubtedly Black's idea, leaving no danger of a tricky f/g v h ending. 33.Kf3 hxg3 34.fxg3 Kd7=]

32...Rd5 33.Rxe6 Kd7 34.Rh6 Just as White seems to have won a pawn, the counterplay begins. **34...c5! 35.Kf3 c4**

(Diagram)

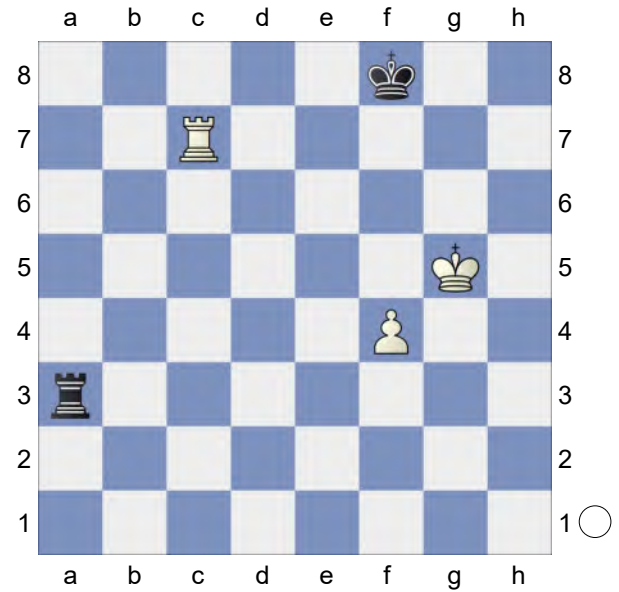


36.Ke4 Rd3 37.Rxh5 Rxg3 38.Rc5
[38.Kd5 Rd3+ 39.Kxc4 Rxd6
40.Rd5 Ke7=]
38...Kxd6 39.Rxc4 Ke6 40.Rc6+ Kf7

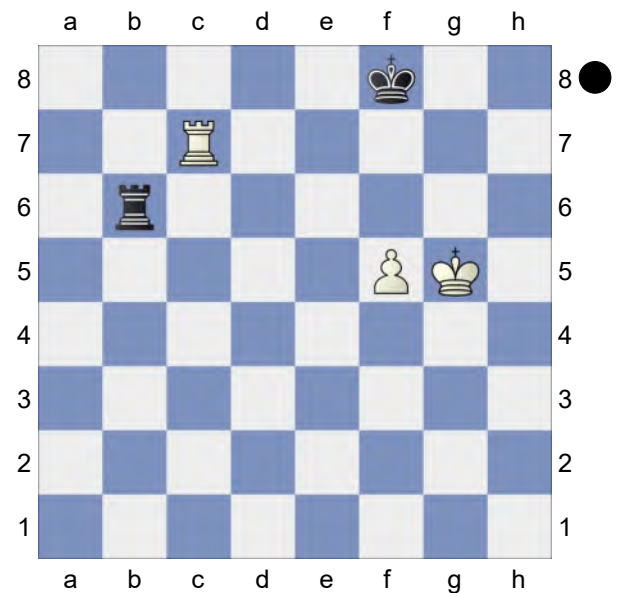


41.Kf5 Rf3 42.Rc7+ Kf8 43.Kg5 Ra3
44.Rc6 Kf7 45.Rc7+ Kf8

(Diagram)



46.f5 Ra6 47.Rh7 Rb6 48.Rc7



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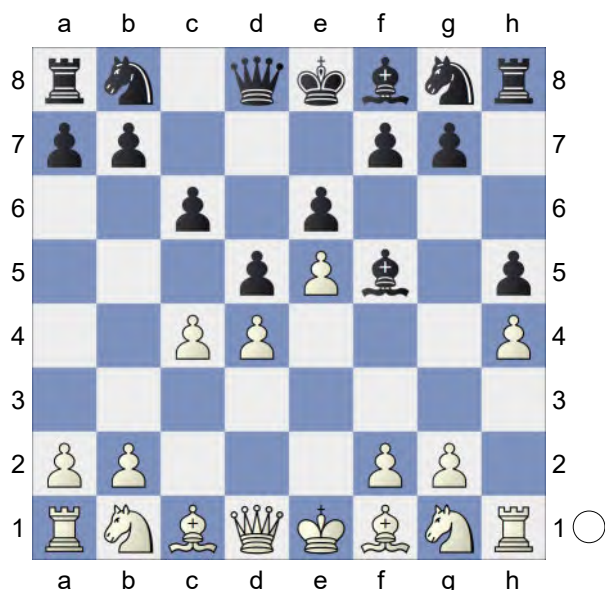
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.c4 e6

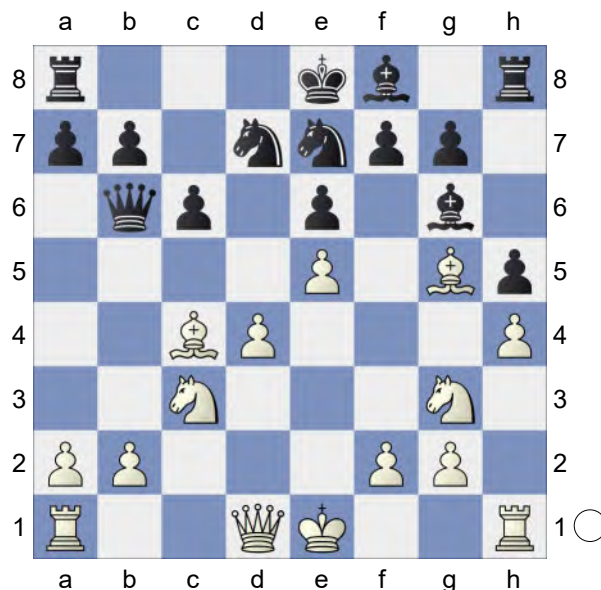


6.Nc3 dxc4 now scores much better than the old 6...Ne7.punktet besser als das ältere 6...Se7. 7.Bxc4 Nd7 8.Nge2 Ne7 0.49/19

[8...Be7!= 0.10/20]

9.Ng3± Bg6 10.Bg5 Qb6

(Diagram)



...0-0-0 is the strong threat. White is slightly better. 11.0-0 White is more active. 11...Nf5 0.95/18

[11...0-0-0!± 0.40/19]

12.Nxf5± Bxf5 13.Rc1

[13.Qd2 f6 14.Be3 Qc7 15.exf6 gxf6 16.Rac1 Nb6 17.Bd3 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 Qh7 19.Qe2 Qf5 20.Rfe1 Rg8 21.Bd2 Kf7 22.Ne4 Qg4 23.Ng3 Qxe2 24.Rxe2 Rg4 25.Rce1 Rxd4 26.Bc3 Rxh4 27.Rxe6 Nd5 ½-½ (53) Liang,A (2687)-Yoo,C (2588) Titled Tuesday intern op 26th Nov Late blitz 2024 (11)]

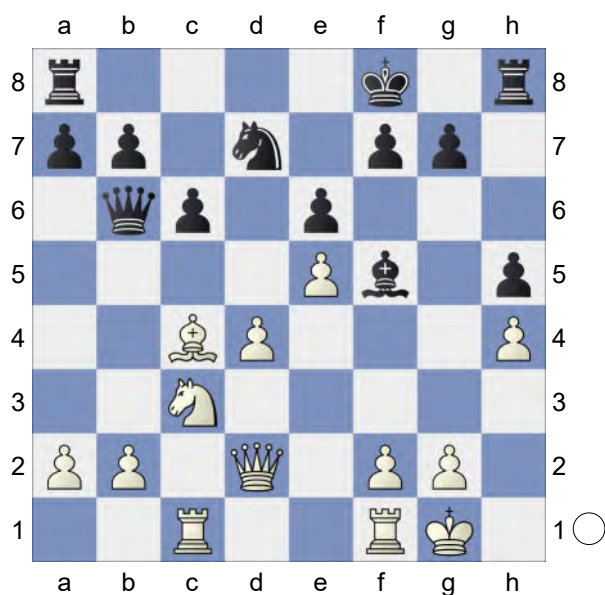
13...Be7 14.Bxe7 Kxe7 15.Qd2

[15.Re1 looks sharper. g6 16.Ne4 Bxe4 17.Rxe4 Qxb2 18.Re3]

15...Kf8N

[15...Qd8 16.Nd1 Nb6 17.Ne3 Kf8 18.Nxf5 exf5 19.Bb3 Qxh4 20.Rfe1 Rh6 21.e6 fxe6 22.Bxe6 Re8 23.Bxf5 Rxe1+ 24.Rxe1 Qd8 25.Qd3 Kf7 26.Qf3 Qf6 27.Qb3+ Kf8 28.Qa3+ Qd6 29.Qe3 Qd8 30.Qe4 1-0 (57) So,W (2765)-Anand,V (2758) Tata Steel-A 82nd 2020 (2) Rf6 31.Bg6 Kg8 32.Qh4 Qd5 33.Re8+ Rf8 34.Qe7 Nd7 35.Bc2

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 38.Qxf8 Qxb2 39.Bg8+ Kh6 40.Qf4+
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 51.Kxh4 a4 52.g4 c4 53.g5 a3
 54.Be2 Kf5 55.Kh5 Ke4 56.g6 c3
 57.Bd1 Round-Firouzja,A]



16.Nd1 White stays focused until the end.

[Vorgänger: 16.Rfe1 Qd8 17.Ne4
 Bxe4 18.Rxe4 Strongly threatening
 Qb4+. Nb6 19.Bb3 g6 20.Rc3
 Hoping for Rf4. Kg7 21.Rf3 Nd5
 Prevents Ref4 22.Bxd5! Qxd5
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16...c5 1.67/17

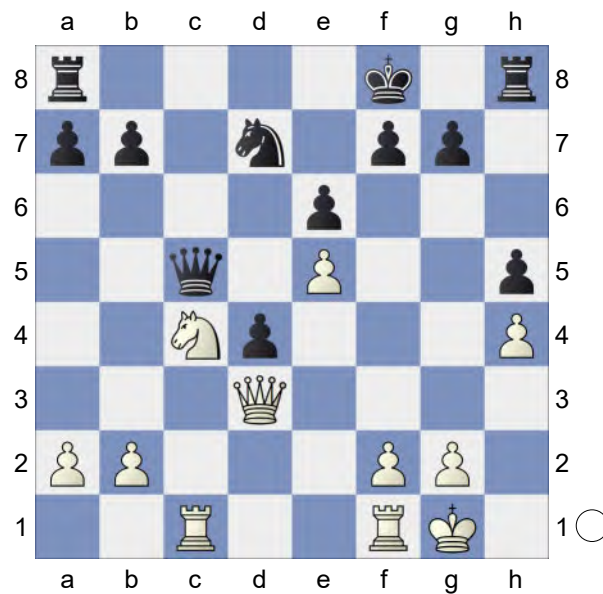
[16...g6± 0.74/20]

17.Ne3+- Nxf5 would now be deadly.

17...Bg6 2.04/20

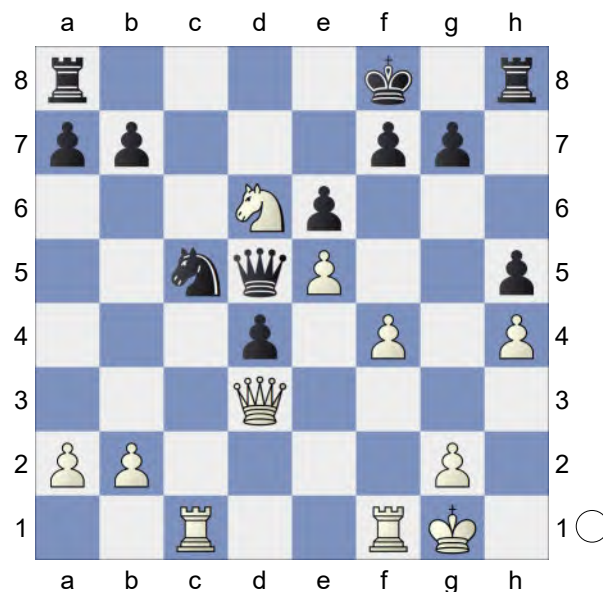
[17...cxd4 1.65/20 18.Nxf5 exf5]

**18.Bd3 Bxd3 19.Qxd3 cxd4 20.Nc4
 Qc5**



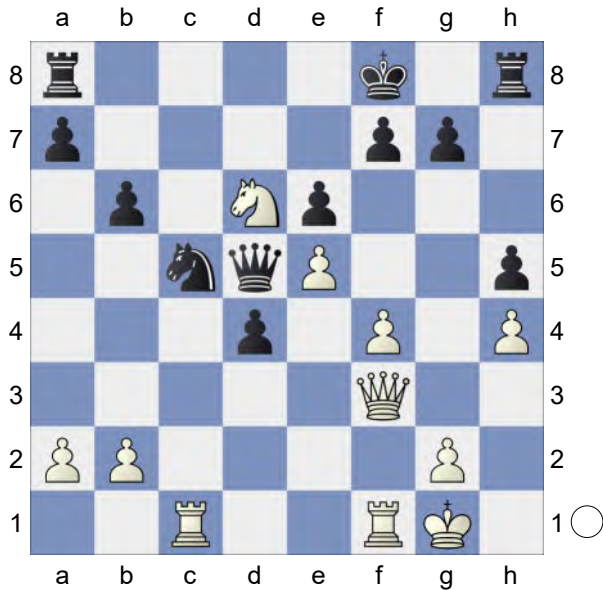
21.f4 White has strong compensation.

21...Qd5 22.Nd6 Nc5



23.Qf3 b6

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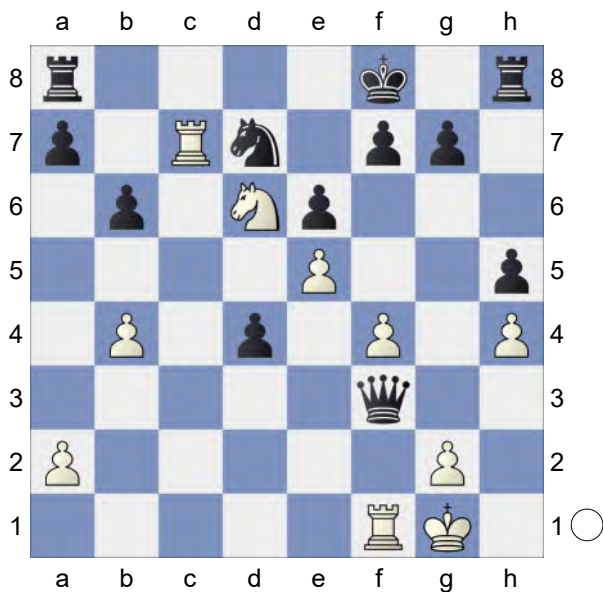
24.b4

[24.Qxd5 exd5 25.Rfd1 f6 26.Rxd4 Ne6=]

24...Nd7 4.63/21

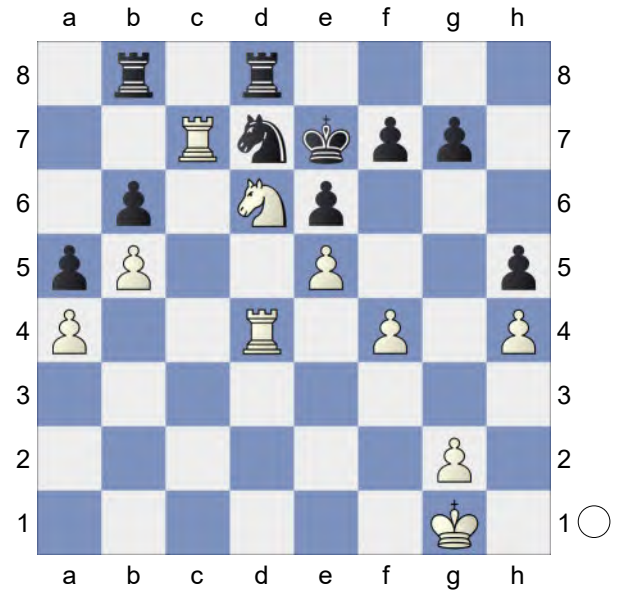
[24...Qxf3 3.09/18 is a better defense. 25.Rxf3 Na4]

25.Rc7 Qxf3



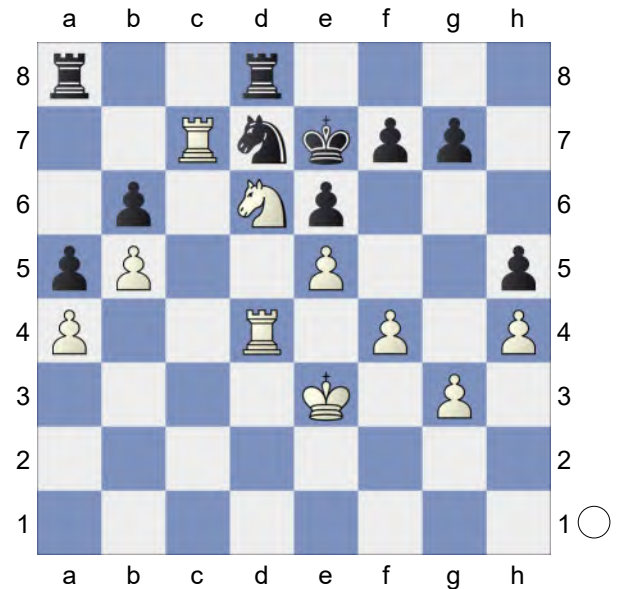
26.Rxf3 Ke7 27.Rd3 Rhd8 28.Rxd4 a6 29.a4 White is clearly winning.
29...a5 30.b5 Rab8

(Diagram)



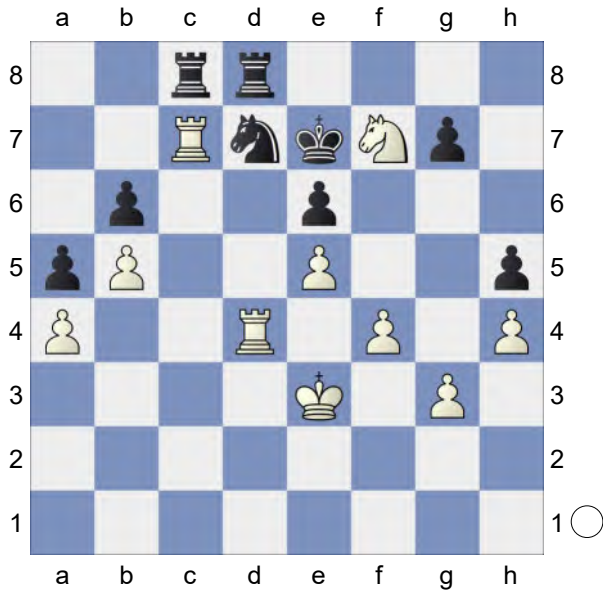
31.Kf2 Ra8 32.Ke3 Rab8 33.g3 Ra8 6.81/21

[Δ33...f6 4.42/20 34.Ke2 Ra8]

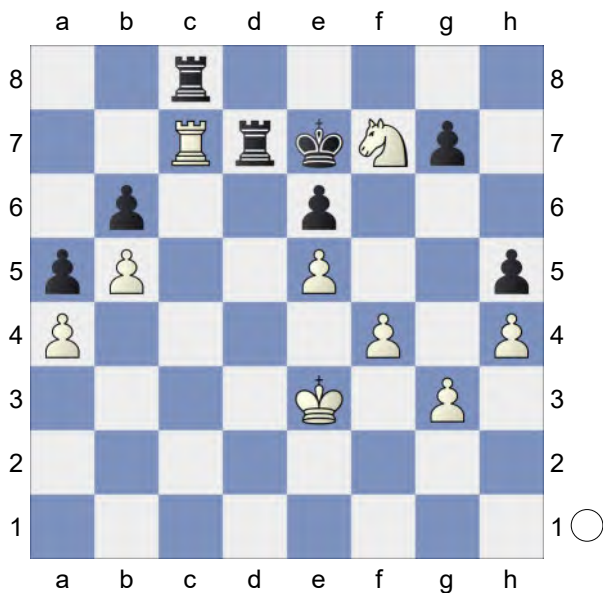


34.Nxf7! Decoy 34...Rac8

(Diagram)

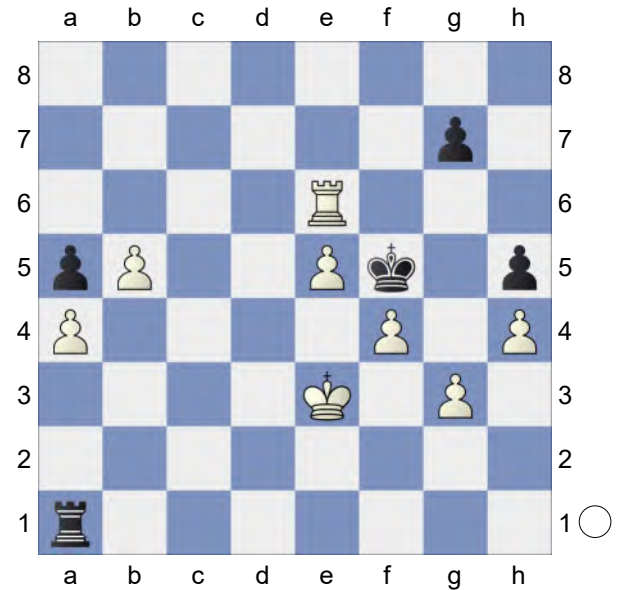


35.Rdxd7+ Deflection 35...Rxd7

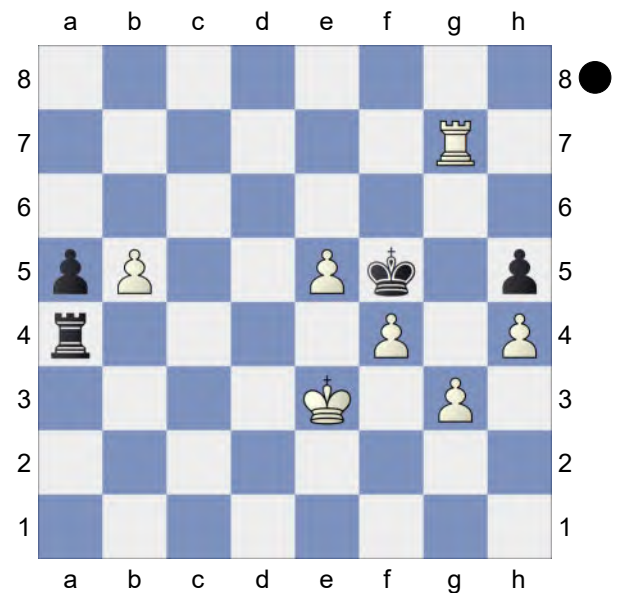


36.Rxc8 Kxf7 Endgame. KR-KR
37.Rb8 Rd1 38.Rb7+ Kg6 39.Rxb6
Ra1 40.Rxe6+ Kf5

(Diagram)



41.Re7 Rxa4 42.Rxg7



Weighted Error Value: White=0.09
(flawless) /Black=0.45
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■ Xie,Kaifan

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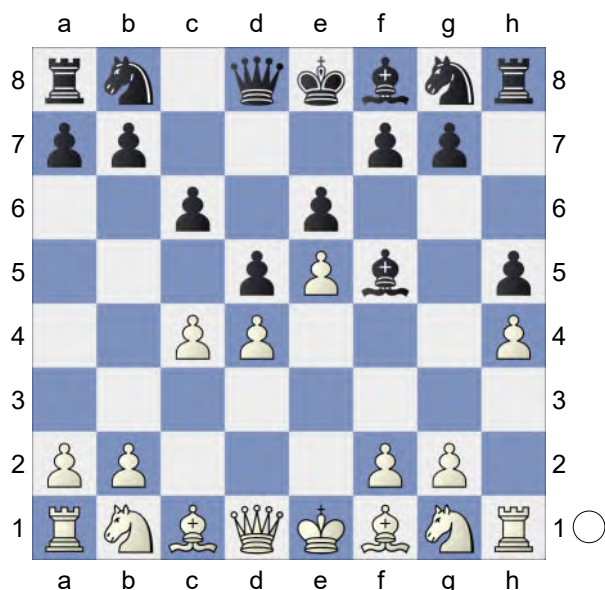
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.c4 e6



6.Nc3 dxc4 now scores much better than the old 6...Ne7. punktet besser als das ältere 6...Se7. 7.Bxc4 Nd7

8.Bb3!? An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.

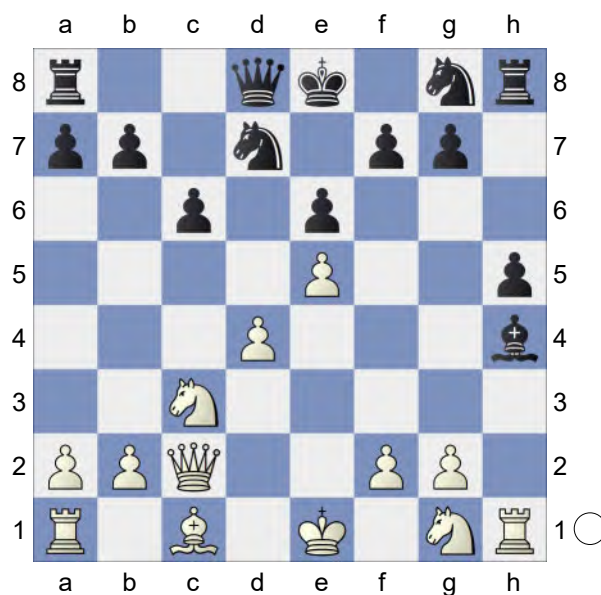
[8.Nge2 Be7 9.Ng3 (9.g3 Nh6 10.Bf4 Qb6 11.Qd2 Qb4 12.Bb3 Rd8 13.Rd1 Nb6 14.Bg5 Ng4 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Qf4 Qb4 17.0-0 a5 18.Qc1 Nh6 19.Bc2 Bxc2 20.Qxc2 Nf5 21.a3 Qe7 22.Ne4 0-0 23.Rd3 Nd5 1-0 (41) Martirosyan,H (2656)-Kukhmazov,A (2480) Qatar Masters Open 2024 (3.12)) 9...Bg6 10.Nge4 Nh6 11.Bxh6 Rxh6 12.Qd2 Nb6 13.Be2 Nd5 14.Bf3 Qb6 15.g3 0-0-0 16.0-0 Kb8 17.Rfd1 Rhh8 18.Rac1 Bxe4 19.Nxe4 g6 20.Rc4

Rd7 21.Nc5 Bxc5 22.dxc5 Qc7 1-0 (45) Adams,M (2706)-Keymer,V (2568) ch-Schachbundesliga 2020 (1.6)]

8...Be7 9.Bc2 Bxc2 10.Qxc2

The position is equal. 10...Bxh4N

[Vorgänger: 10...Nh6 0.46/22 10...c5 -0.02 11.Bxh6 Rxh6 12.Nf3 Nb6 13.g3 Nd5 14.0-0 Kf8 0.94/21 (14...Qd7!± 0.44/18) 15.Ne4 g6 16.a3 Kg7 1-0 Ivic,V (2590)-Gurel,E (2500) FIDE World Cup 2023 (1.2) 17.Rfd1 Rc8 18.Rac1 Rh8 19.Rd3 Rc7 20.Nfd2 b6 21.Qd1 c5 22.dxc5 Bxc5 23.Nxc5 Rxc5 24.Rxc5 bxc5 25.Nc4 Qa8 26.Nd6 Rf8 27.Qc2 Rb8 28.Rf3 f5 29.exf6+ Nxf6 30.Qc3 e5 31.Rd3 c4 1-0 (38) Ivic,V (2590)-Gurel,E (2500) FIDE World Cup 2023 (1.2) 32.Qxc4 Rf8 33.Rb3 Qd5 34.Rb7+ Kg8 35.Qxd5+ Nxd5 36.Rxa7 Rf3 37.b4 Rb3 38.Ne4 1-0 Juilfs,G (2590)-Pulver,V (2500) 4647 Hastings 1946 (1.2)]



11.Nf3 Be7 12.Ne4 White has compensation. 12...Qc7 0.59/18

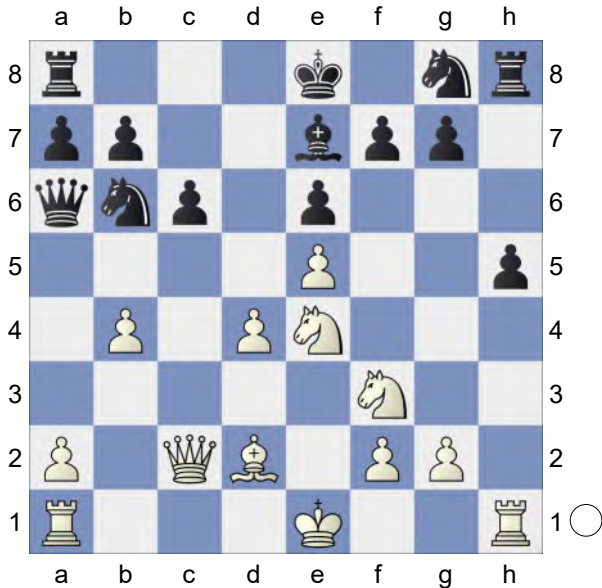
[12...Nb6= 0.14/22]

13.Bg5± Qa5+ 14.Bd2 0.19/21

White is more active.

[14.Kf1!± 0.86/18]

14...Qa6 15.b4 Nb6



16.Rc1 Qa4 0.59/18

[16...h4= 0.18/19]

17.Qb2 -0.28/18

[17.Qxa4!± 0.59/18 Nxa4 18.g4]

17...Qb5 0.17/19

[17...Nd5! -0.28/18 should be considered.]

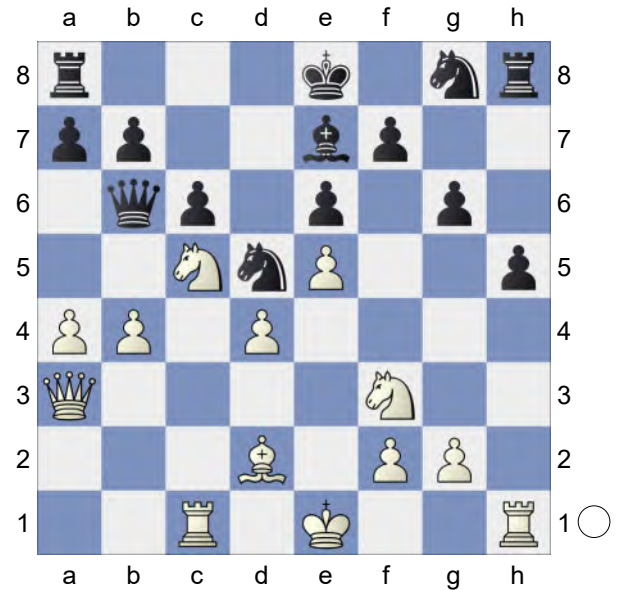
18.Nc5= Nd5 19.a4 Qb6 20.Qa3 -0.23/17

[20.Rb1 0.13/18 is more appropriate.]

20...g6 0.14/18

[Δ20...h4 -0.23/17]

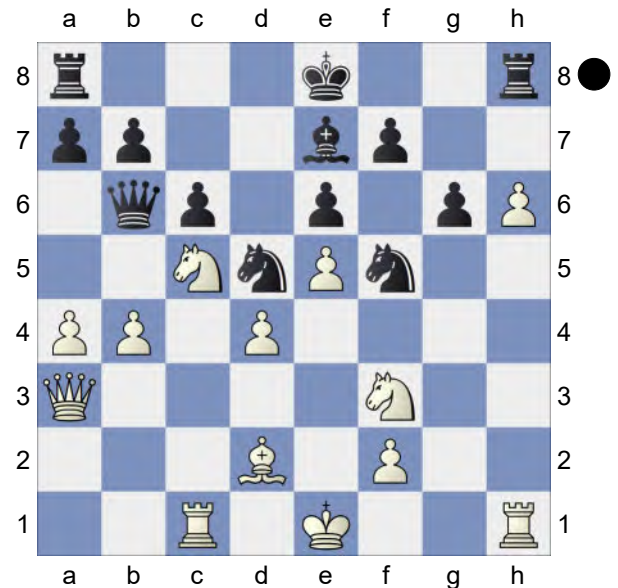
(Diagram)



21.g4 -0.30/21

[21.Rb1 0.14/18 is superior.]

21...Nh6 22.gxh5 Nf5 23.h6

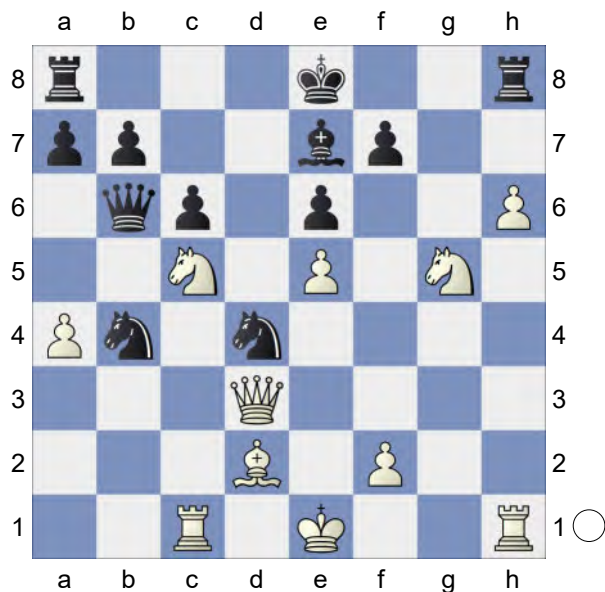


g5 0.17/20 24.Nxg5 Nxd4 ...Bxc5 is the strong threat. 25.Qd3? -1.74/17

[25.Kf1± 0.32/20]

25...Nxb4-+

(Diagram)



26.Qxd4 Bxc5! 27.Qc4 Threatens to win with Ke2.

[27.Rxc5? Nc2+ 28.Rxc2 Qxd4-+]

27...Rd8 -0.55/20

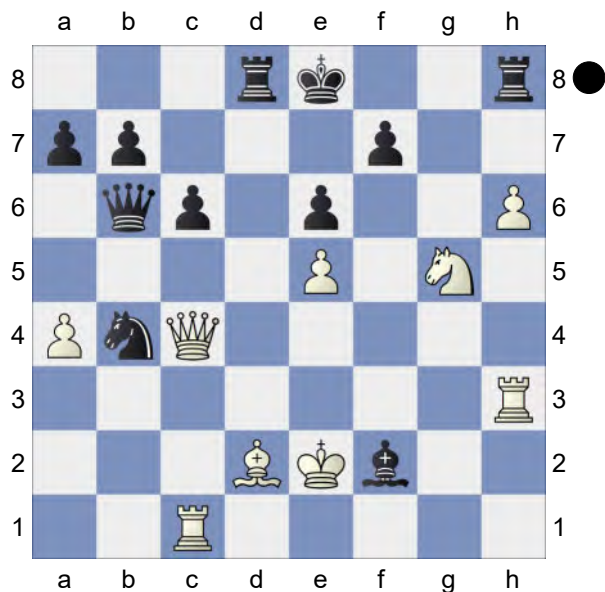
[27...0-0-0!-+ -1.85/19 28.Ke2 Rxd2+ 29.Kxd2 Bxf2]

28.Rh3? -2.97/19

[28.Qxc5? Nd3+ 29.Kf1 Nxc5-+]

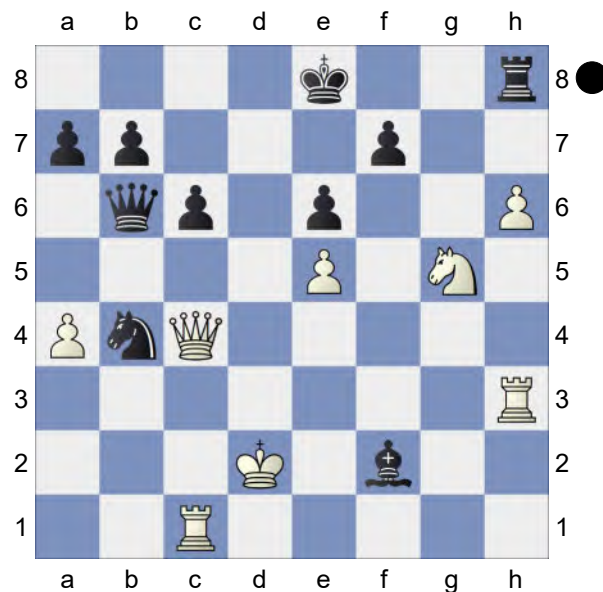
[28.a5! -0.55/20 Qxa5 29.Ne4]

28...Bxf2+ 29.Ke2

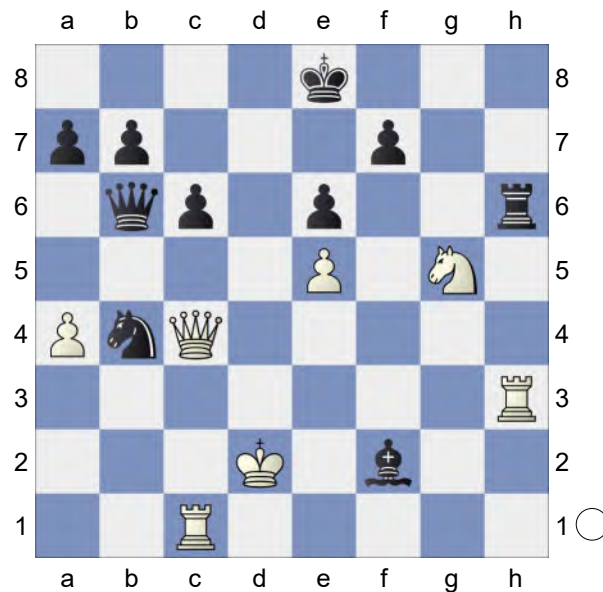


Rxd2+! 30.Kxd2

(Diagram)



Ne4 would now be deadly. **30...Rxh6?? 2.46/29**



31.Qf4!+-

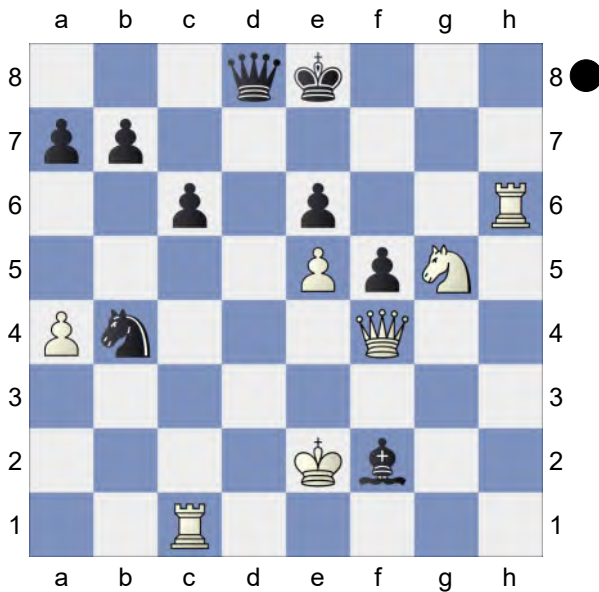
[31.Nxf7 Rxh3 32.Qxe6+ Kf8 33.Qd6+ Kg8 (33...Kxf7 34.Qf6+ Kg8 35.Qg6+ Kf8 36.Qf5+ Kg7 37.Qd7+ Kh6 38.Qxh3+ Kg5 39.Rc4±) 34.Qg6+ Kf8 35.Qd6+ Kg7 (35...Kxf7 36.Qd7+ Kg6 37.Qg4+ Kf7 38.Qd7+ Kf8 39.Qd6+ Ke8 40.Qe6+ Kf8 41.Qf5+ Kg7 42.Qf6+ Kg8 43.Qe6+ Kf8 44.Qf6+ Ke8 45.Qe6+ Kd8 46.Qd6+ Kc8 47.Qe6+

Kd8 48.Qf6+ Ke8 49.Qe6+=)
 36.Qf6+ Kg8=]

31...f5 5.12/20

[And not 31...Rhx3 32.Qxf7+ Kd8
 33.Nxe6+ (33.Nxh3? leads to mate.
 Qe3+ 34.Kd1 Qe1#) 33...Kc8
 34.Qe8+]
 [31...Be3+ 2.29/19 32.Qxe3
 (32.Rxe3? perishes. Rh2+ Deflection
 33.Qxh2 Qd4+ Deflection 34.Ke1
 Qxe3+ 35.Kd1 Qxg5#) 32...Rhx3
 33.Nxh3 Qa5]

32.Rxh6 Qd8+ 33.Ke2



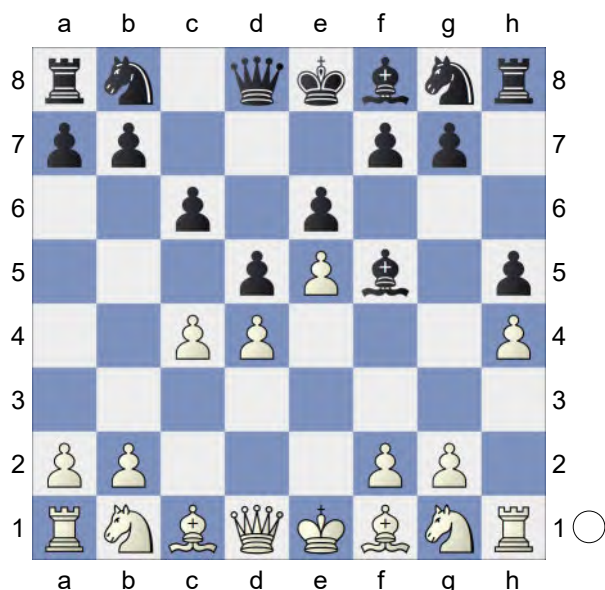
Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/
 Black=0.41

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 □ **Mosadeghpour, Masoud** **2436**
 ■ **Novikov, Maxim** **2435**
 Asian Cities-chT (6.2) 26.04.2024
 [Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.c4 e6



6.Nc3 Bb4 Recently 6...dxc4 got a lot of attention. 6...dxc4 erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit. **7.Nge2**

[7.Qb3 Qa5 8.Bd2 Ne7 9.Nf3 Nd7 10.cxd5 Nxd5 11.a3 N7b6 12.Be2 Be7 13.0-0 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Qa4 15.Qa2 Qc2 16.Rfc1 Qxa2 17.Rxa2 Bg4 18.a4 0-0-0 19.a5 Nd7 20.g3 f6 21.Bf4 Rhf8 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (60) Tari, A (2518) - Melkumyan, H (2622) Bundesliga 1516 2015 (8.2)]

7...dxc4 0.94/19

[7...Ne7± 0.56/20]

8.Ng3± Nxf5! would now be deadly.

8...Bd3N White is better.

[8...Ne7 9.Bxc4 Bg6 10.Bg5 Qa5 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Qxc3 13.Rc1 Qa3 14.Re1 Nd7 15.Re3 Qa5

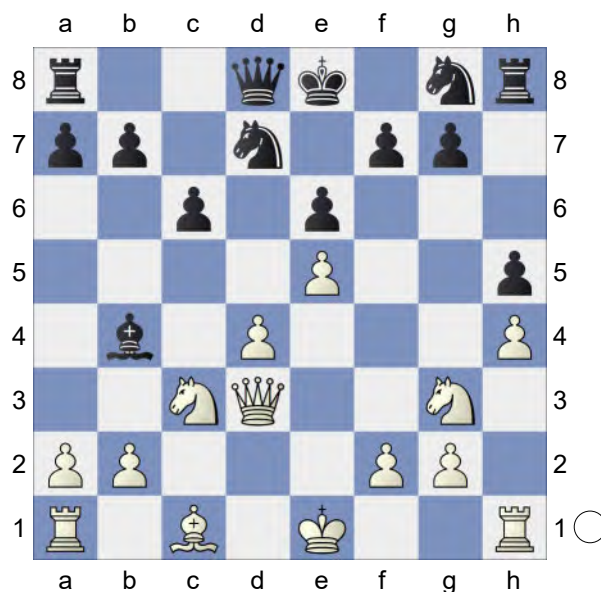
16.Qb3 Nb6 17.Bd3 Qa4 18.Qb1 Bxd3 19.Rxd3 Nf5 20.Nxf5 exf5 21.Rg3 Qxd4 22.Qxf5 Qd7 23.e6 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (87) Moradi, S (2016) - Ali, E (2138) Teheran zt 3.1 2023 (8)]

9.Bxd3

[9.Nxh5? Qxd4 10.Bxd3 (10.Nxg7+? Kf8-+) 10...cxd3-+]

9...cxd3 10.Qxd3 Nd7N 1.61/17

[Vorgänger: 10...Ne7 1.68/20 10...c5 1.12 11.Bg5 Qb6 2.38/19 (11...Nd7 1.70/20) 12.0-0-+ Nd7 13.Nce4 Strongly threatening a3. Nd5 14.a3 Bf8 15.b4 Qb5 3.06/18 (15...f6 2.11/20) 16.Qf3+- a5 17.Nxh5 Qc4? #3/15 (17...Rh7+- 2.90/16 18.bxa5 Qa4) 18.Nxg7+ 1-0 Bellissimo, J (2203) - Prieto Aranguren, A (2171) Titled Tuesday intern op 13th Feb Late blitz 2024 (5)] [10...c5± 1.17/18]



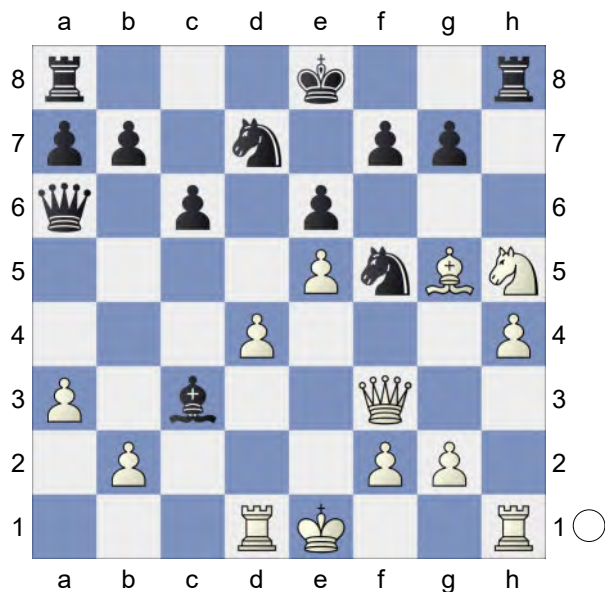
11.Bg5+- Ne7

[11...Nxe5? 12.Qe4 Bxc3+ 13.bxc3]

12.Qf3 Qb6 13.a3

[13.Nxh5 Rh7]

13...Qa6 14.Nxh5 Nf5 15.Rd1 Bxc3+
 (Diagram)



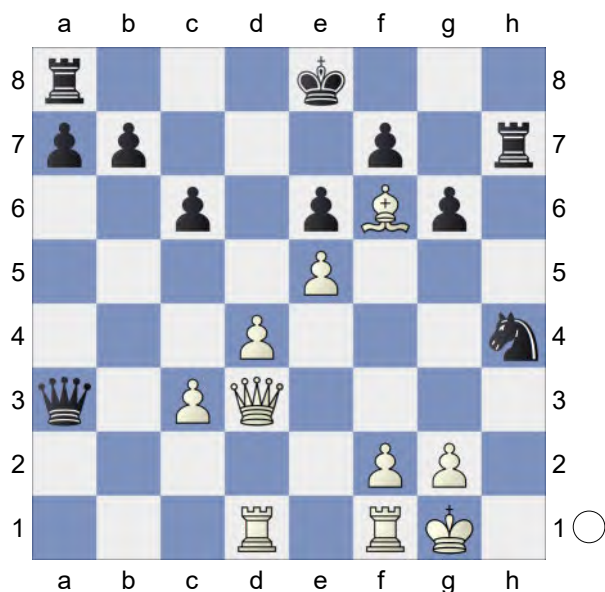
16.bxc3 g6 2.83/19

[16...Qc4 1.94/18 17.g4 Rxh5]

17.Nf6+ Nxf6 18.Bxf6 Rh7 Black is weak on the dark squares **19.Qd3 Qxa3 2.50/20**

[19...Qxd3 1.93/16 20.Rxd3 Ne7]

20.0-0 Hoping for Ra1. **20...Nxh4**

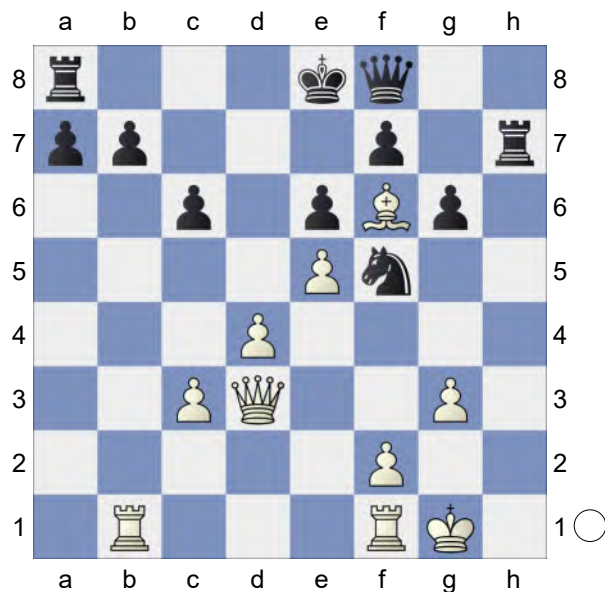


21.Rb1 Qf8 22.g3

[22.Rxb7 Qh6 23.Rd1 Nf5+-]

22...Nf5

(Diagram)



23.Kg2!

[23.Rxb7 Qh6 24.Kg2 Qh2+ 25.Kf3

Qh5+ 26.Kg2 (26.Kf4 g5+

Deflection 27.Bxg5 Rg7+-) 26...Qh2+

27.Kf3 Qh5+ 28.g4 (28.Kf4 g5+

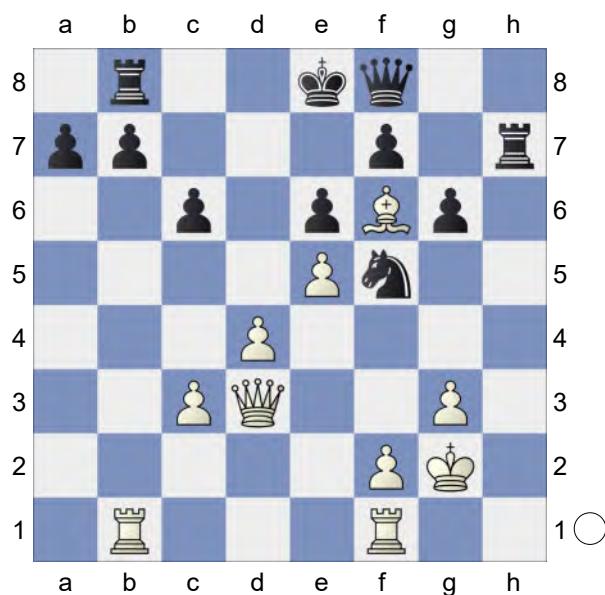
29.Bxg5 Rg7+-) 28...Qh3+ 29.Ke2

Qxg4+ 30.Kd2 Rh3=]

23...Rb8? 5.30/18

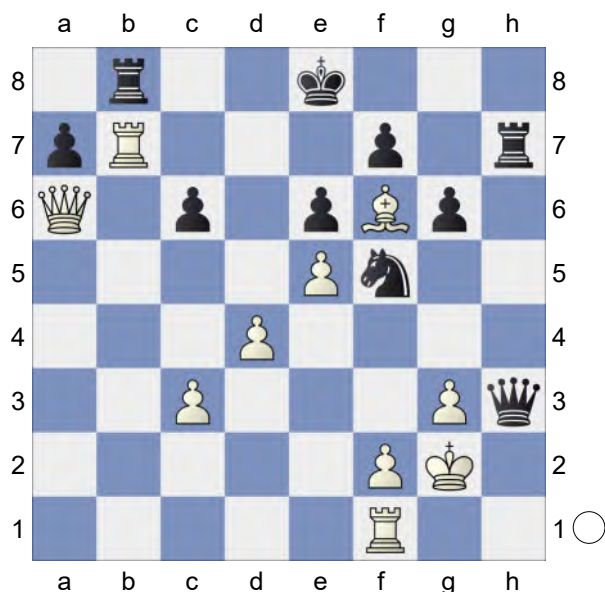
[23...a5 3.26/18 was necessary.

24.g4 (24.Rxb7 Qh6+-) 24...b5]

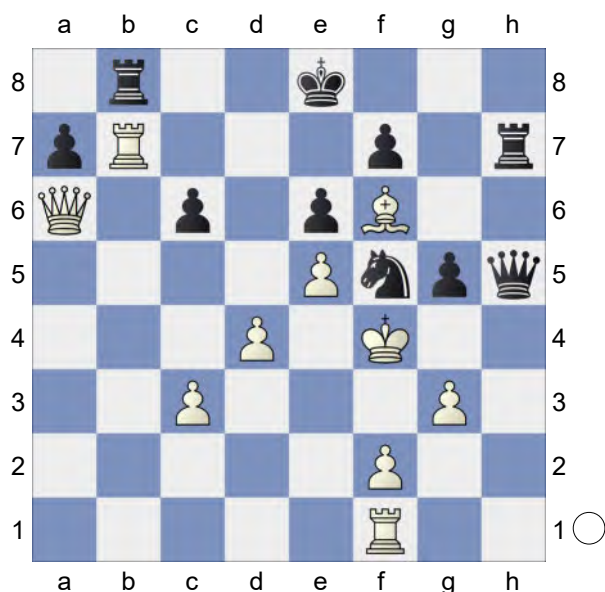


24.Qa6!! Double Attack. White is clearly winning. **24...Qh6**

[24...Rh2+ 25.Kxh2]
25.Rxb7 Qh3+



26.Kf3 Qh5+ 27.Kf4 g5+

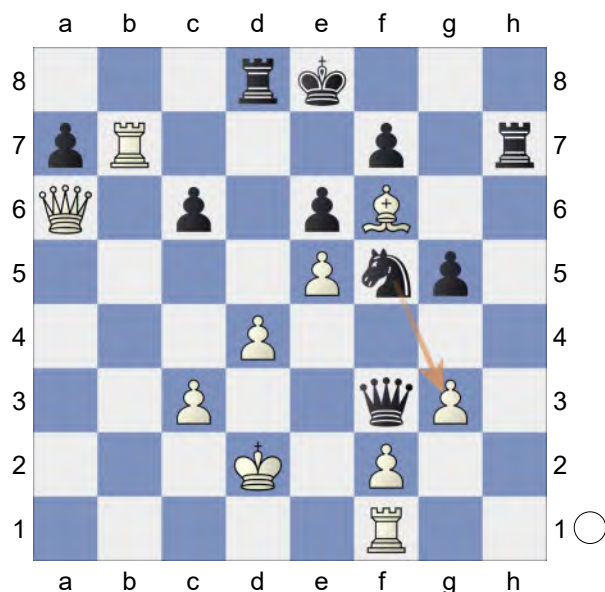


28.Ke4!

[28.Bxg5 Rxb7 29.Qxc6+ (29.Qxb7 Qxg5+ **Remove Defender** 30.Kxg5 f6+ 31.exf6 Rxb7±) 29...Kf8 30.Qc8+ (30.Qxb7 f6±) 30...Kg7 31.Qxb7 Kg6±]

28...Qg4+ 29.Kd3 Qf3+ 30.Kd2 Rd8

(Diagram)



31.Qa5

[31.Bxg5 Nxg3 32.fxg3 (32.Re7+? Kf8-+) 32...Rh2+ 33.Kc1 Qxc3+ 34.Kb1 Qc2+ 35.Ka1 Qc3+ 36.Kb1 Qc2+ 37.Ka1 Qc3+ 38.Kb1=]

31...Rc8 32.Qc5 Threatening mate with Re7+!

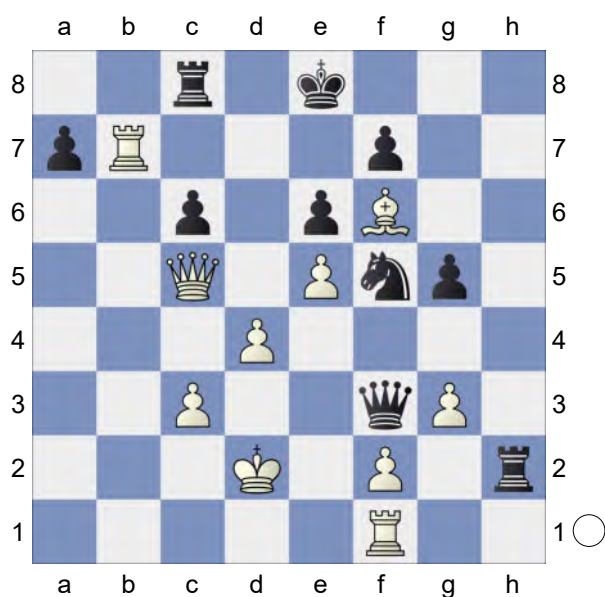
[32.Bxg5 Nxg3 33.Kc1 Qg2+ (33...Nxf1? 34.Qc5+-)]

[32.Rxa7 Rh2 33.Ra8 Rxf2+ 34.Rxf2 Qxf2+ 35.Kc1 Qe3+ 36.Kd1 Qf3+ 37.Kc1 Qe3+ 38.Kb2 Qd2+ 39.Kb3 Nxd4+ (39...Qd1+? 40.Kc4+-) 40.cxd4 Qd3+ 41.Ka4 Qxd4+ 42.Kb3 Qd1+ 43.Kb2 Qd4+ 44.Kb3 Qe3+ 45.Kc4 Qe4+ 46.Kb3 Qe3+ 47.Kc2 Qf2+ 48.Kd1 Qf1+ 49.Kd2 Qf2+ 50.Kd1 Qg1+ 51.Kd2 Qf2+ 52.Kd3 Qxg3+ 53.Kc2 Qf2+ 54.Kb1 Qf1+ 55.Kb2 Qe2+ 56.Kc1 Qe3+ 57.Kc2 Qe2+ 58.Kc1 Qe3+ 59.Kc2 Qf2+ 60.Kd1 Qf3+ 61.Kd2 Qg2+ 62.Ke1 Qg1+ 63.Ke2 Qh2+ 64.Kd3 Qg3+ 65.Kc2 Qh2+ 66.Kc1 Qg1+ 67.Kb2 Qf2+ 68.Kc3 Qf3+ 69.Kc2 Qe2+ 70.Kc1=]

[32.Qxa7 Nxg3 33.Rb8 Ne4+ (33...Nxf1+? 34.Kc2+-; 33...Qe2+]

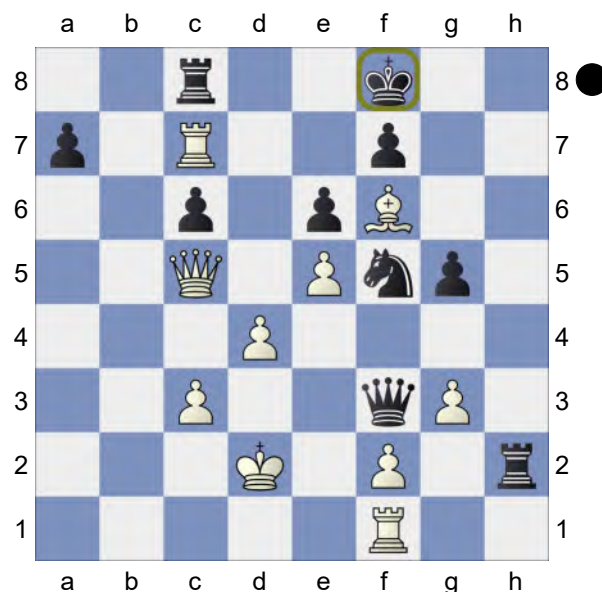
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 Qc2+ 39.Ka3 Nc4+ 40.Kb4 c5+
 41.dxc5 Qb2+ 42.Kxc4 Qc2+
 (42...Rh4+ 43.f4=) 43.Kd4 (43.Kb5
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 46.Ka6 Qa4+ 47.Kb6 Qb3+ 48.Ka6
 Qa4+=) 43...Qd2+ 44.Kc4 (44.Ke4
 Rh4+ 45.f4 Qd5+ 46.Ke3 Rh3+
 47.Ke2 Qd3+ 48.Ke1 Qc3+ 49.Ke2
 Qc2+ 50.Ke1 Re3#) 44...Qc2+
 45.Kb4 (45.Kd4 Rh4+ 46.f4 Qd2+
 47.Kc4 Qc2+ 48.Kb5 Qb3+ 49.Ka6
 Qa4+ 50.Kb6 Qb4+ 51.Ka6 Qa4+
 52.Kb6 Qb4+ 53.Ka6 Qa4+=; 45.Kb5
 Qb3+ 46.Ka6 Qa4+ 47.Kb6 Qb4+
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 Qa4+=) 45...Qb2+ 46.Kc4 (46.Ka5
 Qa3+ 47.Kb6 Qxc5+ 48.Ka6 Qc6+
 49.Qb6 Qa4+ 50.Kb7 Qd7+ 51.Ka8
 Qd5+ 52.Ka7 Qa2+ 53.Kb7 Qd5+
 54.Ka7 Qd7+ 55.Ka8 Qa4+ 56.Kb7
 Qd7+ 57.Ka8=) 46...Qc2+=
 (46...Rh4+ 47.f4=)]

32...Rh2



33.Re7+! Kf8 34.Rc7+

[34.Rxa7+? loses. Kg8-+]



Discovered Attack (Check). Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.33

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□ Alekseev, Evgeny

■ Iturrizaga Bonelli, Eduardo

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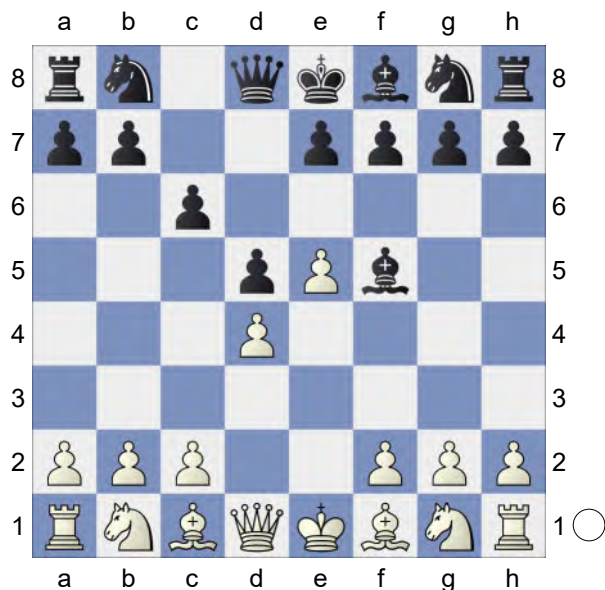
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 * RR: '



* 4.h4 h5

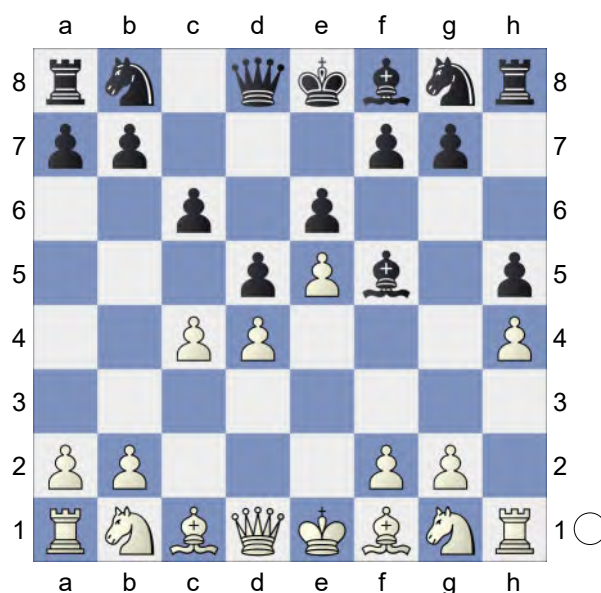
[4...Qc8!? is an odd looking choice but also prevents White expanding on the kingside. The young Russian continued with RR: 'is an odd looking choice but also prevents White expanding on the kingside. The young Russian continued with' 5.c4 as in the game and following e6 This is now playable as attempts to trap the bishop fail to ...Bxb1. RR: 'This is now playable as attempts to trap the bishop fail to ...Bxb1.' 6.Nc3 h6 7.Nge2 Ne7 8.Ng3 Bh7 9.a3 dxc4 10.Bxc4 Nd7 11.Nce4 Nd5 12.0-0 Qc7 13.Bd2 N7b6 14.Bb3 Rd8 15.Rc1 Nc8 16.Qg4 saw Black struggling to develop. He tried Nce7 but following 17.Nd6+ Rxd6 18.exd6 Qxd6 19.Rfe1 Nf6 20.Qf4 Qxf4

21.Bxf4

He had insufficient compensation for the exchange and was eventually ground down. Nepomniachtchi, I (2706)-Sasikiran, K (2681) Khanty-Mansiysk 2010. RR: 'He had insufficient compensation for the exchange and was eventually ground down. Nepomniachtchi, I (2706)-Sasikiran, K (2681) Khanty-Mansiysk 2010.'

[I covered 4...h6 last month.]

5.c4 e6



6.Nc3 Nd7

[6...Ne7 has been the choice of the top players recently and is Schandorff's choice. RR: 'has been the choice of the top players recently and is Schandorff's choice.'

A) Previously he was also successful with 7.Bg5 but Black seems to be doing well. RR: 'but Black seems to be doing well.' Nd7 (Schandorff's line runs 7...dxc4 8.Bxc4 Nd7 9.Nge2 f6 10.exf6 gxf6 11.Be3 Nb6 12.Bb3 Ned5 13.Ng3 Nxe3 14.fxe3 Bg4 15.Qd3 f5 16.e4 when he recommends fxe4N 17.Ngxe4 Bg7 18.Nc5 Rh6

19.Nxb7 Qxd4 20.Qxd4 Bxd4 $\bar{7}$)

A1) 8.cxd5_____ makes sense as Black is obliged to try exd5 when (8...cxd5 9.Nb5!) 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 looks pleasant for White.;

A2) 8.Nge2 f6 9.exf6 gxf6 10.Be3 dxc4 11.Ng3 Nb6 12.Be2 Bg6 13.Bxh5 Bxh5 14.Nxh5 Nf5 with a very messy position. Svidler, P (2734)-Nielsen, P (2700) Copenhagen 2010. RR: 'with a very messy position. Svidler, P (2734)-Nielsen, P (2700) Copenhagen 2010.';

B) 7.cxd5_____ can now be met by Nxd5!;

C) 7.Nge2_____ Svidler's more recent try.

C1) Schandorff offers 7...Nd7 8.Ng3 Bg6 9.Bg5 (Perhaps 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.Bd3 should be played with similar ideas to the game. RR: 'should be played with similar ideas to the game.') 9...Qb6 10.Qd2 dxc4 11.Bxc4 0-0-0 12.Qe3 Qxb2 13.0-0 Nb6 14.Bb3 Nbd5 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.Qf3 Rd7 $\bar{7}$;

C2) 7...dxc4_____ 8.Ng3 Bg6 9.Bg5!? (9.Bxc4 Nd7 10.Bg5 Nb6 11.Bb3 Qd7 12.0-0 $\pm$ Schandorff as it's hard to shift the bishop from g5. RR: 'Schandorff as it's hard to shift the bishop from g5.') 9...Qb6 (9...Nd7?! 10.Nge4! and Black has no way to prevent the knight jumping into d6. RR: 'and Black has no way to prevent the knight jumping into d6.') 10.Qd2 Qb4 11.a3 Qb3 12.Nge4 Nd5

13.Rh3! Qb6 14.Bxc4 Qa5 Svidler, P (2734)-Nakamura, H (2729) Amsterdam 2010 and White had a very pleasant edge. RR: 'Svidler, P (2734)-Nakamura, H (2729) Amsterdam 2010 and White had a very pleasant edge.'

[6...Be7 is also seen frequently. A recent game continued: RR: 'is also seen frequently. A recent game continued:' 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Bd3 White adopts the same plan as in the game. RR: 'White adopts the same plan as in the game.' Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Nc6 (9...Bxh4 is of course a critical test but RR: 'is of course a critical test but' 10.Qb5+ Nd7 11.Nf3 Be7 12.Qxb7 is something for White as again Black will struggle to find sanctuary for his king. RR: 'is something for White as again Black will struggle to find sanctuary for his king.'; 9...Nh6 was seen in a previous Balogh game but 10.Bxh6 Rxh6 11.Nf3 a6 12.g3 Nc6 13.0-0 Kf8 14.a3 g6 15.Rac1 Kg7 16.b4 Rh8 17.Na4 Rc8 18.Nc5 Balogh, C (2617) -Paichadze, L (2392) Baku 2007 and White had a risk-free edge with his queenside play while Black has yet to complete his development. RR: 'Balogh, C (2617) -Paichadze, L (2392) Baku 2007 and White had a risk-free edge with his queenside play while Black has yet to complete his development.') 10.Nf3 Nh6 (10...Rc8 was seen in a high rated encounter. 11.g3 Bb4 12.Bd2 Nge7 13.a3 Bxc3 14.Bxc3 Nf5 15.0-0 Qb6 16.Rfd1 a6 17.Kg2 Rc7 18.Qd2 Kd7 19.a4 a5 20.Rdb1 Rhc8 21.Qg5 Rh8 22.Qd2 Rhc8 23.Qg5 Rh8 1/2-1/2 Short, N

(2674)-Anand, V (2786) Wijk aan Zee 2005. RR: '1/2-1/2 Short, N (2674)-Anand, V (2786) Wijk aan Zee 2005.') 11.Bxh6! Rxh6 12.g3 Kf8 13.0-0 g6 14.Rfc1 Kg7 15.a3 Rh8 16.Na4 Qd7 17.b4 Rhc8 18.Nc5 Bxc5 19.dxc5 Balogh, C (2622) -Harutjunyan, G (2476) Dubai 2010 and White eventually exploited his queenside pawn majority. RR: 'Balogh, C (2622) -Harutjunyan, G (2476) Dubai 2010 and White eventually exploited his queenside pawn majority.']

[6...dxc4 is the final option. This gives Black the d5 outpost but cedes e4 and so he has to be careful a knight cannot drop into d6. RR: 'is the final option. This gives Black the d5 outpost but cedes e4 and so he has to be careful a knight cannot drop into d6. ' 7.Bxc4 Be7 8.g3 (8.Nf3 is more normal.; 8.Be2!? might also be possible. RR: 'might also be possible.') 8...Nh6 9.Nge2 Bg4 10.Bxh6 Rxh6 11.Qd3 Nd7 12.f3 Bf5 13.Qe3 Nb6 14.Bb3 a5 15.a4 Rc8 16.Rd1 Rh8 17.Kf1 Nd5 18.Nxd5 cxd5 19.Nc3 Kf8 Vocaturo, D (2581)-Kreisl, R (2376) Khanty-Mansiysk 2010 and Black shouldn't have any problems as White's king is rather loose. RR: 'Vocaturo, D (2581)-Kreisl, R (2376) Khanty-Mansiysk 2010 and Black shouldn't have any problems as White's king is rather loose.']

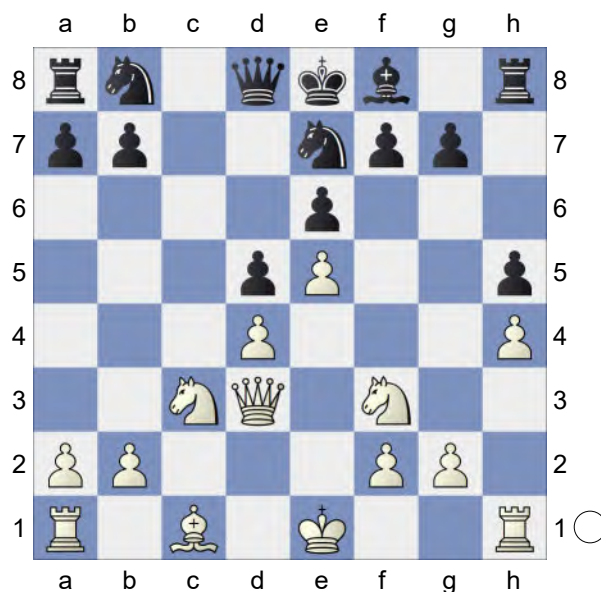
7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Bd3

[8.Bg5 was investigated in Gelashvili, T (2577)-Saleh, N (2260) Dubai 2005 by Andrew Martin but the text looks more challenging. RR: 'was investigated in Gelashvili, T (2577)-

Saleh, N (2260) Dubai 2005 by Andrew Martin but the text looks more challenging.']

8...Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Ne7 10.Nf3 Nb8

[Instead RR: 'Jones, Gawain: 'Instead" 10...Nc6 Ü 97/58 was looked at by Jonathan Rowson. I'll leave the game without annotations. RR: "' 97/58 Ü 97/58 Jones, Gawain: 'Ü 97/58 Ü 97/58 was looked at by Jonathan Rowson. I'll leave the game without annotations.'" 11.0-0 Be7 12.Bg5 a6 13.Rac1 Nb6 14.Ne2 Qd7 15.Nf4 Nc4 16.b3 Na3 17.Rfd1 Rc8 18.Bxe7 Qxe7 19.Rc5 Rc7 20.Rdc1 g6 21.Ng5 Rd7 22.Rxc6 bxc6 23.Nxg6 fxg6 24.Qxg6+ Kd8 25.Rxc6 1-0 Short, N (2677)-Johannessen, L (2559) Turin 2006.]



11.Bg5 Qd7 12.0-0 Nbc6 13.Rfc1N

[13.Nd1 is an odd route for the knight (normally it goes to f4 via e2) but in this precise position could be good. The idea is to meet RR: 'Jones, Gawain: 'is an odd route for the knight (normally it goes to f4 via e2)

but in this precise position could be good. The idea is to meet'' Nf5 (13...Nc8 14.Ne3 Be7 15.Rac1 leaves Black very passive. RR: 'leaves Black very passive.') with 14.Ne3 Nxe3 15.fxe3 when the pressure down the f file will worry Black. RR: 'when the pressure down the f file will worry Black.']

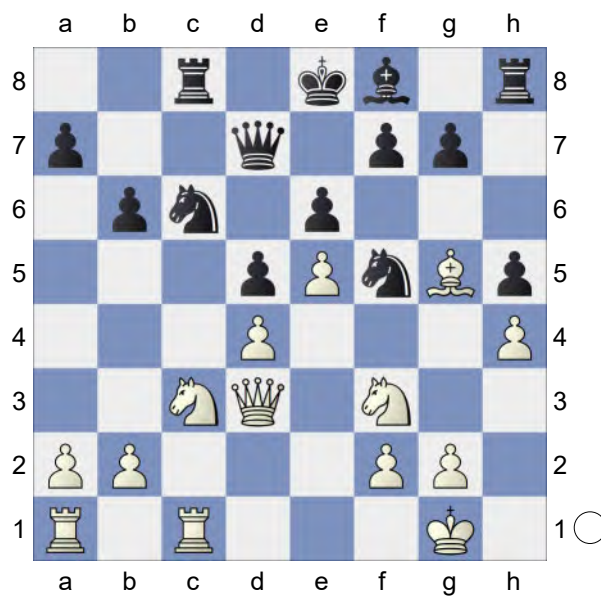
[13.Bxe7!? is another intriguing idea Giving away the bishop looks strange but White hopes his knights will dominate on the kingside. RR: 'is another intriguing idea Giving away the bishop looks strange but White hopes his knights will dominate on the kingside.' Bxe7 (13...Nxe7 might actually be stronger so the knight can cover on f5. RR: 'might actually be stronger so the knight can cover on f5.') 14.Ne2 Rc8 15.Nf4 Nb4 16.Qb3 Qc6 17.a3 Qc2 18.Qe3 Nc6 19.Nd3± and White has an edge.]

13...Nf5 14.Na4 b6

[Therefore I think 14...Be7 was a safer bet when RR: 'was a safer bet when' 15.Nc5 (15.a3!? holding off from the knight jump looks interesting.) 15...Bxc5 16.Rxc5 0-0 17.Rac1 Rac8 and Black should equalise within a few moves. RR: 'and Black should equalise within a few moves.']

15.Nc3 Rc8

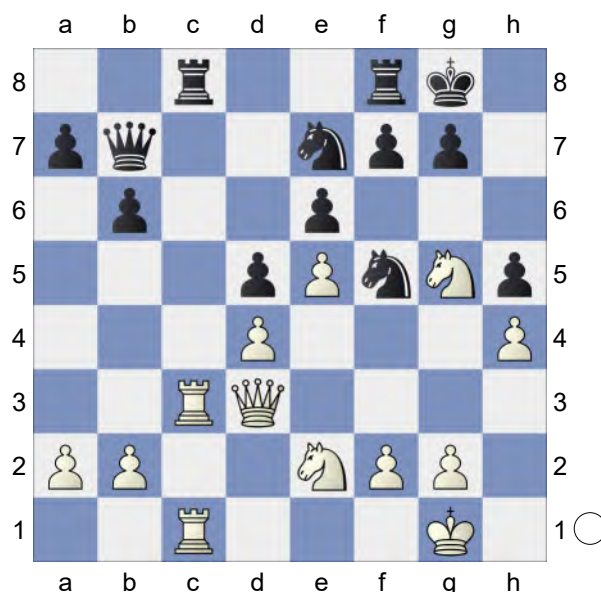
(Diagram)



16.Ne2± Be7 17.Bxe7 Qxe7

[17...Ncxe7 18.Nf4 (18.Rc3!?) 18...Rxc1+ 19.Rxc1 g6 and Black is very close to equality but he still has to be careful with his dark square weaknesses on the kingside. RR: 'and Black is very close to equality but he still has to be careful with his dark square weaknesses on the kingside.']

18.Rc3 0-0 19.Rac1 Qb7 20.Ng5 Nce7



21.Qf3 g6 22.g4! Exploiting Black's

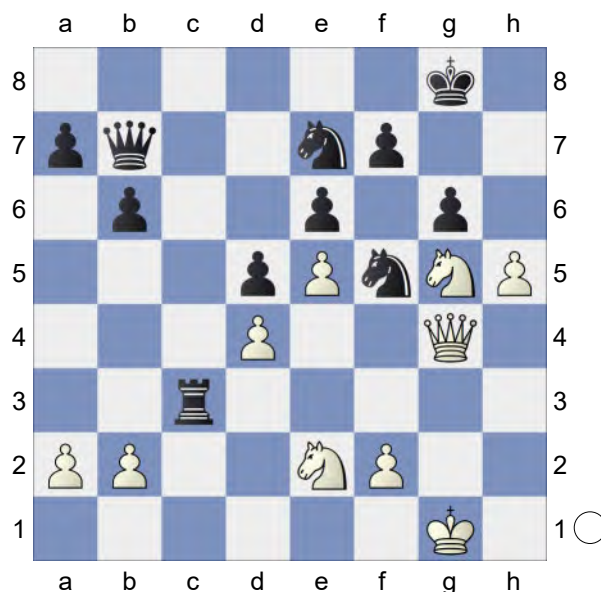
early ...h5. The computer doesn't think Black has any problems here but over the board it's not at all easy to keep his king safe. RR: 'Exploiting Black's early ...h5. The computer doesn't think Black has any problems here but over the board it's not at all easy to keep his king safe.'
22...hxg4 23.Qxg4 Rxc3 24.Rxc3 Rc8 After this White's kingside play proves too difficult to stop. RR: 'After this White's kingside play proves too difficult to stop.'

[24...Nh6 is the computer's idea so that both knights can come to the aid of his king. However following RR: 'is the computer's idea so that both knights can come to the aid of his king. However following' 25.Qh3 Nef5 26.h5 Qe7 27.f4 gxh5 28.Qxh5 Qb4 29.Kf2 Kg7 30.b3 Black's position is highly unpleasant practically as his king is so vulnerable while his knights look really offside. RR: 'Black's position is highly unpleasant practically as his king is so vulnerable while his knights look really offside.' Nxd4? 31.Rg3! is just one of the many threats he has to look out for.]

[24...Ng7 25.Nf4 and White will still succeed in breaking with h4-h5.]

25.h5 Rxc3

(Diagram)



26.bxc3 Qc6?! After this White's advantage becomes decisive but Black's position was already very difficult. RR: 'After this White's advantage becomes decisive but Black's position was already very difficult.'

[Again 26...Nh6 should have been tried but White has the strong RR: 'should have been tried but White has the strong' 27.hxg6! Nxg6 (27...Nxg4 28.gxf7+ Kf8 29.Nxe6+ Kxf7 30.Nd8+ leaves White with an easily winning ending.) 28.Qh3 Kg7 29.Ng3 Nf4 30.Qh4 Ng6 31.Nh5+ Kh8 32.Qh3 Qe7 33.Nf6 Kg7 34.a4 and Black can hardly move.]

27.Qh3! A slightly unusual looking move but suddenly Black cannot parry both the threat of hxg6 and Qh7-f7 and the simple h6-h7. RR: 'A slightly unusual looking move but suddenly Black cannot parry both the threat of hxg6 and Qh7-f7 and the simple h6-h7.'

[27.hxg6 Nxg6 28.Qh3 Ngh4 blocks up the kingside and isn't so clear.]

27...Ng7

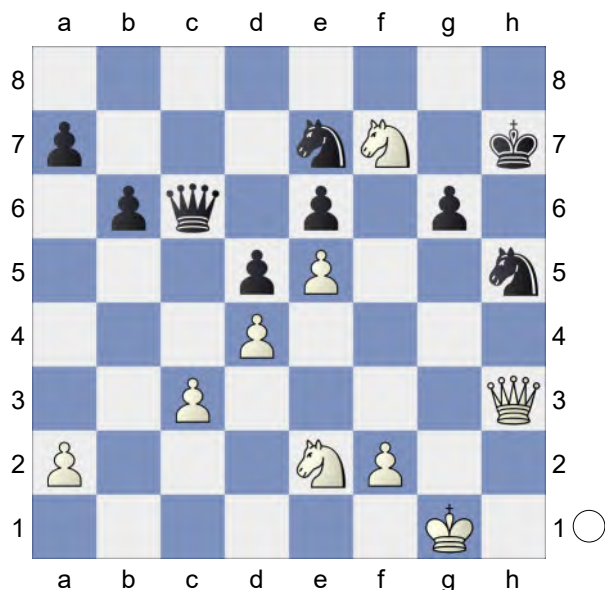
[27...Qe8 28.Nf4 brings the pressure

to boiling point.]

28.h6 The simplest. White is now winning material.

[28.Nf4! would also crash through.
RR: 'would also crash through.']

28...Nh5 29.h7+ Kg7 30.Nxf7 Kxh7

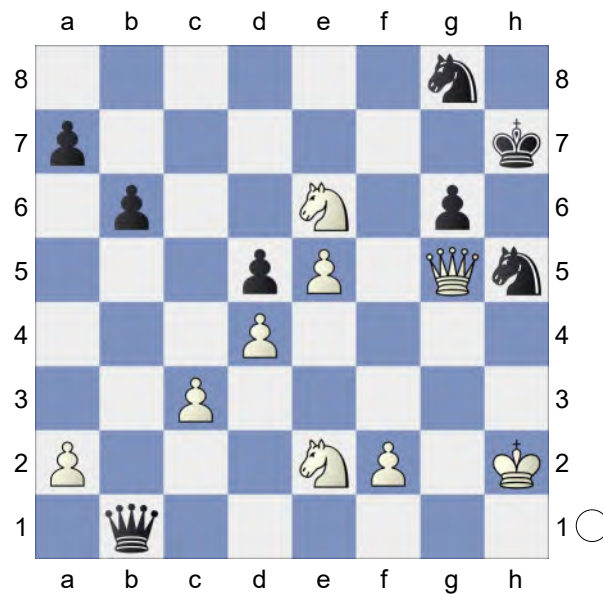


31.Ng5+ Kh6 32.Nxe6 White's picked up a pawn and Black still has definite problems with his king. White's already winning. Alekseev doesn't find the quickest win, perhaps he was low on time, but Iturrizaga gets no chances. RR: 'White's picked up a pawn and Black still has definite problems with his king. White's already winning. Alekseev doesn't find the quickest win, perhaps he was low on time, but Iturrizaga gets no chances.' **32...Qb5 33.Qe3+**

[33.Qh4! wins immediately: RR: 'wins immediately:' Qb1+ 34.Kg2 Nf5 35.Qg5+ Kh7 36.Nf8+ Kg8 37.Nxg6 Qe4+ 38.Kh2+-]

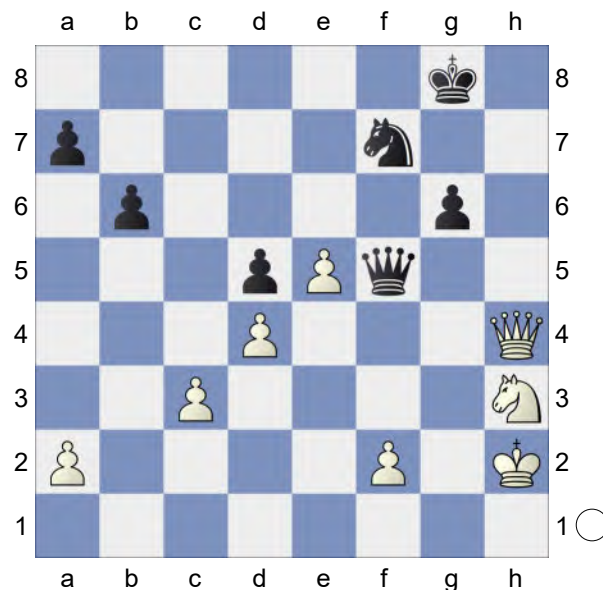
33...Kh7 34.Qg5 Qb1+ 35.Kh2 Ng8

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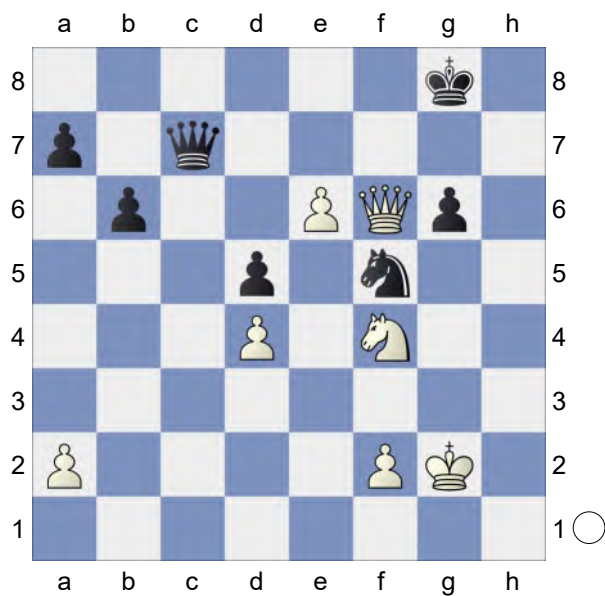
36.N2f4 Nxf4 37.Qxf4 Nh6 38.Ng5+
[38.Qf8! Ng4+ 39.Kg2 Qe4+ 40.Kg3 Qd3+ 41.f3 and White has mate in a few moves. RR: 'and White has mate in a few moves.']

38...Kg8 39.Qh4 Qf5 40.Nh3 Nf7

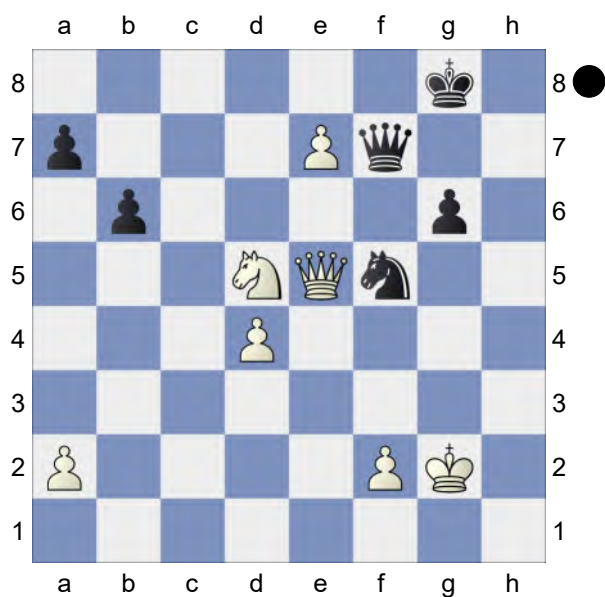


41.Qf4 Qc8 42.Qf6 Qxc3 43.e6 Qc7+
44.Kg2 Nh6 45.Nf4 Nf5

(Diagram)



46.Nxd5 Qg7 47.e7 Qf7 48.Qe5



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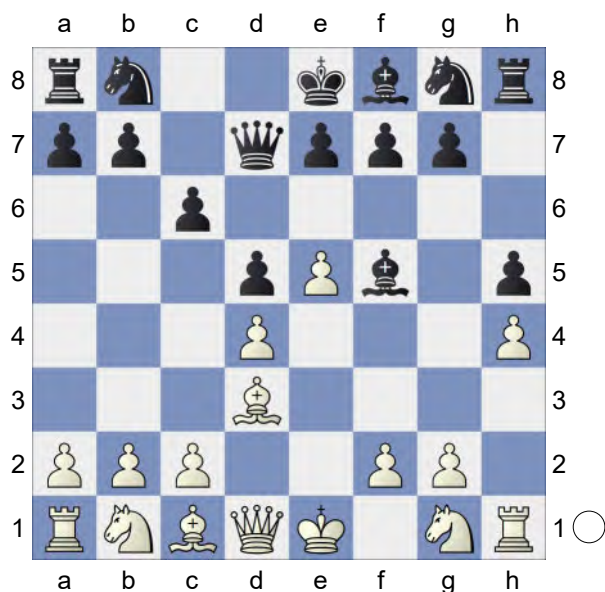
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[Daniel Fernandez]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Qd7



This move is at least something different to the usual ...Bxd3 fare. **6.Nc3** An odd mashup of the 4. h4 line with the Short System, but it's a developing move and deserves to be taken seriously.

[6.Be3N g6 followed by ...Nh6 is, if not totally uncritical, at least less of a test than the text.]

[6.Ne2 This is the most commonly played move. Bxd3 7.Qxd3 e6 8.Bg5 c5 9.c3 Nc6 10.Nd2 Nge7 To my taste, this sort of thing is preferable for Black compared to anything but the chaotic 0.00 lines in 5...Bxd3.]

[6.Bg5 A valid and very critical question is- what will Black do differently if White just ignores the fact that Black hasn't taken on d3?

c5!? Black didn't play ...Qd7 just to play a worse version of the ...Bxd3 lines later, so this is the logical move to look at. 7.dxc5 Nc6 White can certainly ask some questions here, but Black seems to have equality.

A) 8.Nf3 Bg4 9.Nbd2 e6 10.Be3 d4 11.Bg5 Bxc5 12.0-0 f6 (12...Nge7!?) 13.Bf4 Nh6 14.Bg6+ Nf7 15.Ne4 Be7∞;

B) 8.Bxf5 Qxf5 9.Qxd5 Rd8 10.Qb3 Qe4+ 11.Qe3 Qxg2 12.Qf3 Qg4=;

C) 8.Bf4 Bxd3 9.cxd3 Qg4 10.Ne2! (10.Qxg4 hxg4 11.Ne2 e6 12.d4 Be7=) 10...Nh6 (10...f6 11.d4 fxe5 12.Bxe5±) 11.Nbc3 Qxg2 (11...e6; 11...Nf5!?) 12.Rg1 Qf3 13.d4 g6∞]

6...g6?! A little provocative.

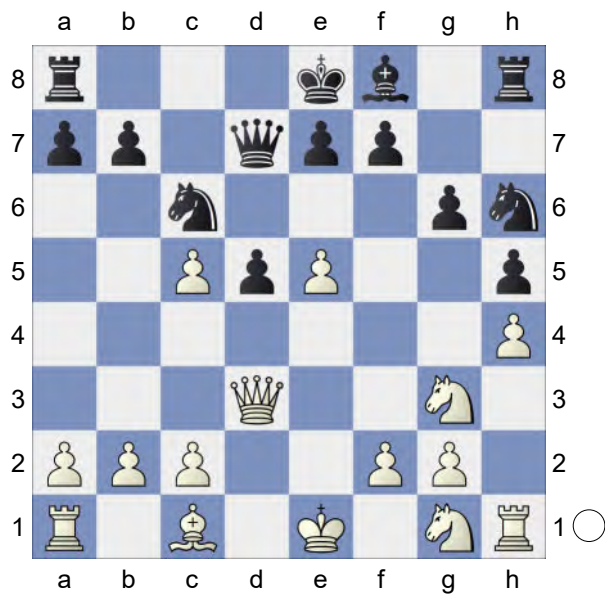
[The French vibes of the line 6...Bxd3 7.Qxd3 e6 are also attractive, with White's lack of c4 break being largely offset by Black's somewhat surplus inclusion of ...Qd7. 8.Nce2 c5"]

7.Nce2 Nh6 8.Ng3 After this Black equalises without too much trouble.

[After a developing move like 8.Nf3 Black wouldn't have enough time for the same operation: Bxd3 9.Qxd3 c5 10.0-0→ looks extremely ropey already.]

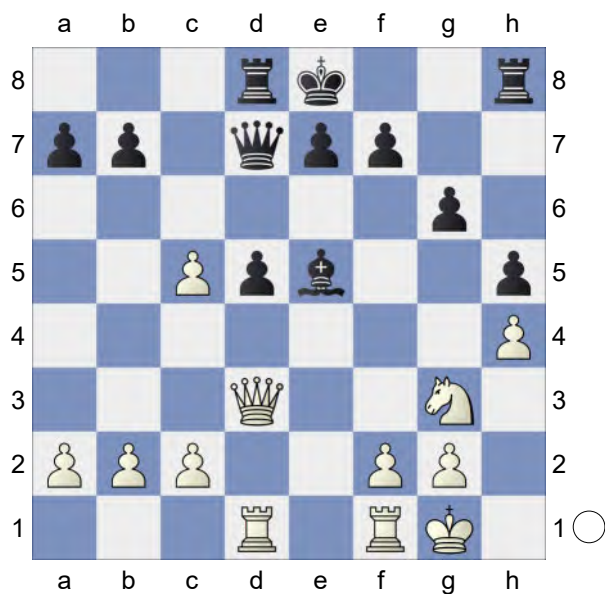
8...Bxd3 9.Qxd3 c5 10.dxc5 Nc6

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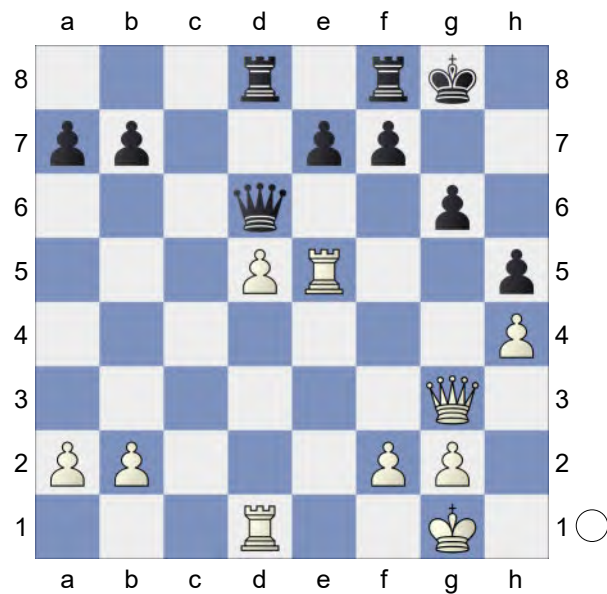
**11.Bxh6 Bxh6 12.Nf3 Bf4 13.0-0
Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5= 15.Rad1 Rd8**

[I would have considered 15...Bxb2
16.Qxd5 Qxd5 17.Rxd5 Bf6
to maybe keep some winning chances
on Black's side.]



**16.c4 Qc7 17.cxd5 Qxc5 18.Rfe1
Bxg3 19.Qxg3 0-0 20.Re5 Qd6**

(Diagram)



We enter a somewhat sharp phase,
which I will avoid annotating too much
since the complexities of these major
piece positions can be ridiculous.

21.Rde1

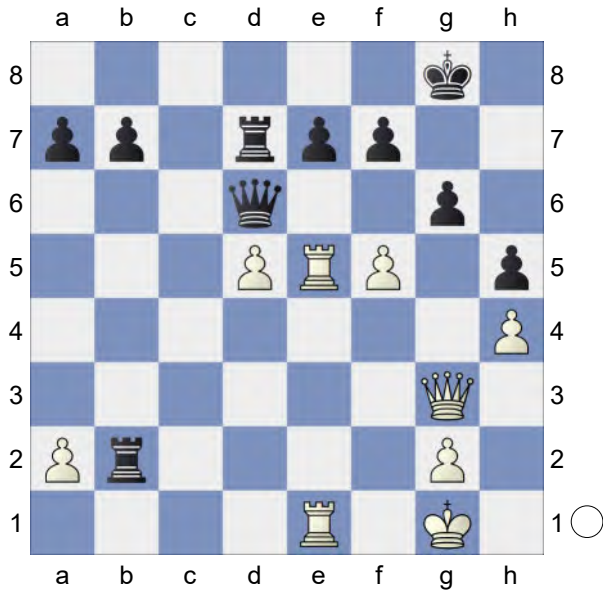
[21.f4 Kh7 22.Rde1 Qc5+
(22...Rd7 23.f5→) 23.Qf2 Qxf2+
24.Kxf2 Kg7 25.Kf3 a5 26.Rd1 Rd7
27.d6 exd6 28.Rxa5 Rc8 29.Rad5
Rc6 30.f5 Kf6 31.fxg6 fxg6
32.R1d4±]

21...Rd7 22.Qg5 Re8 23.f4

[23.g4 Qb4! 24.gxh5 Rxd5!∞]

23...Rc8 24.f5 Rc2 25.Qg3 Rxb2

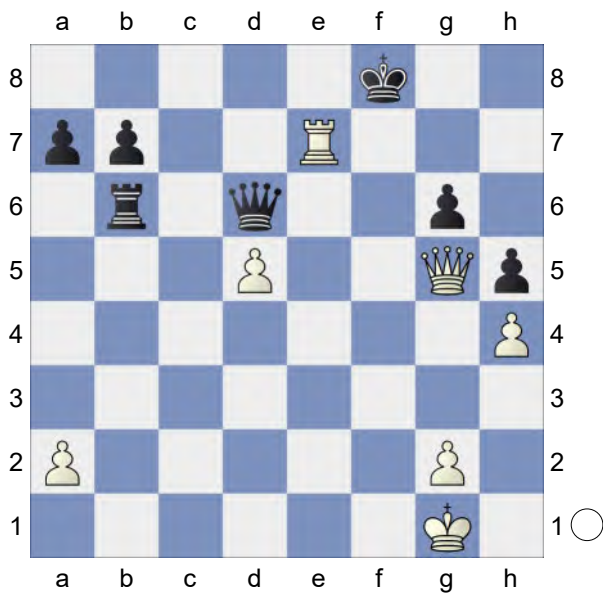
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26.fxg6 fxg6 27.Rf1 Rb6?!
 [27...Rb4 28.Ref5 Rd8 29.Qxd6
 exd6 30.Rf7∞]

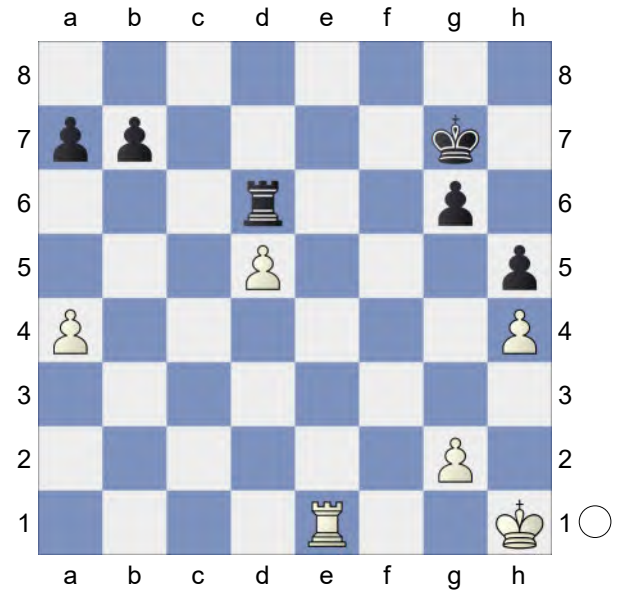
28.Qg5
 [28.Ref5 Rb1 is a handy defence.]
 [28.Qe3!→]

28...Rd8 29.Rxe7 Rf8 30.Rxf8+
 [30.Rc1±]
30...Kxf8

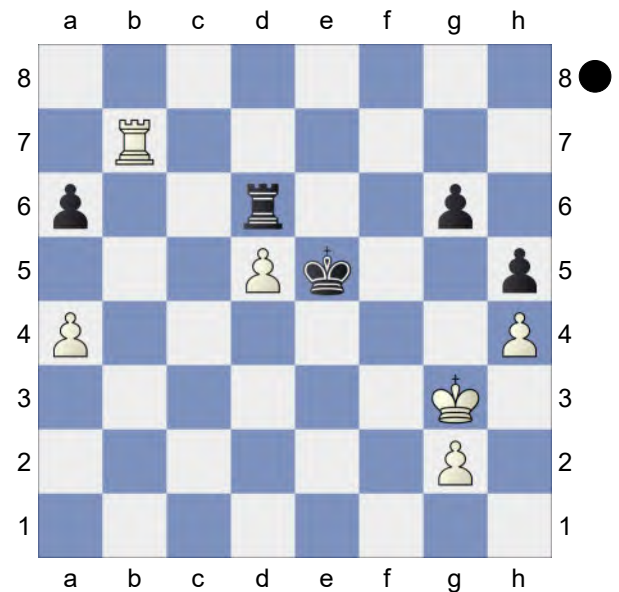


31.Re1 Kg7 32.a4 Qc5+ 33.Kh1 Rf6
34.Qe5 Qd6 35.Qxd6 Rxd6

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36.Re7+ Kf6 37.Rxb7 a6 38.Kh2 Ke5
39.Kg3



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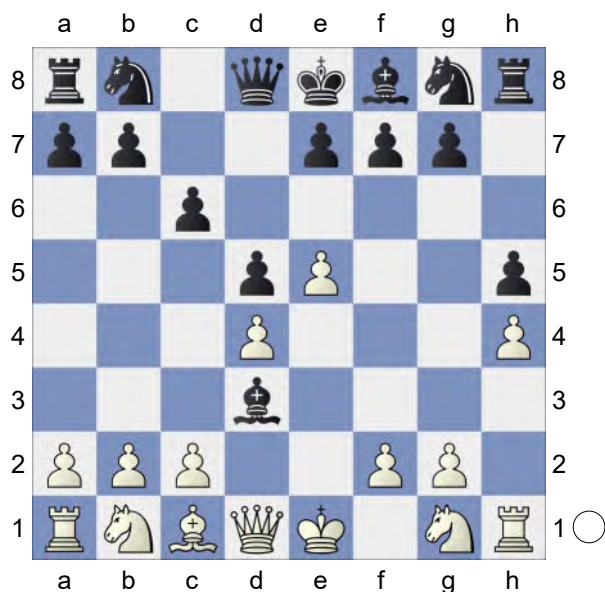
□ **Grieve, Harry** **2418**

■ **Rowson, Jonathan** **2561**

Mindsports Masters GM (4.4) 10.09.2022

[Daniel Fernandez]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.b4 Qa6

[7...Qxb4+ 8.Nd2 e6 9.Rb1 Qe7∞
remains the main line.]

8.Qb3

[Also 8.Qf3 has been popular, with Alan Pichot playing it 6 times and his countryman Sandro Mareco playing it once. e6 9.c3 and now it seems important for Black to stop a4 happening. Qa4! 10.Ne2 a5 11.bxa5 Rxa5 12.0-0 Mareco,S-Cori, J Villahermosa 2021 Nd7∞]

[8.e6 Qxd3 9.cxd3 fxe6 10.Nd2 is the speciality of another Latin American player (Martinez Alcantara) and while the machine gives equality after practically anything, a little bit of investigation uncovers slight problems in a few lines. Nh6 (10...e5?!

11.dxe5 e6 12.Rb1 b5 13.Ne2±;
10...a5?! 11.bxa5 Rxa5 12.Ngf3!±)
11.Ndf3 Nf5 12.Ne2 a5"]

8...e6 9.Bd2!N Based on the current state of information, this move order looks like a slight improvement.

[9.Nf3 first is also possible, and not that different. But one possibility Black gains is Qc4 with tempo against the b4-pawn, and then something like 10.Bd2 Ne7 11.Na3 Qxb3 12.axb3 f6 isn't a really clear advantage.]

9...Nd7

[9...Qc4 is a minor difference between 9.Bd2 and 9.Nf3 while it is perfectly possible to get here and simply continue with 10.Nf3, it is also possible to continue with 10.Qxc4 dxc4 11.a4 and then call the security of the c4-pawn into question. Na6 12.b5 cxb5 13.axb5 Nc7 14.Nc3 Ne7 15.Nge2±]

[9...Nh6!? The only possible drawback of White's last is that this now can't be taken in one move.

A) 10.Bxh6 is actually still possible, even if contraindicated by White's previous move. Rxh6 11.Nf3 Rg6! 12.Ng5!? Be7 13.Nd2 (13.f4 Qc4 14.Qxc4 dxc4 15.c3 a5↑) 13...Bxg5 14.hxg5 Rxg5 15.g3 The pawn sacrifice looks dangerous, but on high depth the machine indicates that it fizzles. Nd7 16.f4 Rg6! 17.Rxh5 Qb6∞;

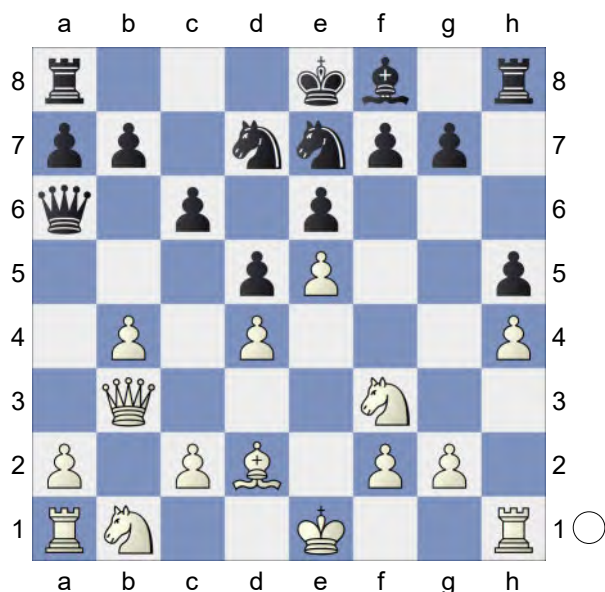
B) 10.Nf3 Nf5 11.Nc3 At some point White needs to play this, and having a4 actually makes it harder (since after the double threat ...Qb6 White won't have Na4.) (11.a4 Be7 12.Nc3 Qb6 13.Ne2 a5! 14.bxa5 Qxb3

15.cxb3 Na6↑) 11...Qc4 12.Qxc4 dxc4 13.Ne4 Na6 14.a3 Nc7
I'm not sure if Black is actually worse here or if it's an engine thing, because it's much easier to find Black's next few moves (...Be7, ...Kd7 and then working towards ...b5.) +0.3]

10.Nf3

[10.a4 always remains a possibility, so there is no compelling need to do it now rather than later.]

10...Ne7



11.Nc3 Nf5 12.a4 Nb6

[12...Be7 was the move played in van Foreest,J-Anton Guijarro,D Los Cancajos 2020]

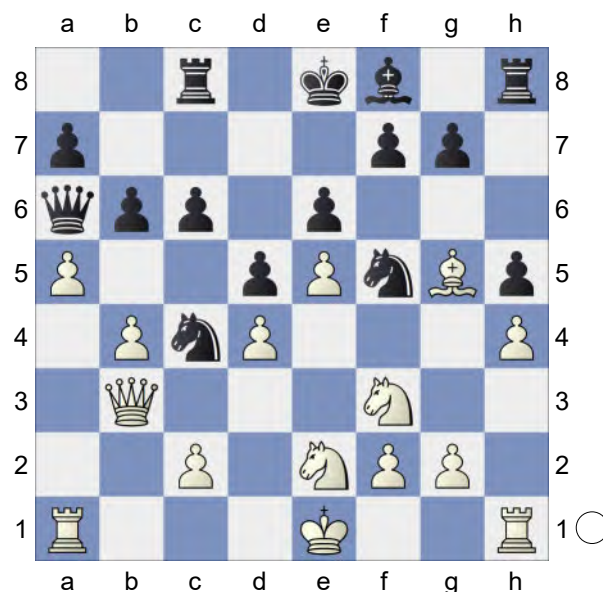
13.a5 Nc4 14.Bg5± White has a very pleasant position, in spite of the outposts held by both of Black's knights.

14...Rc8

[14...b6 15.0-0 Rb8 16.axb6 Qxb6 17.Qa4 Bxb4 18.Rfb1±]

15.Ne2 b6

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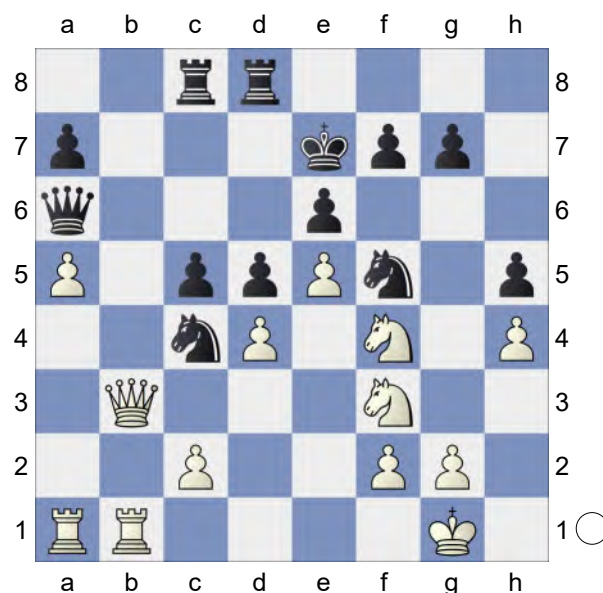
16.0-0 bxa5 17.bxa5 Be7 18.Bxe7

[More in the spirit of the opening is 18.Ng3! , with the loss of an exchange after Nxg3 19.fxg3 Bxg5 20.Nxg5 Nd2 21.Qa3 Nxf1 22.Rxf1 being only a very small and insignificant speed bump on the way to the attack crashing through.]

18...Kxe7

[White's position is also very nice after 18...Nxe7± , but nothing crushing is in evidence.]

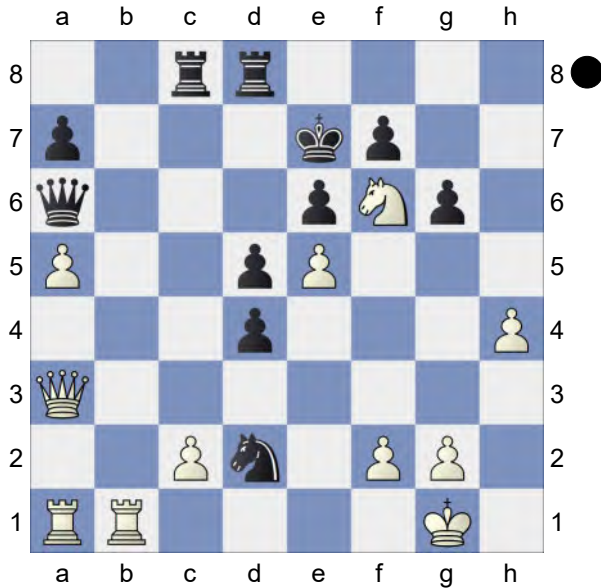
19.Rfb1 Rhd8 20.Nf4 c5



21.Nxh5 Nxd4 The final mistake.

[21...Rb8 22.Qd3 Rxb1+ 23.Rxb1 Qxa5 still forces White to find one or two accurate moves.]

22.Nxd4 cxd4 23.Qg3 g6 24.Nf6 Nd2 25.Qa3+



An excellent game by the British champion, who is having an incredible second half of 2022.

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 ☐ **Rakotomoharo,Fy Antenaina** **2444**
 ■ **Korpa,Bence** **2545**
 Braganca 09.2021
[GM Daniel Fernandez]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 Qb6!? A rare move that has seen a couple of recent tests. It deserves to be treated about on par with 4... h6 and the crossover possibilities are also considerable.

[4...c5 is checked in Vucinic,G-Miladinovic,I Vrnjacka Banja from last month.]

[The attention is so heavily focused on 4...h5 these days that it's quite easy to forget the existence of other moves.]

5.a4!? This is a good human solution, at least to the extent that humans have now started to embrace all things AlphaZero.

[5.g4! is the theoretical recommendation, but I found a number of lines where White's advantage is far from clear. Bd7 (5...Be6!? has almost never been played, despite being very similar in both ideas and evaluation.)

A) 6.h5 makes sense in the line with 4...h6 instead of ...Qb6, but here looks rather like a waste of time. c5 (6...e6!?) 7.dxc5 Qxc5 8.c3 Nh6" Pichot,A-Kamsky,G Biel 2021;

B) 6.Nc3! h5 (6...e6 7.Na4 Qc7 8.Nf3 c5 9.Nxc5 Bxc5 10.dxc5 Qxc5 11.c3± with an unpleasant if fighting game for Black, Reshef,O-Stupak,K Paleochoira 2017.; 6...f6 7.exf6 Nxf6 8.g5 Ne4 9.Nxe4

dx e4 10.Bg2 e5 11.Ne2 Na6 12.0-0±) 7.gxh5

B1) 7...e6 8.Na4 Qc7 9.Nf3 Rxh5 Idani,P-Anton Guijarro,D Krasnaya Polyana 2021 10.Nc5!→;

B2) 7...Bf5!? Chigaev,M-Weetik,V INT 2019 8.Nge2 e6 9.Ng3 Bh7 10.Na4 Qc7 11.Bf4 (11.Bg5± White keeps some pressure, despite the ever-present risk of overextension.) 11...Nd7 12.Qd2 Nh6 13.Bh3 c5 14.c3±;

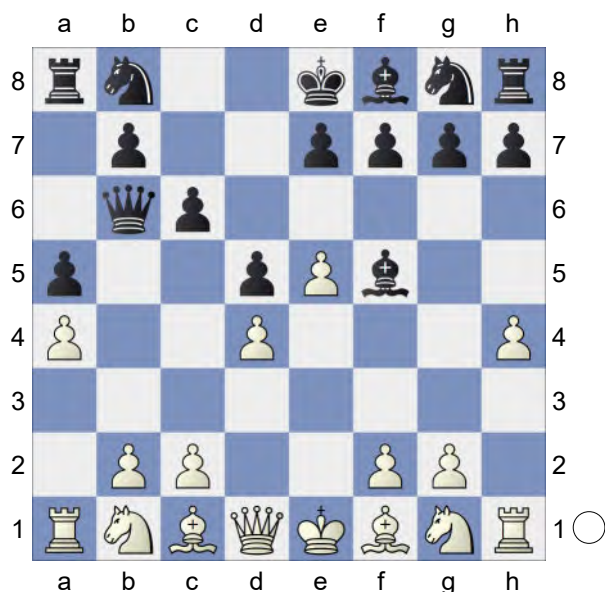
B3) 7...Nh6 8.Na4 Qc7 9.Bxh6 Rxh6 10.f4 Qa5+ 11.c3 Bf5]

[5.Nc3 immediately doesn't seem as good compared to 5.g4 Bd7 6.Nc3. Black can try h5 and the inclusion of Nc3 and ... Qb6 looks somewhat advantageous for Black. (5...h6?! 6.g4 Bd7 7.h5± Vitiugov,N-Popov,V Jurmala 2016) 6.Na4 (6.Bd3?! Qxd4 7.Nf3 Qg4± White ultimately won in Paichadze,L-Braun,A INT 2021, but right now the compensation looks quite clearly insufficient.) 6...Qc7 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 (8.cxd3!? is always possible but a significant strategic risk, i.e. e6 and ...Ne7-f5 will leave Black quite solid.) 8...Qa5+ 9.Nc3 e6 By the back door, we are about to re-enter the 4...h5 complex. Specifically, the line 5. Bd3 Bxd3 6. Qxd3 e6 7.Bg5 Qa5+ 8.Nc3, which is mostly considered rather uncritical. Indeed, 10.Bg5 c5= was totally equal and maybe easier for Black to play in Yeletsy,I-Lintchevski,D St Petersburg 2016.]

5...a5

[5...h5 6.a5 Qc7 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3± Motylev,A-Iljiushenok,I

Bryansk 2021]



The principled reply, stopping White from gaining any tempi and asking again whether the intention is to proceed with g4. **6.c3** A solid and reasonable move, trying to get some development done and discouraging ...c5.

[6.Ra3!? continues with the enterprising, pioneering spirit that White has shown so far and argues that the rook is actually pretty well posted on b3. For instance: h5 7.Rb3 Qc7 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Rxd3 e6 10.Nc3± with a typical plus for the 4. h4 structures.]

[6.h5!? is also interesting, continuing to push pawns with the aim of securing better structures in any ending to come. f6! Temporarily, White's development doesn't seem good enough for the situation where the centre opens and so Black should hasten to do that. In all of these 4.h4-type lines, Black should be constantly looking at ...c5 with one eye and ... f6 with the other (so as to speak.) (6...h6 7.g4! Bh7 and White can

choose between the principled 8.e6 (similar to Hauge-Howell this month) or the obnoxious 8.f4 also making an eighth pawn move in a row.) 7.g4 Bd7 8.f4 Nh6 9.Bh3 fxe5 10.fxe5 c5∞]

6...h5 Black needs to sort out the issue of the f5-bishop before being able to make any normal kingside pawn moves.

[Even though the bishop isn't formally trapped, I think 6...e6 7.g4 Be4 8.f3 Bxb1 is also not something Black should be in the market for. The computer notes that White can even play 9.h5!→ here to avoid Black replying with ...h5.]

7.Ne2 g6 8.Nf4 This doesn't exactly spoil anything, but doesn't look consistent with the previous play.

[8.Ng3 Nh6 (Aesthetically speaking the temptation might be 8...e6 but we should remember in these lines that the h5-pawn can easily become weak. 9.Nxf5 gxf5 10.Be2±) 9.Nxf5 Nxf5 10.Bd3 e6 11.Na3± White is going to prepare either g4 or b4 with extreme slowness and caution. Meanwhile a ...c5 break or similar from Black will be counterproductive. In analogous positions without a4 and ...a5, Black's position is often very playable, but here there is an added issue of the c5-break potentially weakening the b5-square.]

8...e6

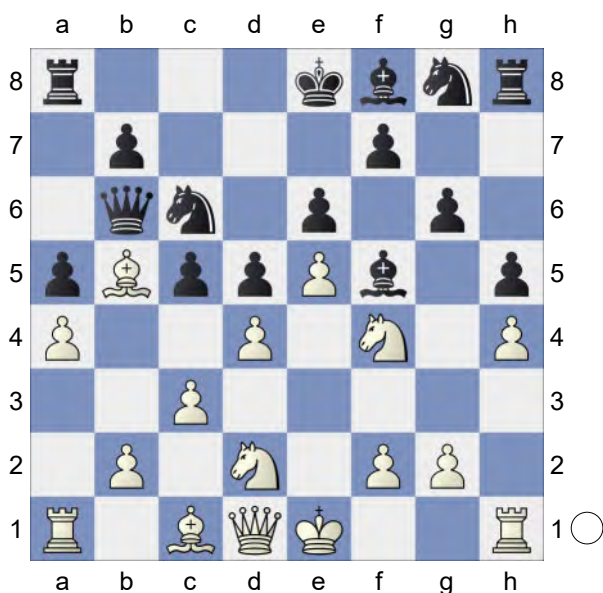
[8...Bh6!?]

9.Nd2 c5 On principle, if there was going to be a right time for this it would likely be straight after White's knight has steered away from the b5-square. But the move is still not equalising due to the equally principled reply. **10.Bb5+**

[Not for nothing is there a rule in the

Advance Caro that White should always consider meeting ...c5 with c4. Here 10.c4! would erode the d5-pawn and force Black to accept more pawn weaknesses. Ne7 11.cxd5 Nxd5 (11...exd5 12.Bb5+ Nbc6 13.dxc5! Now that Black has to capture with the queen, it's a good idea for this typical French idea. Qxc5 14.0-0 At a time of White's choosing there can follow something like Nf3 and Be3, blockading the d4-square.) 12.Bb5+ Nc6 13.Nc4! Qa7 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Nxd5 Bxf2+! (15...exd5 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.exd6± is awful for Black) 16.Kf1 exd5 17.Nd6+ Kf8 18.Nxf5 gxf5 19.Qf3± White has a good amount of pressure and many of Black's pawns are isolated.]

10...Nc6



11.dxc5 This capture is mostly played in French positions with ideas of blockading the d4-square. Here that proves difficult and it seems White squanders the opening edge at this point.

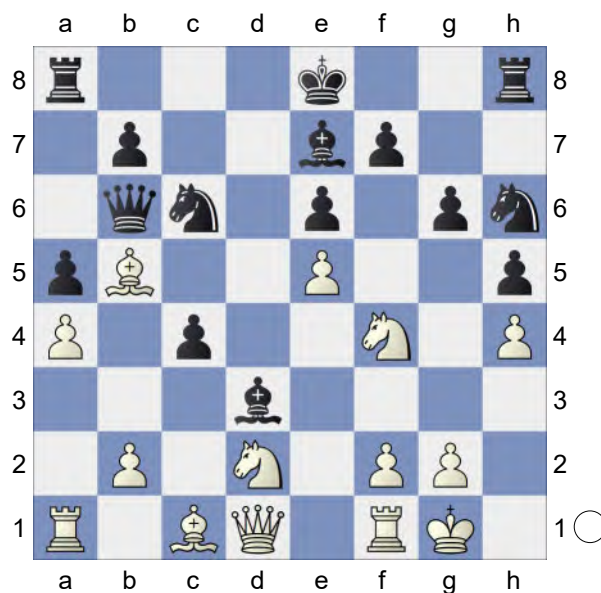
[White can try and transpose to the previous note with 11.c4 , albeit Black

now has a new way of trying to maintain the centre in the shape of 0-0-0!? 12.cxd5 exd5 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.0-0±]

11...Bxc5 12.0-0 Nh6 The centre has become quite static and Black has good enough squares for development that the opening problems are mostly over. But of course things sharpen up the moment White tries to push c4. **13.Nb3 Be7= 14.c4 dxc4 15.Nd2 Bd3?**

[Black had various moves to keep equality, such as 15...Rd8 16.Nxc4 Qc7= with reasonable pressure against the e5-pawn to compensate for any other problems, plus the ability to anchor the queenside with ...Bb4 on demand.]

[15...Ng4 16.Nxc4 Qa7" is the LCZero move, trying to transform the idea of ...Bxh4 into something White actually cares about stopping.]



16.Nxd3 cxd3 17.Nc4 Qd4

[Keeping the d3-pawn is crucial. While 17...Qd8 would have both kept it for now and avoided the tactic in the

game, White can effect a nice pawn trade with 18.Bxh6 Rxh6 19.Qd2 Rh8 20.Rfd1± when the h4-pawn will make a poor substitute for the doomed d3-pawn.]

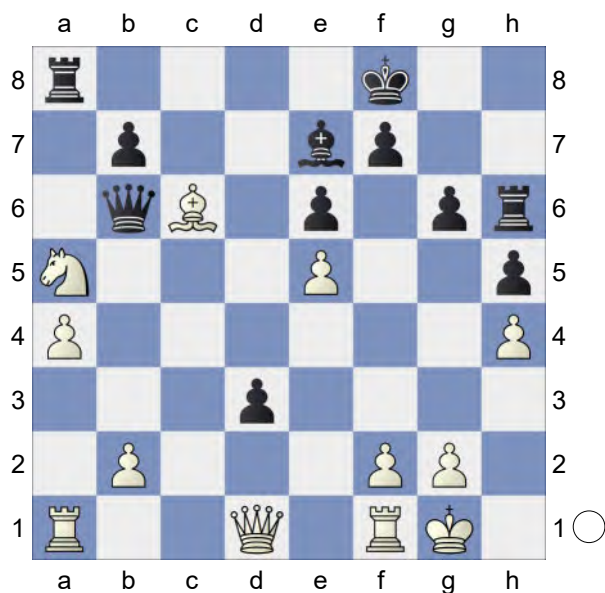
18.Bxh6 Rxh6 19.Nxa5!?

[Surprisingly, the tactic was more effective in the other order since Black won't be able to sacrifice the exchange. 19.Qd2! Rh8 20.Nxa5±]

19...Kf8??

[Among the things you can't put a price on in chess is piece co-ordination, and here after 19...Rxa5! 20.Qd2 Bb4! 21.Qxh6 d2" Black's pieces work together admirably to support the d2-pawn. The b5-bishop will probably need to be given up at some stage to avoid ... Nxe5, but this may not be successful in keeping the pawn in the long run. Meanwhile, White's queenside pawns remain resolutely blocked.]

20.Bxc6 Qb6



21.Nxb7

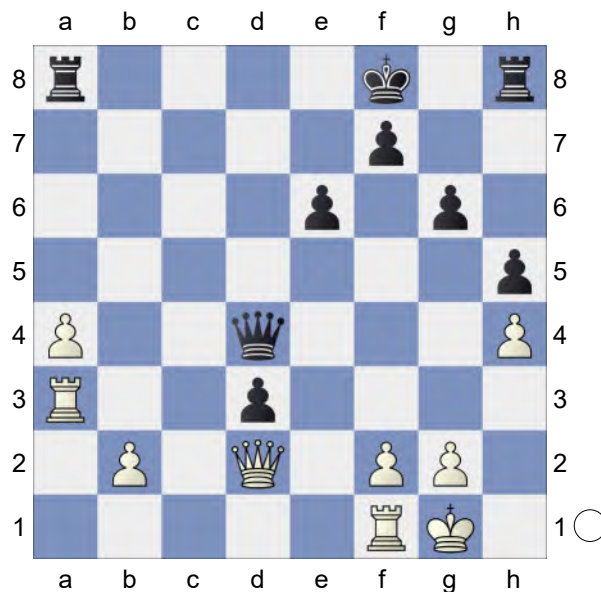
[21.Qc1 is even better, as on the next move as well. White threatens both Nxb7 and Qxh6. d2 22.Qxd2 Rh8

23.Nxb7 Qxc6 24.Nd6+- with a better version of the game.]

21...Qxc6 22.Nd6 This is good enough. Play goes into a major piece middlegame where White's connected passers are enough to decide, and the advantage those represent becomes more and more telling as the game goes on.

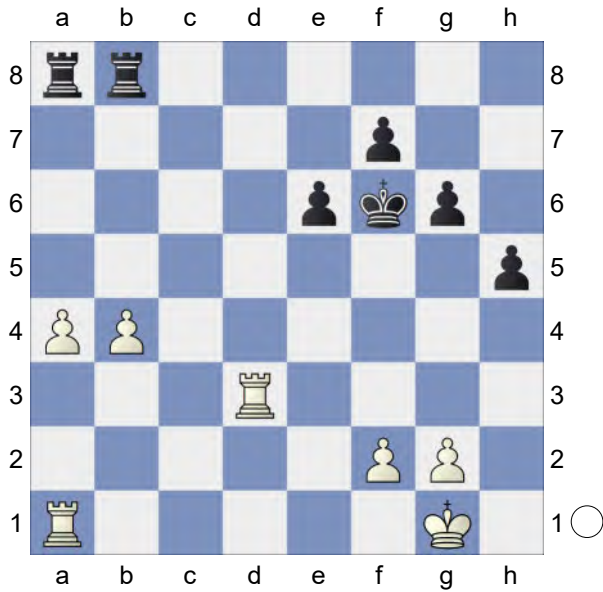
[22.Qc1! is arguably even stronger, forcing the queens off.]

22...Bxd6 23.exd6 Qxd6 24.Qd2 Rh8 25.Ra3 Qd4

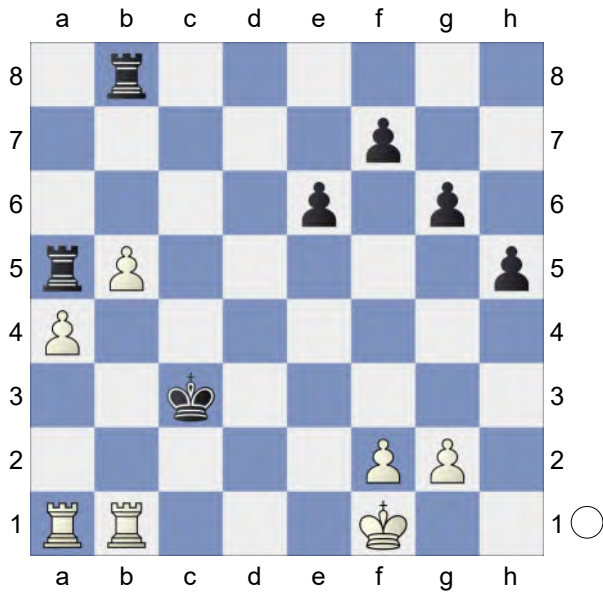


26.b4 Qxh4 27.Rxd3 Kg7 28.Qc3+ Qf6 29.Ra1 Rhb8 30.Qxf6+ Kxf6

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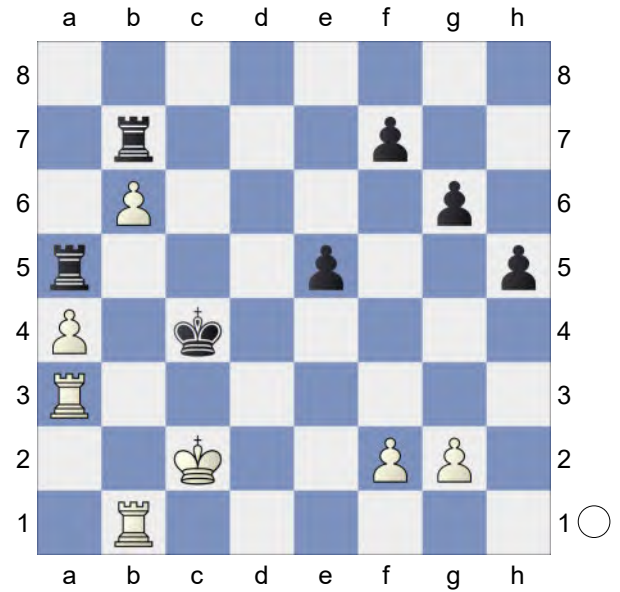


**31.Rb3+- Ke5 32.Kf1 Kd4 33.b5 Kc4
34.Rb2 Kc3 35.Rbb1 Ra5**

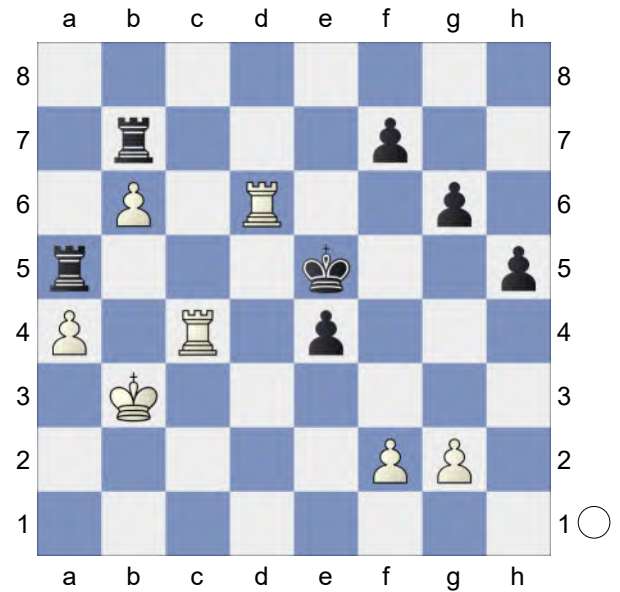


**36.Ke2 e5 37.Kd1 Rb7 38.Ra3+ Kc4
39.Kc2 Rba7 40.b6 Rb7**

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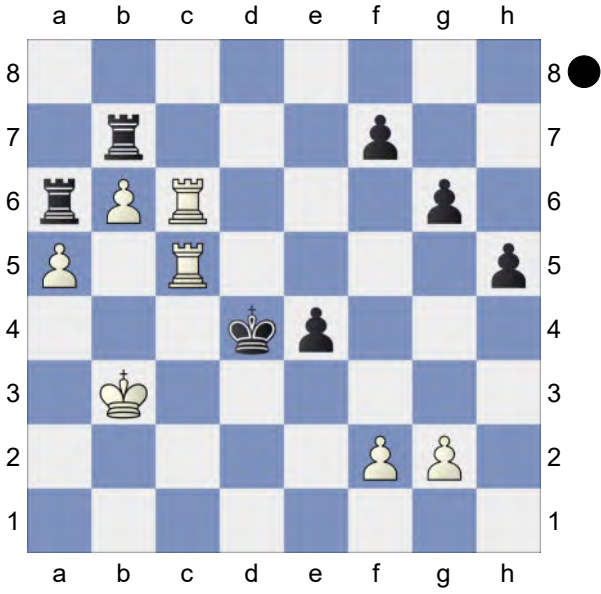


**41.Rc3+ Kd5 42.Rd1+ Ke4 43.Rc4+
Kf5 44.Rd6 e4 45.Kb3 Ke5**



46.Rdc6 Ra6 47.R4c5+ Kd4 48.a5

(Diagram)



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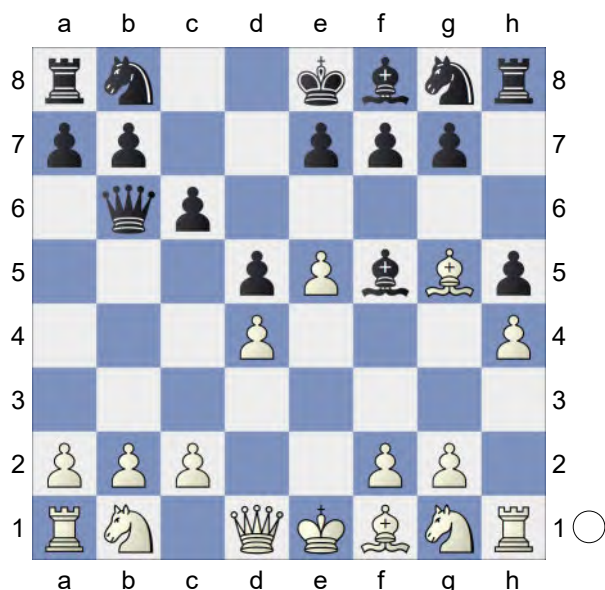
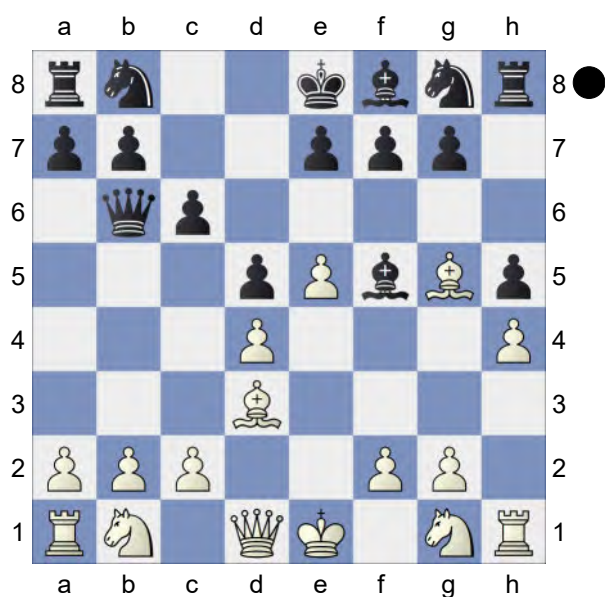
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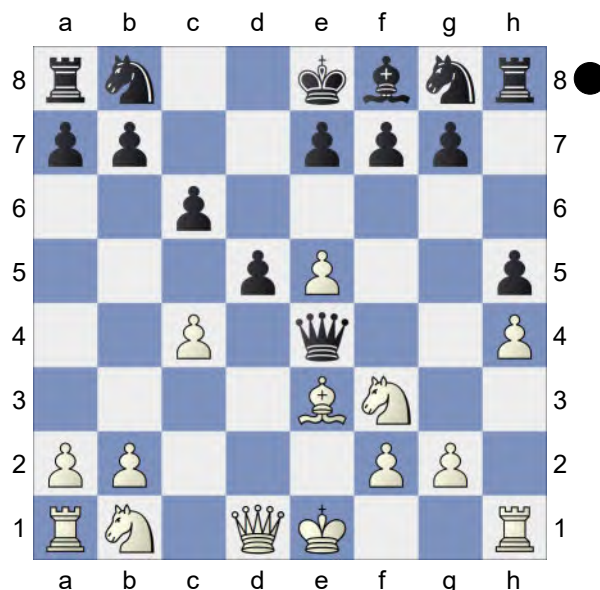
B12**2308****2541****B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bg5 Qb6!

**6.Bd3**

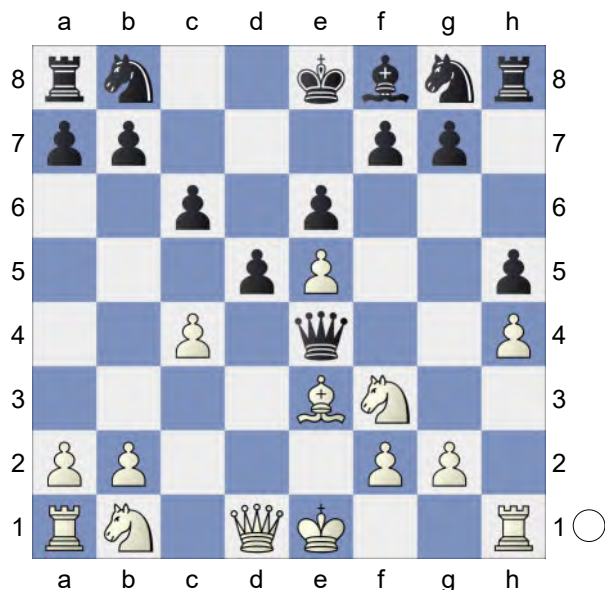
Qxd4! -0.25/19 outshines the older 6...
 Bxd3. erfolgreicher als das alte 6...Lxd3.

[6...Bxd3! ♣ -0.76/25 7.Qxd3 Qxb2]
7.Nf3= Qg4 White must now prevent ...
f6. 8.Bxf5! The position is equal.
8...Qxf5 9.c4! Qe4+ 10.Be3

**And now Nbd2 would win. 10...e6**

[10...dxc4 11.Nbd2 Qd5 12.Rc1 b5
 13.0-0 e6 14.b3 cxb3 15.Nxb3
 Qxd1 16.Rfxd1 Ba3 17.Rc2 Ne7
 18.Na5 0-0 19.Nd4 Rd8 20.Rb1 a6
 21.Rb3 c5 22.Nxe6 fxe6 23.Rxa3
 c4 24.Nb7 Rd1+ 25.Kh2 1-0 (55)
Mitusov,S (2397)-Pultinevicius,P
(2561) EU-ch Blitz Katowice 2022 (8)]

(Diagram)



11.Nbd2 Qd3 Strongly threatening ...
Bb4. 12.Rc1 Bb4N Prevents Rc3. With
the idea ...Ne7.

[12...dxc4 13.Rxc4 Ne7 14.Rd4
Qa6 15.Nc4 Nd5 16.0-0 Bc5
17.Ng5 Nd7 18.Re4 Be7 19.Qf3
Rf8 20.Qxh5 The Caveman Accepted
Qx-43. The Caveman 6... Qxd4: 7.,9]

[12...Ne7 13.Rc3 Qg6 14.Qb3 b6
15.0-0 Nd7 16.cxd5 Nxd5 17.Rxc6
Be7 18.Bg5 Nc5 19.Qc4 0-0
20.Qxd5 Bxg5 21.Qc4 Bh6 22.Rd6
Rac8 23.Rc1 Rc7 24.Rc3 Rfc8
25.Qd4 Kh7 26.b4 Nb7 27.Rxc7
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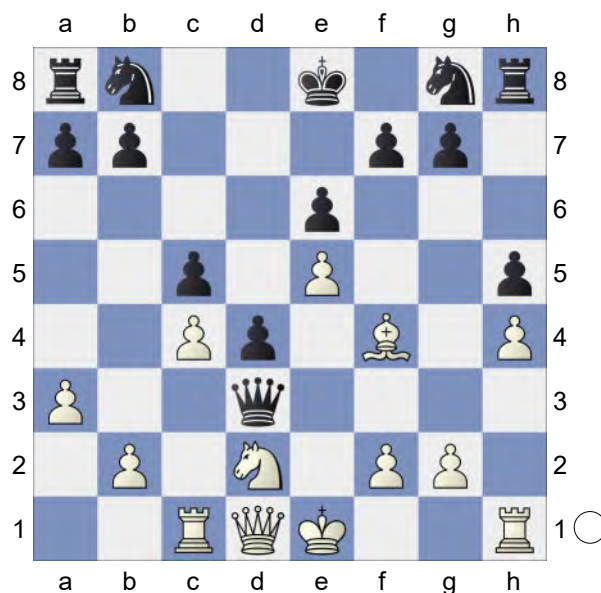
13.a3 -1.14/20

[13.cxd5!= -0.19/19 remains equal.
exd5 14.a3 Bxd2+ 15.Bxd2 Nd7
16.Rc3 Qa6 17.Bg5 f6 18.exf6 gxf6
19.Re3+ Kf8 20.Qb1 Ne7 21.Bf4
Kf7 22.Rh3 Rae8 23.Ng5+ fxf5
24.Bxg5 Nf6 25.Rhf3 c5 26.Bxf6
Qxf6 27.Kf1 Qxf3 28.Rxf3+ Ke6
29.Qe1+ Kd7 30.Qa5 1-0 (31)
Anadkat, K (2139)-Podolchenko, E
(2346) Chennai op 15th 2025 (7)]

13...Bxd2+ 14.Nxd2N

[14.Bxd2 Nd7 -0.71/18
(Black should play 14...Ne7 -1.14/20
15.cxd5 cxd5) 15.Rc3 -1.56/19
(15.cxd5 -0.71/18 Qe4+ 16.Be3
Qxd5 17.Qa4) 15...Qe4+ 16.Re3
-2.53/19 (16.Qe2 16...Qxc4+ 17.Rh3 Ne7 18.b3 Qa6
19.Ng5 Nf5 20.Ref3 -4.31/18
0-1 (35) Schricker, P (1736)-Hoegl, E
(2083) Vienna Ottakring 100 Years
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14...d4 Against Rc3 15.Bf4 c5? 0.42/19
[15...Nd7 16.c5 Ne7]



16.Qa4+ -0.62/21

[16.Rh3!± 0.42/19 Qf5 17.Qf3]

16...Nc6 ...Nge7 would now be deadly.
White is on the road to losing. 17.Qb5
-1.53/20

[17.Rh3 -0.87/19 Qf5 18.Rf3]

17...Nge7 18.Qxc5 -2.04/20

[18.Bg5 18...Bxg5 19.Bxe7 Nxe7 20.Qxb7]

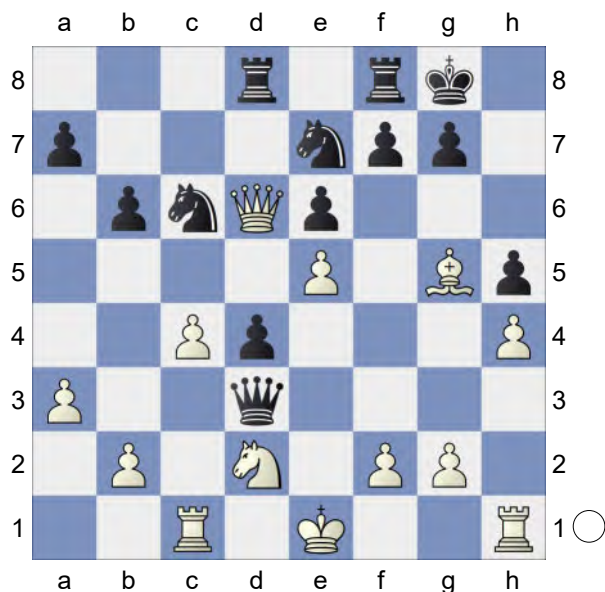
18...0-0+ 19.Bg5 b6 -1.58/21

[19...Ng6+ 20.Qb5 Ncxe5
(20...Ngxe5? 21.Bf4+)]

20.Qd6 -3.12/23

[20.Qb5+ -1.58/21 was the only chance.]

20...Rad8



21.Qc7 Rc8 22.Qb7 Ng6 23.Rh3 Qf5

24.Kf1 -4.52/19

[Δ24.Rf3 -3.01/17 Qxe5+ 25.Kf1]

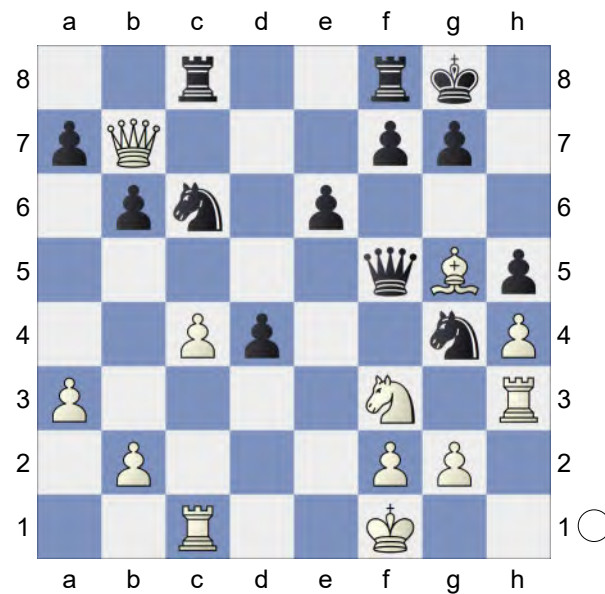
24...Ngxe5

[24...Ncxe5 25.Ne4 Rxc4
(25...Rb8? 26.Qxb8 Rxb8
27.Nd6+-) 26.Re1+-]

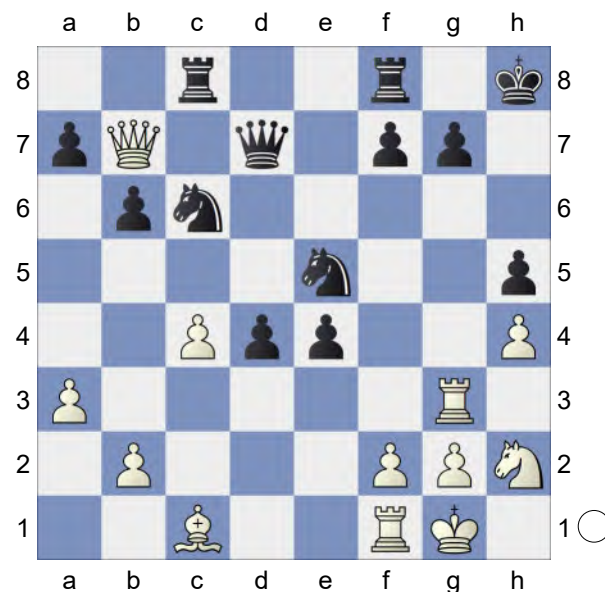
25.Nf3 Ng4

[25...f6 26.Bd2 Rb8 27.Qc7]

(Diagram)



**26.Kg1 e5 27.Rf1 e4 28.Nh2 Nge5
29.Rg3 Kh8 30.Bc1 Qd7**



31.Qa6 -4.18/20

[Δ31.Qxd7 -2.98/20 Nxd7 32.Re1]

31...f6 32.Qb5 Qe6 33.Re1 Qxc4

[33...Nxc4? too greedy. 34.Qxh5+ Kg8 35.Ng4+- (35.Qg6? Qf7+)]

34.Qxc4 Nxc4 Excellent horsemanship.

35.Rxe4 Rfe8

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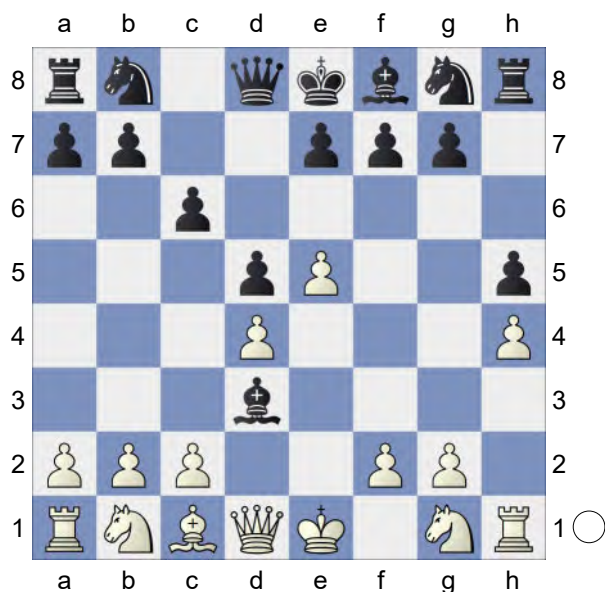
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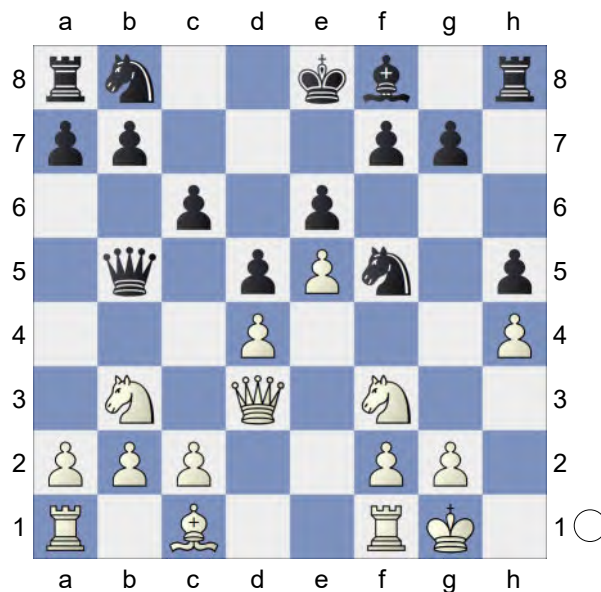
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3

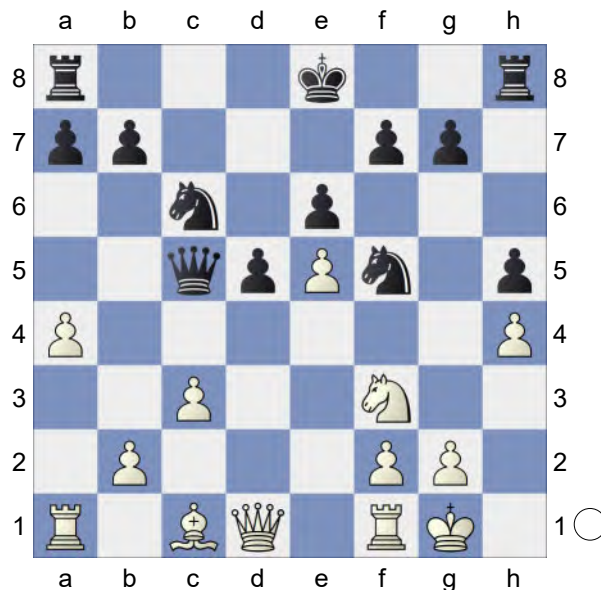


6.Qxd3 And now e6! would win. 6...Qa5+
'!' is recently more successful than 6...
e6. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 6...
e6. 7.Nd2 Strongly threatening e6!
7...e6 8.Ngf3 White has an edge.
8...Nh6 9.0-0 Nf5 10.Nb3 Qb5

(Diagram)



11.Qd1 c5 12.a4 Qb6 13.dxc5 Bxc5
14.Nxc5 Qxc5 15.c3 Nc6



16.Re1 Rc8

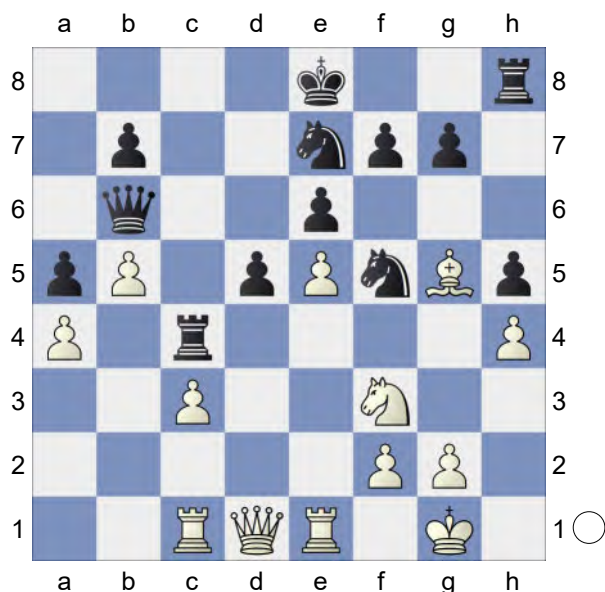
[16...Rd8 17.Bg5 Rd7 18.Rc1 d4
19.b4 Qb6 20.b5 dxc3 21.Qb3
Nce7 22.Rxc3 0-0 23.Qc2 Nd5
24.Rc4 Rc7 25.Nd2 Rfc8 26.Rxc7
Rxc7 27.Qd1 Qd4 28.Qxh5 Qxa4
29.Ne4 Qxb5 30.Rd1 Rd7 31.Qg4
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(2859) Meltwater Tour Final rapid 2022 (6.1)]

17.Bg5 Qb6 18.b4 a5 19.b5N

[19.bxa5 Nxa5 20.Rb1 Qc6 21.Nd4 Nxd4 22.cxd4 Nc4 23.Qb3 b6 24.Qb4 Qd7 25.Rb3 Ra8 26.Ra1 Ra7 27.a5 b5 28.a6 Rf8 29.Qc5 f6 30.Rxb5 Kf7 31.exf6 gxf6 32.Bf4 Kg8 33.Rab1 Rxa6 1-0 Drewes,T (2276)-Pires,M (1966) EU-chT1 qual 1-10 corr 1973 (1) 1-0 (35) Drewes,T (2276)-Pires,M (1966) EU-chT1 qual 1-10 corr 1973 (1)]

19...Nce7 20.Rc1! Rc4



21.Nd4! -0.64/23 'N'

[21.Nd2 Rc8 22.c4 Qd4 23.cxd5 exd5 24.Rxc8+ Nxc8 25.Qc2 Nce7 26.Qc7 0-0 27.Nf3 1-0 (69) Pollack,O (2110)-Badacsonyi,F (2080) London Mindsports op 2023 (5)]

21...Qc7

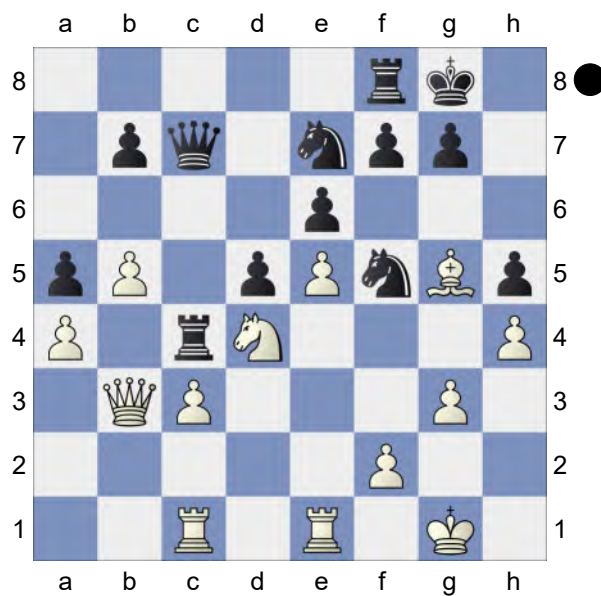
[21...Qc5 22.g3]

22.Qb3 -1.11/24 Black continues to play with concentration.

[22.g3 0-0 -0.37/23]

22...0-0 23.g3 -1.67/22

[23.Qd1 0-0 -1.07/23]



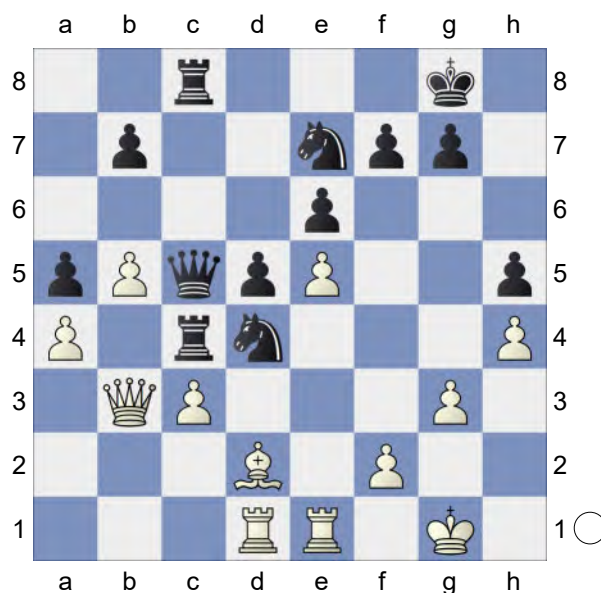
23...Rc8!-+ 24.Bd2 -2.86/21

[24.Kg2 -1.73/21 keeps fighting.]

24...Qc5 25.Rcd1 -3.15/19

[25.Nf3 -1.74/23]

25...Nxd4



26.cxd4 Qxd4

[But not 26...Rxd4 27.Rc1 Rc4 28.Qd3-+]

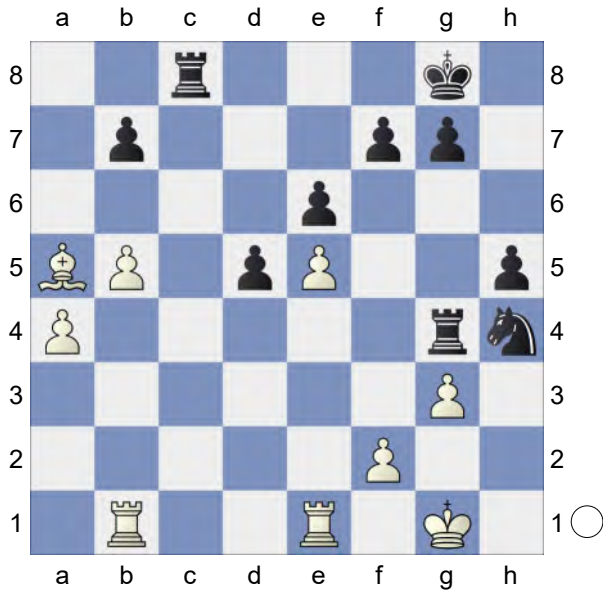
27.Bxa5 Qg4 28.Rb1 -5.10/21

[28.Rd3 -3.53/19]

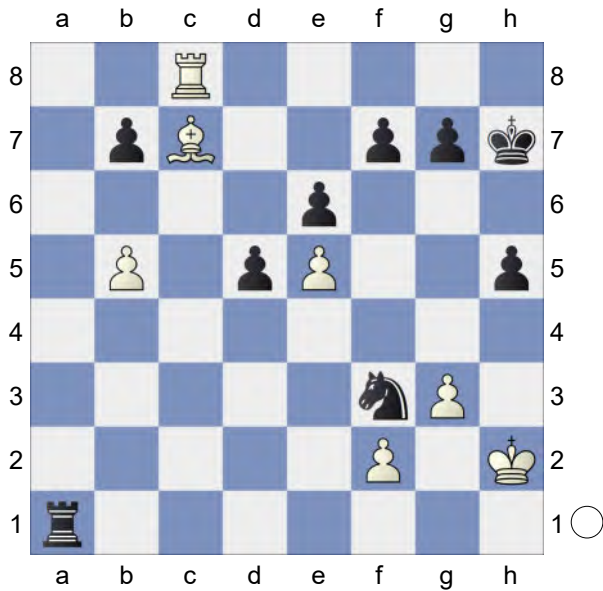
28...Nf5

[28...Rxa4 29.Bb4 Nf5 30.Qxa4-+]

29.Qd1 Nxh4 30.Qxg4 Rxg4

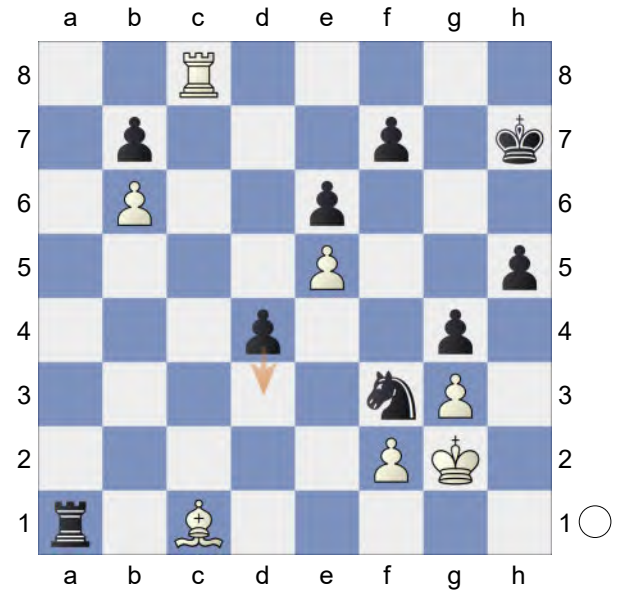


31.Rec1 Rxc1+ 32.Rxc1 Rxa4
 Endgame. KRB-KRN Endgame. KRB-
 KRN **33.Rc8+ Kh7** Black is clearly
 winning. **34.Bc7 Ra1+ 35.Kh2 Nf3+**

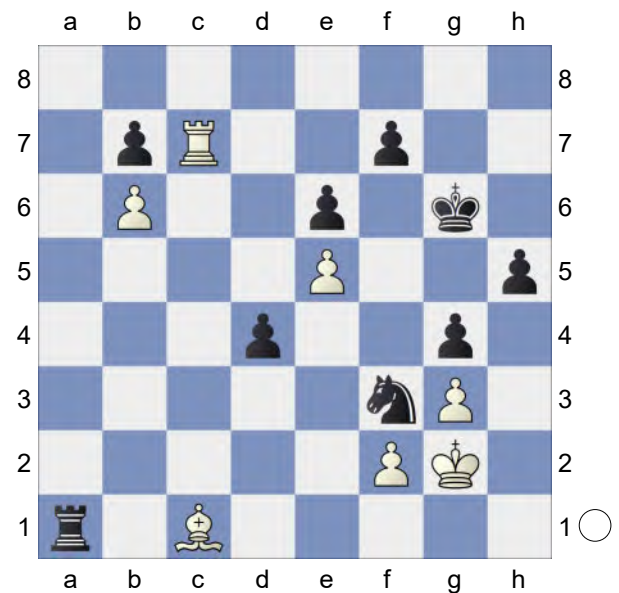


36.Kg2 Nd4 37.b6 -6.90/24
 [Δ 37.Bd6 -4.45/19]
37...g5 ...g4 is the strong threat. **38.Bd8**
g4 (-> ...Nf3) (→ ...Nf3) 39.Bg5 Nf3
40.Bc1 d4

(Diagram)



...d3! would now be deadly. **41.Rc7 Kg6**

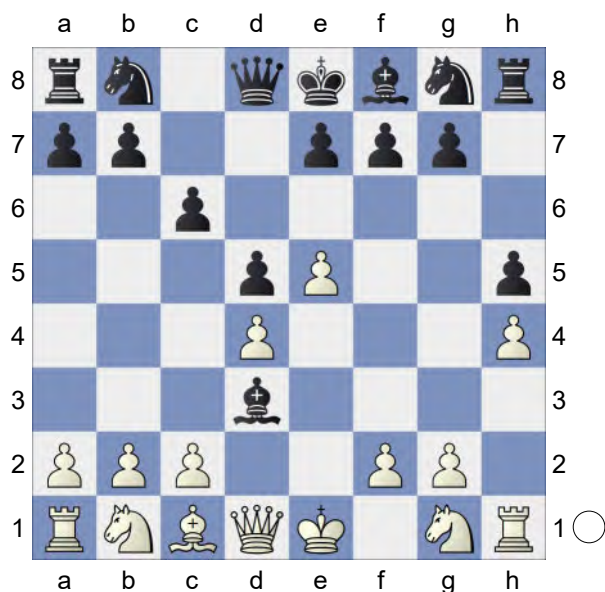


Weighted Error Value: White=0.78/
 Black=0.11 (very precise)

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154 **B12**
 □ **Roebers,Eline** **2361**
 ■ **Donchenko,Alexander** **2627**
 Tata Steel Challengers (6.4) 20.01.2023
 [Daniel Fernandez]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.b4 Qa6

I have criticised this move a fair bit in recent times and given some example games for White. So, it seems natural to balance the scales by now providing a near-perfect game from Black. **8.Qd1 e6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Nd2?! An instructive, if slight, inaccuracy.** The c1-bishop gets blocked in and the threats of Black's queen are not so simple to parry.

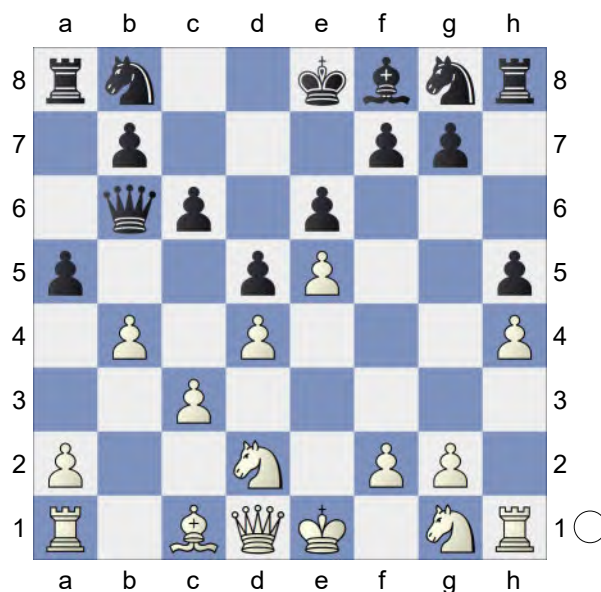
[10.a4!? Not only is this useful against ...a5, but practically forces it as well. (Otherwise Black won't get another opportunity.) a5 11.bxa5 Qxa5 12.Ne2 The main point is that White doesn't know yet whether Nd2 or Bd2 will fit the needs of the position better.

A) 12...b5 13.0-0 Ne7 14.Bd2

Qa6 (14...bxa4 15.c4 Qa6 16.c5±) 15.a5 Qb7 16.Bg5 Black should neutralise this, but not without effort.;

B) 12...Nd7 13.0-0 Ne7 If Black refuses to engage with ...b5, then White needs to proceed with the usual kingside ideas like Ng3, Bg5 etc. 14.Bg5 Ng6 15.Nd2↑]

10...a5!



11.bxa5 Qxa5 12.Rh3 In trying to solve one problem, White creates others.

[12.Ne2 Qa4 13.Nb3 c5 is not pleasant, since White very much wants to avoid a queen trade. After 14.dxc5 Nd7♞ it seems intuitive that Black stands better.]

12...Ne7

[After 12...Qa4 White's queen can now escape : 13.Qf3 Ne7 but the position is still not nice.]

13.c4 Nf5 14.c5 Qc7

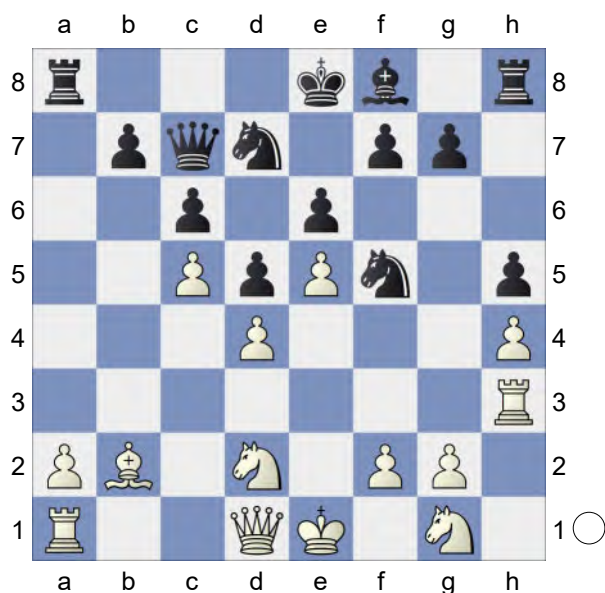
[14...Nxd4?? looks like enough compensation, until you see 15.Ra3 Qxa3 16.Bxa3 Rxa3 17.Nb1!+- and the game is all but over. Although, it might still not be so simple to break through against a determined

opponent...]

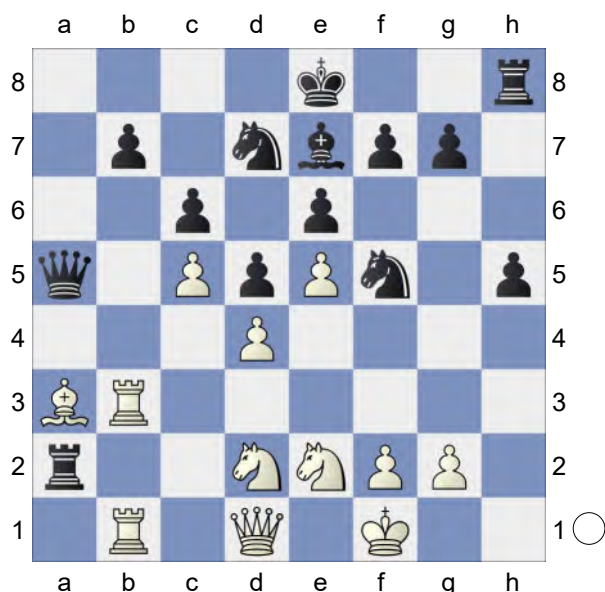
[14...Qb4! and the centre simply collapses.]

15.Bb2 Nd7

[15...b6!? is possible, operating with slightly less patience.]

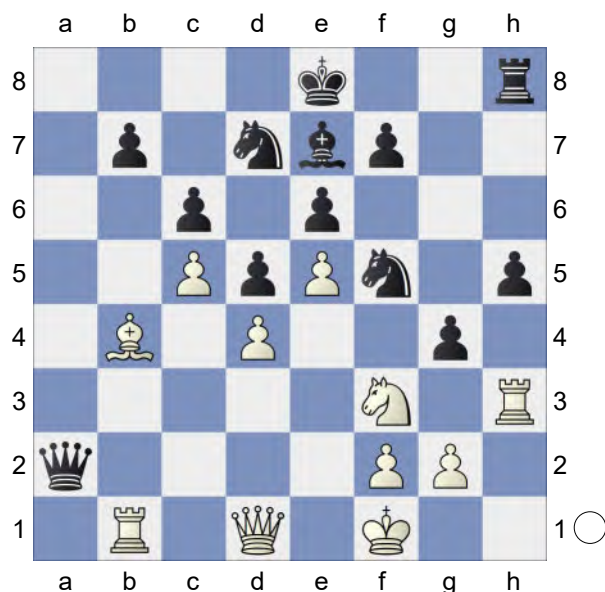


16.Rb3 Nxh4 Now that the first pawn has fallen, it is likely that despair set in and White lost the game without too much further resistance. **17.Kf1 Be7**
18.Rb1 Rxa2 19.Ne2 Nf5 20.Ba3 Qa5

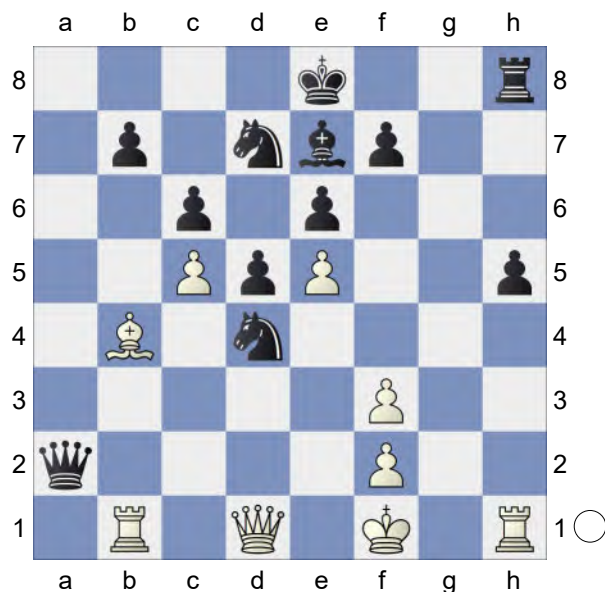


21.Bb4 Qa8 22.Rh3 g6 23.Nf3 g5

24.Nc3 g4 25.Nxa2 Qxa2



26.Rh1 gxf3 27.gxf3 Nxd4



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□ Aaditya,Dhingra

■ Omonov,Asrorjon

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.34)

[Kitty Kat]

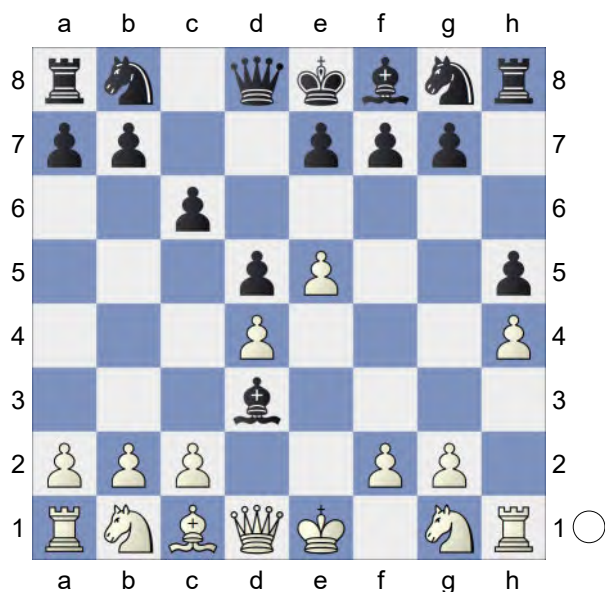
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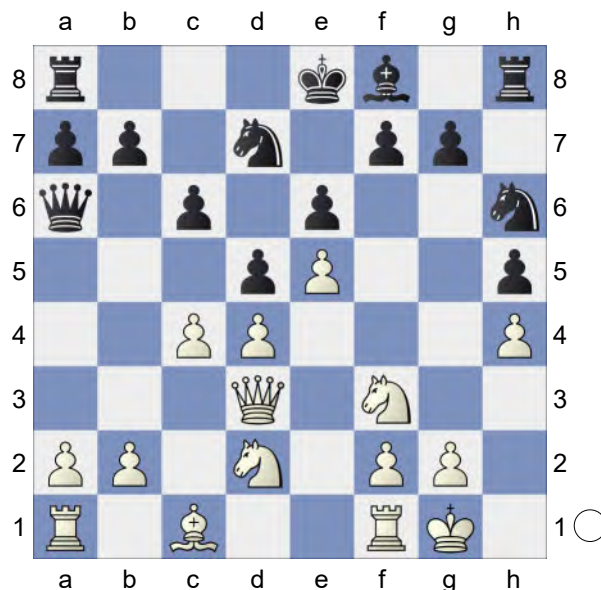
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 e6 6...Qa5+ gains popularity.
6...Da5+ wird beliebter. 7.Nf3 Qa5+
8.Nbd2 Qa6 9.c4 Nd7 White is slightly
better. 10.0-0 Nh6

(Diagram)



11.b3 Nf5 12.Rd1

[12.a4 Bb4 13.Ba3 Bxa3 14.Rxa3
0-0 15.Qc3 Rfd8 16.c5 b6 17.cxb6
axb6 18.b4 Rac8 19.Nb3 c5
20.dxc5 bxc5 21.bxc5 Rc7 22.Rc1
Rdc8 23.Qb4 Qe2 24.a5 Qb2
25.Qa4 Nxe5 26.Nxe5 Qxe5
0-1 Bonacker (2510)-Modestov,B
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0-1 (43) Bonacker (2510)-Modestov,B
(2621) Young Masters, (2.7) 2001]

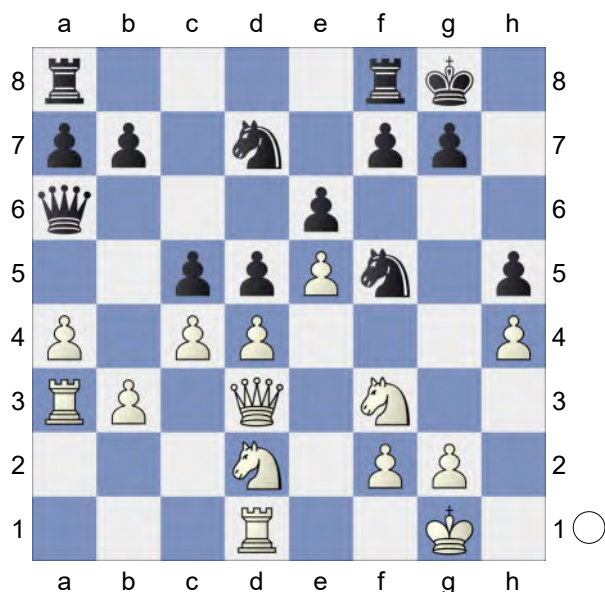
12...Be7 13.a4 0-0N

[13...Nhx4 14.Nhx4 Bxh4 15.Nf3
Be7 16.Bg5 Nb6 17.Bxe7 Kxe7
18.a5 Nd7 19.Ng5 Raf8 20.Qc3 b6
21.Qb4+ c5 22.Qc3 dxc4 23.bxc4
Rc8 24.axb6 Qxb6 25.d5 Qb4
26.Qf3 Nxe5 27.Rxa7+ Ke8 28.Qf4
1-0 Casagua,M (2066)-Beyer,H (2250)
94/132 San Luis 2005 (3)1-0 (35)
Casagua,M (2066)-Beyer,H (2250) 94/
132 San Luis 2005 (3)]

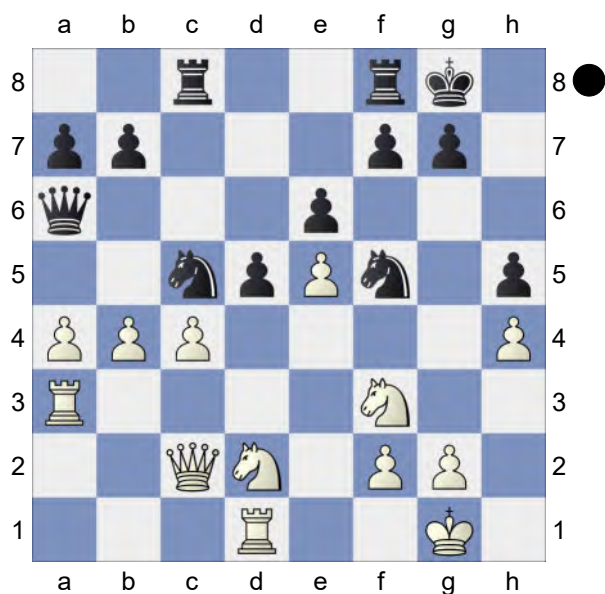
14.Ba3 Bxa3! 15.Rxa3 c5

[15...Rac8 16.Qb1 b6 17.Ng5 g6
18.Ngf3 Rfd8 19.a5 c5 20.cxd5
exd5 21.Nf1 cxd4 0-1 (29) Gabrielian,
A (2442)-Principe,G (2158) Titled
Tuesday intern op 12th Dec Early blitz

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'N' 16.dxc5 Nxc5 17.Qc2 Rac8! 18.b4



Ne4 19.Nxe4

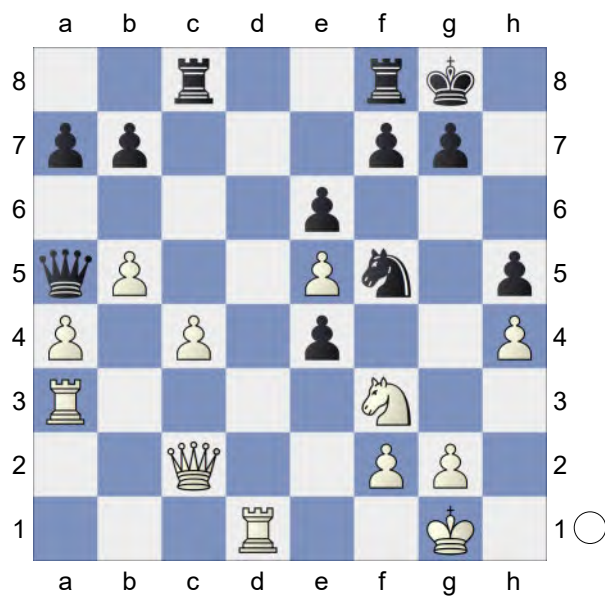
[19.b5 Qa5]

19...dxe4

[19...Rxc4!? 20.Nc3 d4=]

20.b5 Qa5

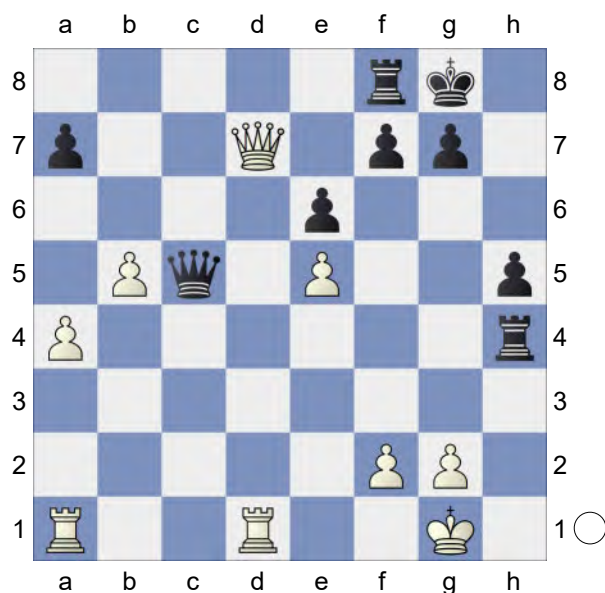
(Diagram)



21.Qxe4 Qb4 22.Raa1 Rxc4 23.Qxb7 Qc5 24.Qd7

[24.Qc6 simplifies Qxc6 25.bxc6 Rxc6 26.Rac1]

24...Nxh4 25.Nxh4 Rxh4



26.Qd6 Qc4 27.Qd3 Qf4 28.Qg3 Qb4

[28...Qxg3 simplifies 29.fxg3 Rb4 30.Rd7 Ra8]

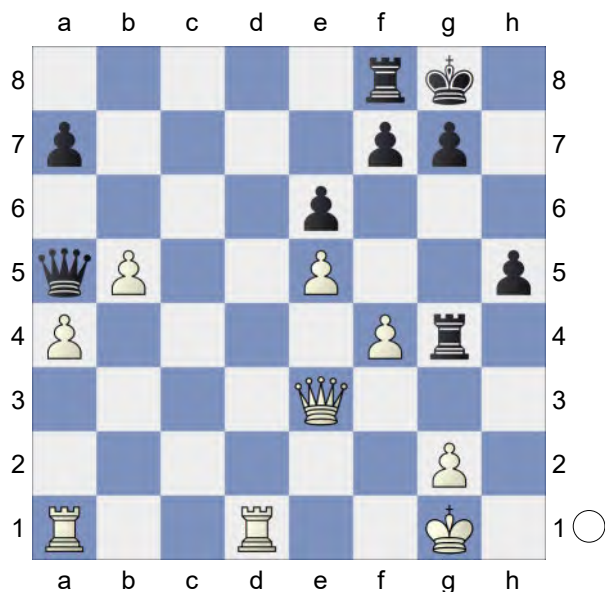
29.Qe3

[29.a5 keeps more tension. Qe4 30.Re1 Qd4 31.Qf3]

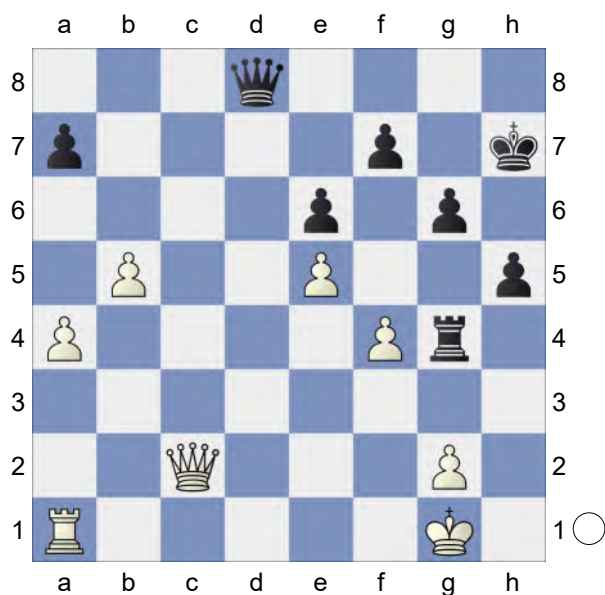
29...Qa5

[29...Rc8 is interesting. 30.Qg5 Qe4

31.Rdc1 Rb8]
30.f4 -0.51/22
 [30.Qd2= 0.17/24 Qc7 31.Qg5]
30...Rg4

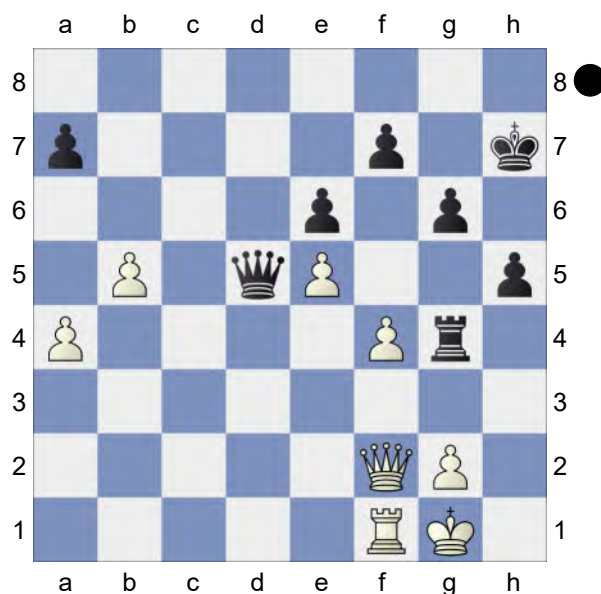


31.Rd7 Rc8 32.Qd4
 [32.Rxa7 Qd8 33.a5 Rc2+
 (33...Qd5? 34.Qf2+)]
32...Rc2 33.Rd8+ Kh7 Black is much
 more active. **34.Qe4+ g6** Chess con
 chili. **35.Qxc2 Qxd8**

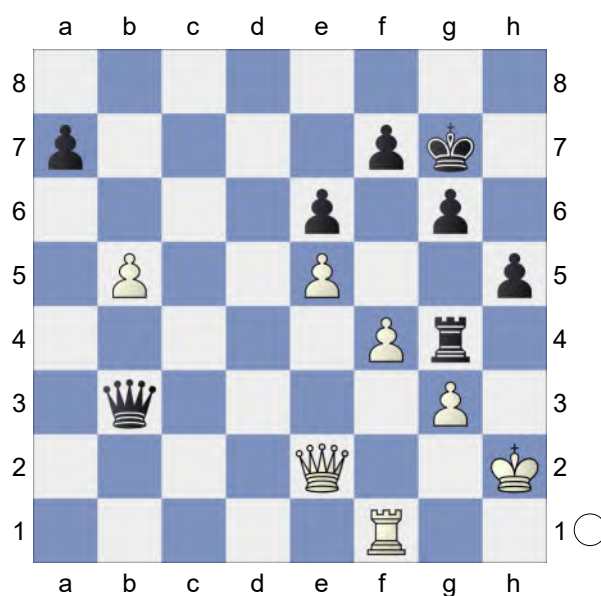


Endgame. KQR-KQR Endgame. KQR-
 KQR **36.Qf2** Dodges Qd4 **36...Qd5**
 -0.13/21

[36...Qa5 -1.12/22 37.Kh2 Qb4]
37.Rf1? -1.95/23
 [37.a5!= -0.13/21 and White has
 nothing to worry.]



37...Kg7!+ 38.Kh2? -4.07/23
 Loses the game.
 [38.Re1 -1.50/22]
38...Qc4 39.g3 Qxa4 40.Qe2 Qb3

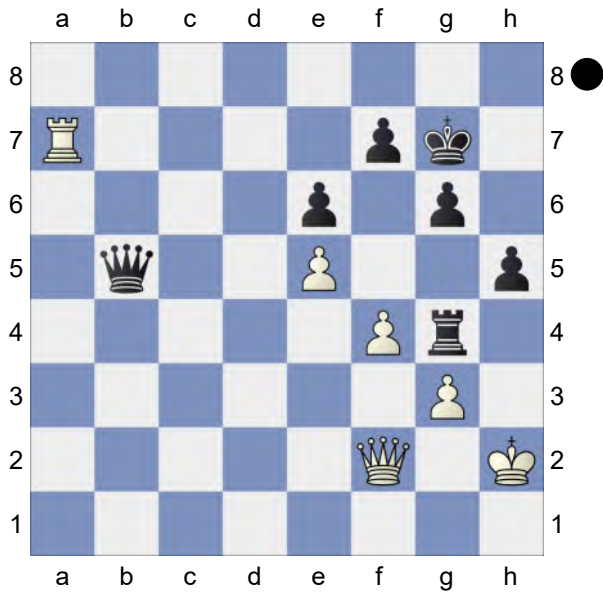


41.Rf3 Qb1 White must now prevent ...
 h4. **42.Rf1? -4.98/20**
 [42.Rc3 -2.55/20]
42...Qf5 Strongly threatening ...h4.

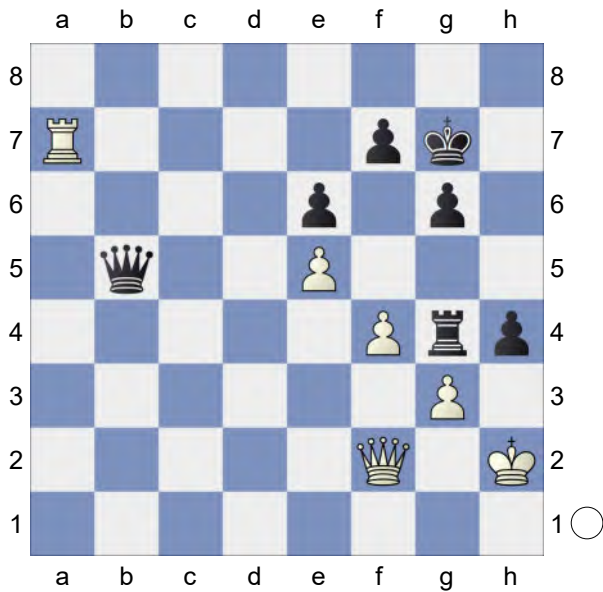
43.Qf2 Qd3 aiming for **...Rxb3!** **44.Ra1**
-5.50/20

[**44.Qf3 -3.91/20** Qf5 (**44...Qxb5?**
45.Kh3-+) **45.Qf2**]

44...Qxb5 45.Rxa7



h4!

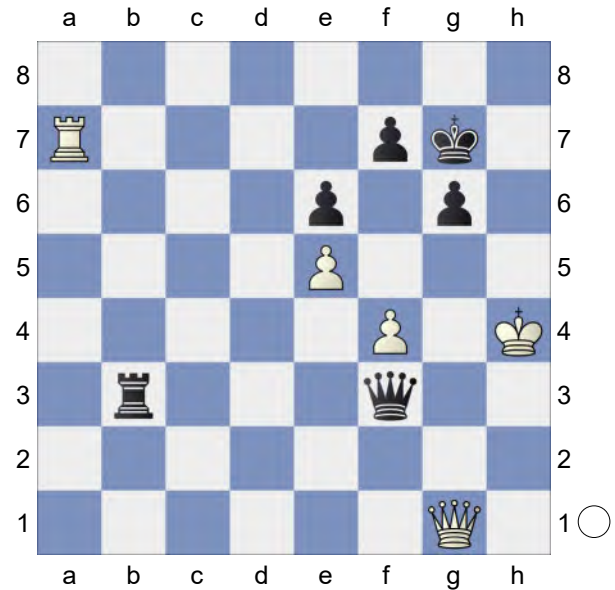


46.Kh3

[**46.Ra3 Qb4**]

46...Rxb3+ 47.Kxh4 Rb3 (-> ...Qd3) (
-> ...Qd3) 48.Qd4 Qc6 49.Qg1 Qf3

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/
 Black=0.08 (flawless)

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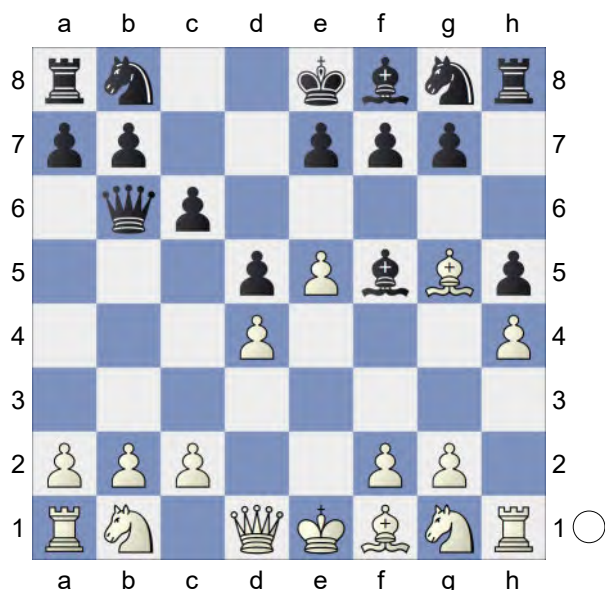
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■ Krishnan, Varun 2373

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[Kitty Kat]

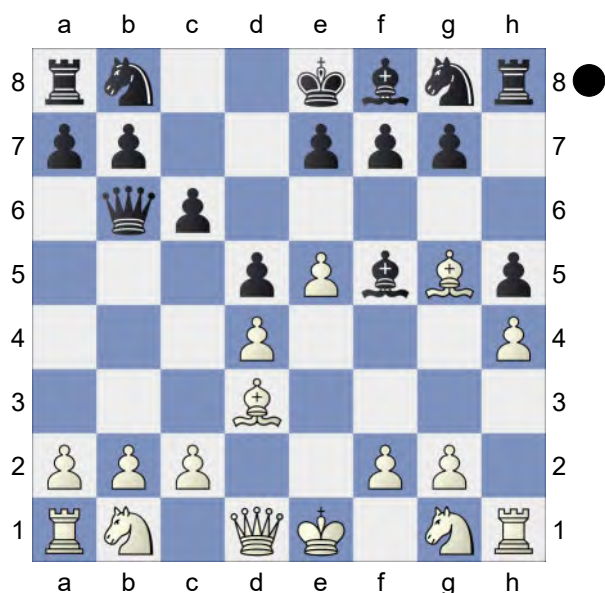
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bg5 Qb6!



6.Bd3 -0.89/20

[6.b3± -0.38/19]



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6...Bxd3!±

[6...Qxb2 7.Bxf5 Qxa1 8.e6±]

7.Qxd3 e6? 0.27/20

[7...Qxb2± -1.25/21 8.Qb3 Qxb3
(8...Qxa1? too greedy. 9.Qxb7 Kd8
10.Rh3+-) 9.axb3 Nh6]

8.Nd2= Active counter play! White has
an edge. 8...Ne7 0.67/18

[8...c5!= 0.14/20]

9.c4 0.27/20

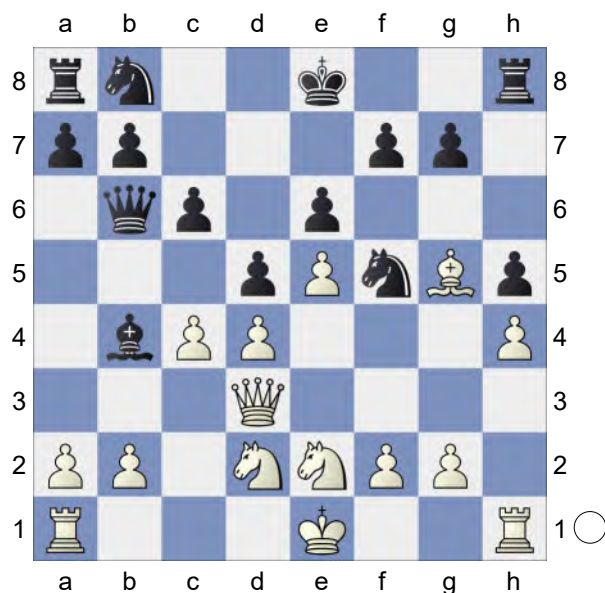
[9.Ngf3± 0.67/18]

9...Nf5 0.69/21

[9...Qxb2= 0.27/20 10.Rb1 Qxa2]

10.Ne2!?!± Leaves trodden paths.
Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.

10...Bb4



11.b3 0.39/20

[11.0-0± 0.85/19]

11...Qa6N 1.38/18

[11...dxc4± 0.39/20 12.bxc4 c5]

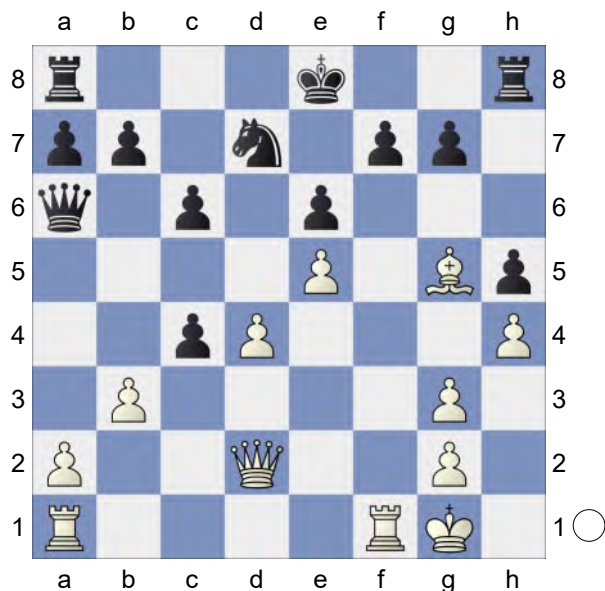
12.0-0± Bxd2N 1.41/20

[Better is 12...c5 0.99/18]

[12...Nd7 13.a3 (13.Ng3 g6 14.a3
Bxd2 15.Nxf5 gxf5 16.Qxd2 dxc4
17.Qb4 c5 18.dxc5 Qc6 19.Rad1
a5 20.Qxc4 b5 21.Qd3 Ra7 22.Qe3
Rg8 23.Rd6 1-0 Drewes,T (2221)-10.
♔e2 ♔a5 11. ♚b2 ♜d5 (2126) 4th

Parsvnath Open 2006 (5) 13...Be7
 14.Bxe7 Nxe7 15.Nf3 Nf5 16.Rfc1
 g6 17.Nf4 Kf8 18.cxd5 Qxd3
 19.Nxd3 exd5 20.Nf4 Ke7 21.e6
 Nf8 22.exf7 Kxf7 23.Re1 Rg8
 24.Re5 Nd7 25.Re6 Nf8 26.Re5
 Nd7 27.Re2 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (37) Ivanisevic,I
(2698)-Moskalenko,A (2894) Titled
Tuesday intern op 21st April blitz 2020
(6)]

13.Qxd2 Ng3 would now be deadly.
13...dxc4 **14.Ng3** aiming for Nxf5.
14...Nxg3 2.17/17
 [14...Nd7± 1.02/19]
15.fxg3+- Nd7



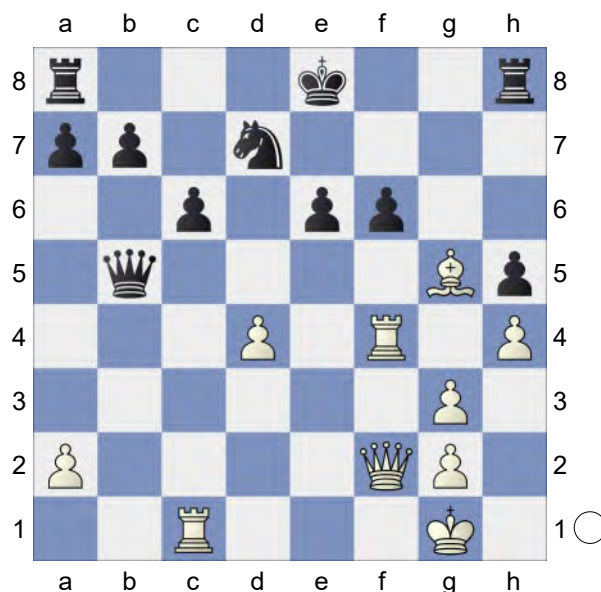
Black is weak on the dark squares
16.bxc4

[16.Rab1 f6? 4.49/19 (16...c3±
 1.37/19 is more resistant. 17.Qxc3
 0-0) 17.exf6+- gxf6 18.Bxf6 Nxf6
 19.Rxf6 0-0-0 20.bxc4 Rd7
 Prevents Rf7. 21.Qe2 Rhd8 22.Rd1]

Vorgänger: **16...Qxc4** **17.Rac1**→
 White wants a kill. **17...Qa4** 2.27/19

[17...Qb5± 1.41/21 keeps fighting.]
18.Rf4 And now d5! would win. **18...Qb5**
19.Qf2 f5 4.03/18
 [19...0-0 1.62/18 might work better.]

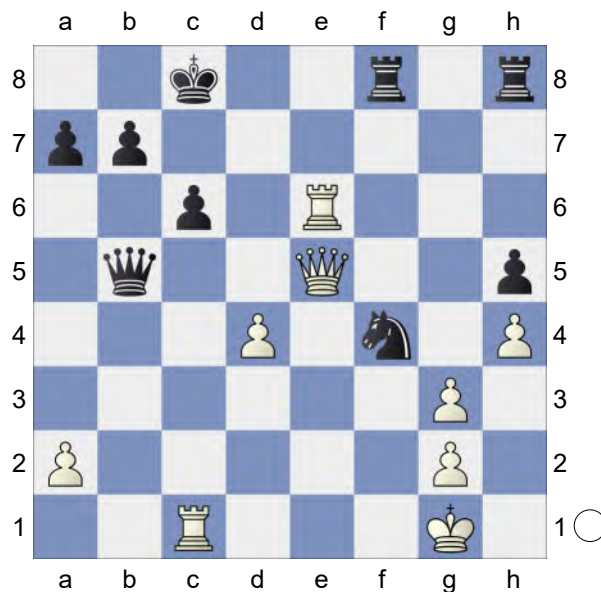
20.exf6 gxf6



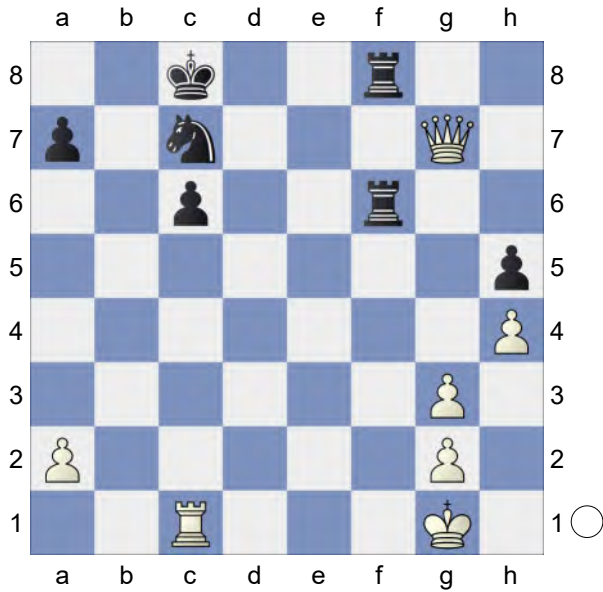
21.Rxf6

[Less strong is 21.Bxf6 Nxf6 22.Rxf6
 0-0-0 23.Rxe6 Qd3±]

21...0-0-0 **22.Rxe6** **Rdf8** 1-0 (41)
Navara,D (2646)-Babula,V (2593)
Czech Republic 2005 **23.Bf4** **Nf6**
24.Qe3 White is clearly winning.
24...Nd5 **25.Qe5** White wants to mate
 with Re7! **25...Nxf4**



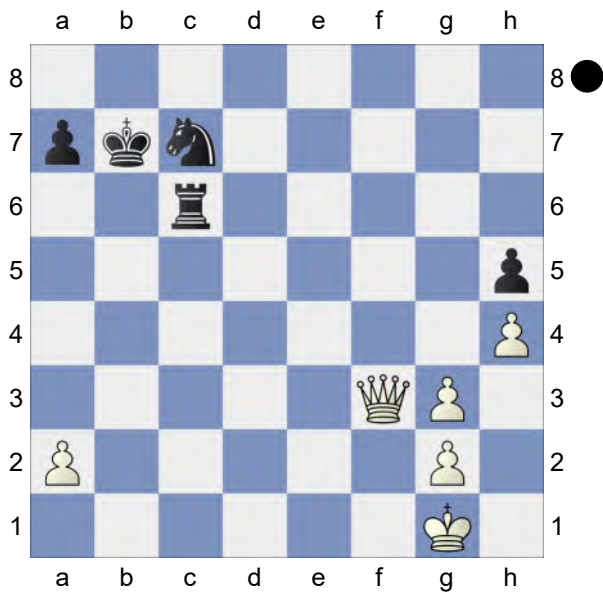
26.Qxb5 **Nxe6** **27.Qe5** **Nc7** **28.d5**
Rh6 **29.Qg7** **Rhf6** **30.dxc6** Deflection
30...bxc6



31.Rxc6!! Rxc6

[31...Rf1+ 32.Kh2]

32.Qxf8+ Kb7 33.Qf3



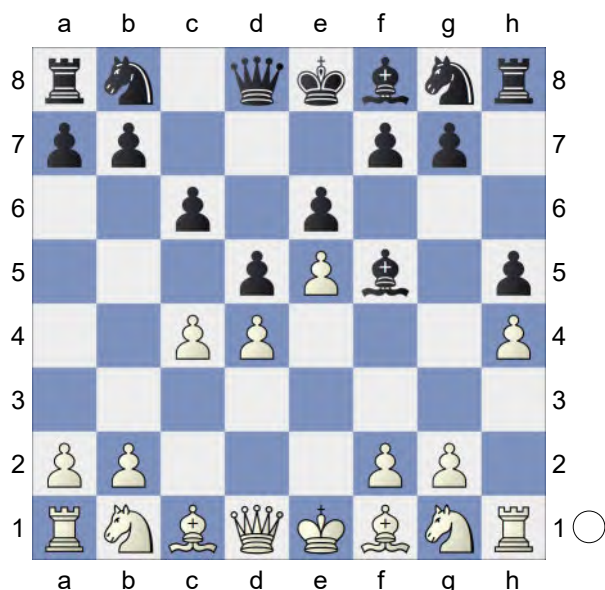
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.45

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157 **B12**
 □ Yaniv, Yuval **2390**
 ■ Mitrabha, Guha **2507**
 Prague op (9) 30.06.2023
 [Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
 5.c4 e6



6.Nc3 dxc4! outshines the older 6...
 Ne7. erfolgreicher als das alte 6...Se7.

7.Bxc4 Nd7 8.Nf3 Bg4

[8...Nb6 9.Bd3 Bg4 10.Bg5 Qd7
 11.Ne4 Bb4+ 12.Kf1 Nh6 13.Bf6
 Kf8 14.Qb3 Nd5 15.Bc4 a5 16.a3
 b5 17.Be2 gxf6 18.axb4 a4 19.exf6
 Nf5 20.Qd3 Nf4 21.Qd2 Nxe2
 22.Qxe2 Rd8 23.Rd1 0-1 (36)
 Kausar,D (2670)-10. ♔a3 b6 11.ba5
 ♚h5 1525 (2757) Togliatti 86/(399)
 2002 (8.1)]

9.Be2

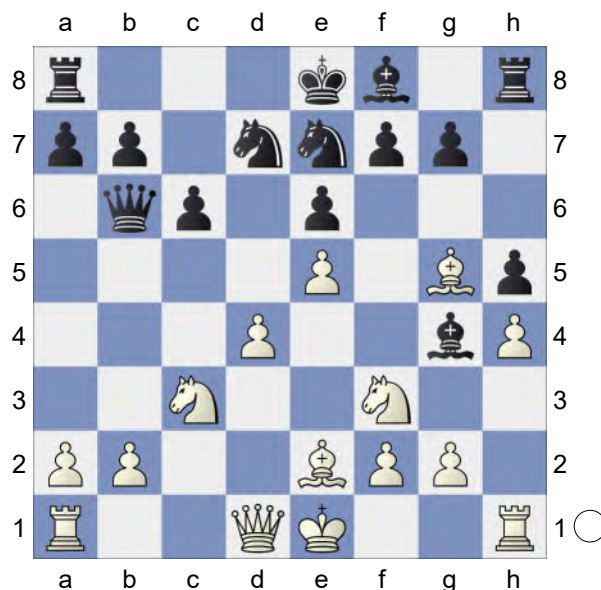
[9.Bg5 Qb6 10.Qd2 Nh6 11.Nh2
 Bf5 12.0-0-0 a5 13.f3 a4 14.a3
 Qa5 15.g4 Bh7 16.Bd3 Bxd3
 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Ne4 b4 19.Bd2 Qb6
 20.axb4 Bxb4 21.Bxb4 Qxb4

22.Nd6+ Ke7 23.Qa3 Rhb8
 ½-½ (35) Eggleston,D (2345)-Pipiras,
 F (2178) Rilton Cup 52nd 2024 (7)]

9...Ne7N

[9...Nh6 10.Bxh6 (10.Qb3 Qb6
 11.Qxb6 Nxb6 12.Ng1 Bxe2
 13.Ngxe2 Nf5 14.Bg5 Be7 15.0-0-0
 0-0-0 16.Bxe7 Nxe7 ½-½ Koljevic,N
 (2042)-Zhapova,Y (2269) EU-ch
 (Women) 23rd 2023 (11)) 10...Rxb6
 11.Ng5 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Be7 13.f4
 Nb6 14.Rd1 Nd5 15.0-0 g6 16.Nce4
 Qc7 17.Qd3 Bf8 18.Qh3 0-0-0
 19.a3 Kb8 20.Rc1 Rh8 21.b4 a6
 22.Nc5 Bh6 23.Nce4 Bf8 24.Nc5
 ½-½ (25) Wu,S (1586)-Du,Y (1957)
 CHN-ch sf (Women) 2023 (2)]

10.Bg5 Ne4 would now be deadly. The
 position is equal. **10...Qb6**



11.0-0 Nf5 12.Re1N

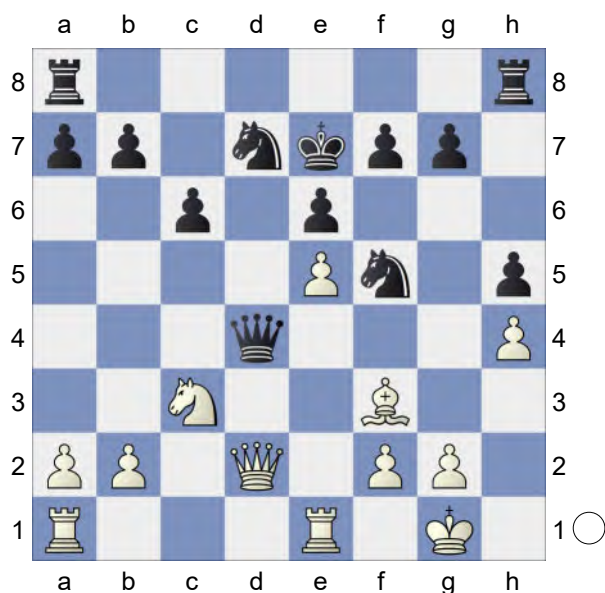
[Predecessor: 12.Na4! Qc7 13.Rc1
 -0.59/19 (White should play
 13.Qd2= 0.00/19) 13...f6! ♗
 And now ...Bxf3 would win. 14.Bf4
 0-0-0! White must now prevent ...Bxf3.
 15.Qb3 -2.08/21 (Better is 15.Nc3 ♗
 -0.64/19) 15...Bxf3-+ 16.Bxf3
 aiming for Rfd1. Nxd4 17.Qe3 Nxe5

18.Be4 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ Cesar Maestre,B (2272)-
Garcia Ramos,D (2438) Roquetas de
Mar op 33rd 2022 (3)]

12...Be7 0.29/19

[Δ 12...f6 -0.27/21 13.Na4 Qc7]

13.Bxe7= Kxe7 14.Qd2 Bxf3 15.Bxf3
Qxd4



16.Qg5+ Ke8 17.Ne4 -0.33/20

[17.Be4± 0.38/22 g6 18.Rac1]

17...Nxe5? 18.Bxh5 -1.31/22

[18.Rad1!= 0.00/23 Nxf3+
(18...Qxb2 19.Nd6+ Nxd6
20.Rxe5±) 19.gxf3]

18...Qd8!? ...Qxg5 is the strong threat.
Black continues to play with
concentration.

[18...Qxb2 19.Rab1 Qd4 20.Ng3
(20.Rxb7 g6±) 20...Qxh4
(20...Nxb3? 21.Rxb7 Qd6
22.Qxe5+- Remove Defender)
21.Qxh4 Nxh4 22.Rxe5+-]

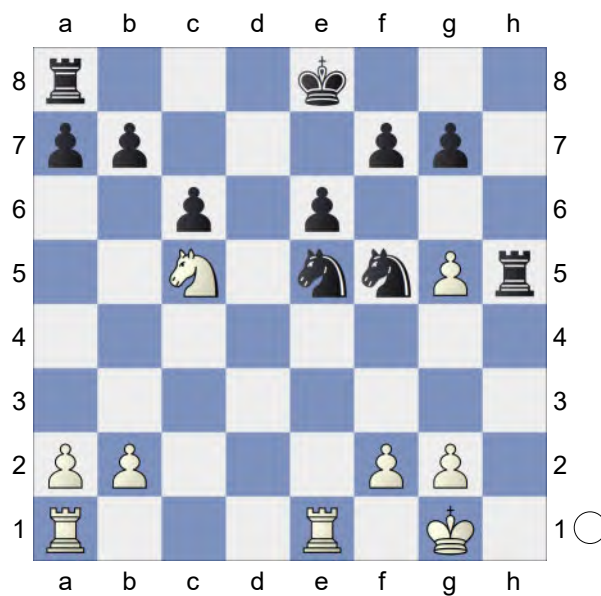
19.Nc5 -2.02/24

[19.g3? -1.43/21 was worth a try.]

19...Qxg5+-

[19...Nxh4? too greedy. 20.Qxe5
Qd5 21.Qxe6+ Qxe6 22.Nxe6+-
(22.Rxe6+ Kf8+-)]

20.hxg5 Rxh5

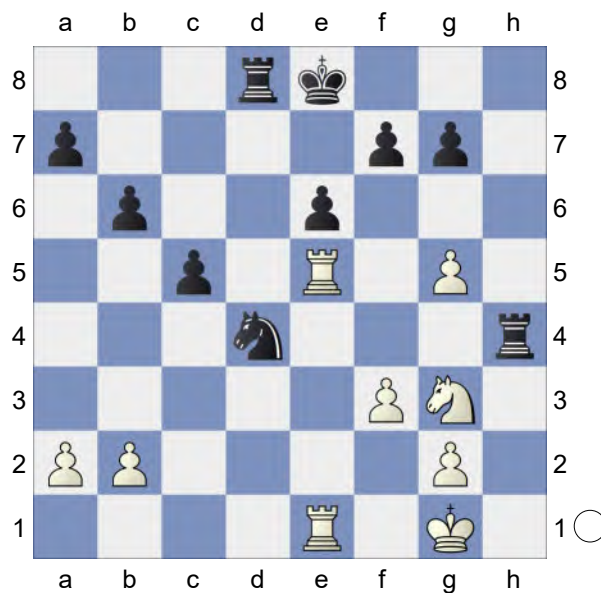


21.Rxe5 b6

[21...Rxg5 22.Rae1 b6 23.f4=]

22.Ne4 Nd4 23.Ng3 Prevents Ne2+

23...Rh4 24.Rae1 Rd8 25.f3 c5



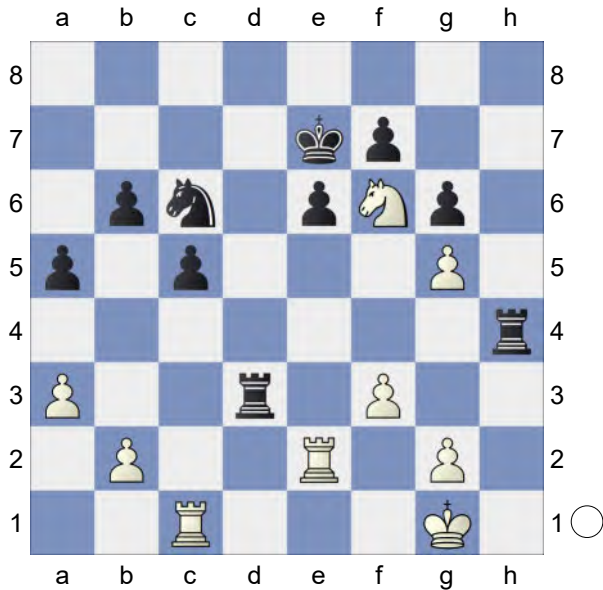
26.a3 -2.57/20

[26.g6? -1.59/17 is a better defense.]

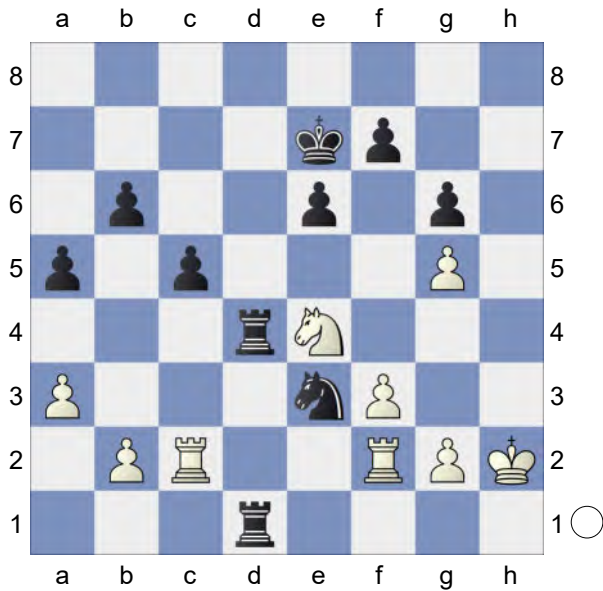
26...g6 27.Ne4 Nc6 28.Nf6+ Ke7

29.R5e2 Rd3 30.Rc1 a5

(Diagram)

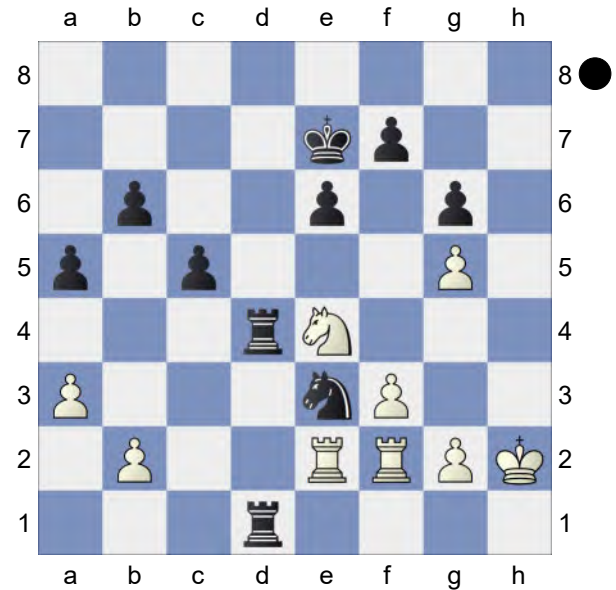


31.Rf2 Rhd4 32.Rc3 Ne5 33.Rcc2 Nc4 34.Ne4 -4.47/23
 [34.Rfe2 -3.00/18]
34...Rd1+ 35.Kh2 Ne3

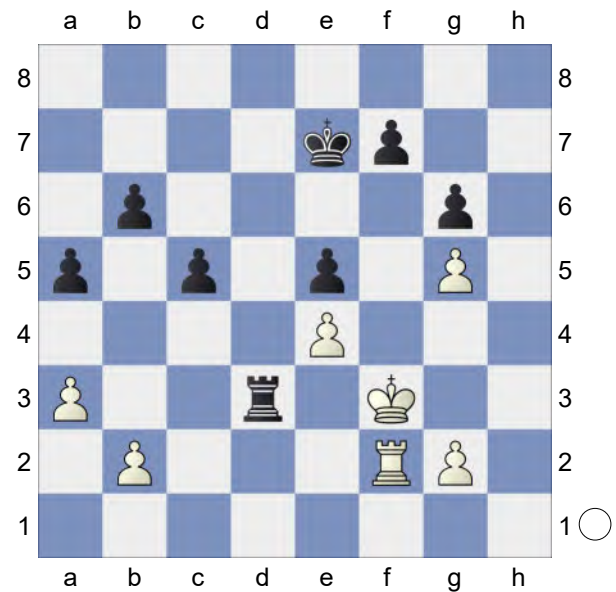


36.Rce2

(Diagram)



Rxe4 Deflection 37.fxe4 Endgame. KRR-KRN 37...Ng4+ 38.Kg3 Nxf2 39.Rxf2 KR-KR 39...e5 40.Kf3 Rd3+



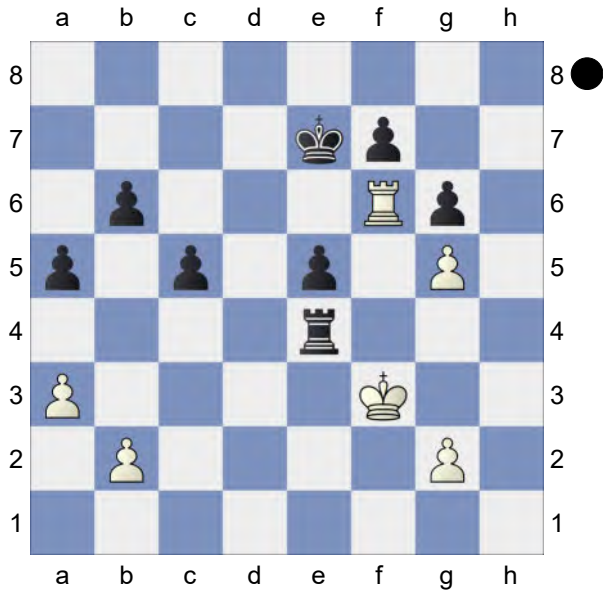
41.Kg4 Re3 Black is clearly winning. 42.Rf6 Rxe4+

[But not 42...b5 43.Rb6 Rxe4+ 44.Kf3 Rf4+ 45.Ke3-+]

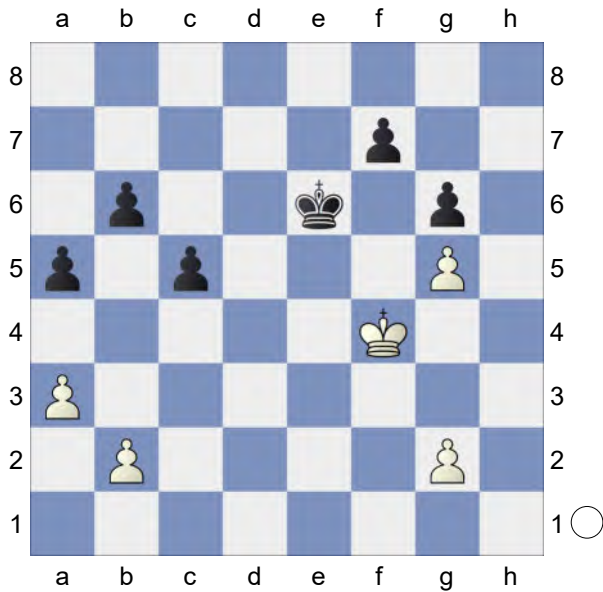
43.Kf3 -9.26/21

[43.Kh3 -4.77/18 Re3+ 44.g3]

(Diagram)

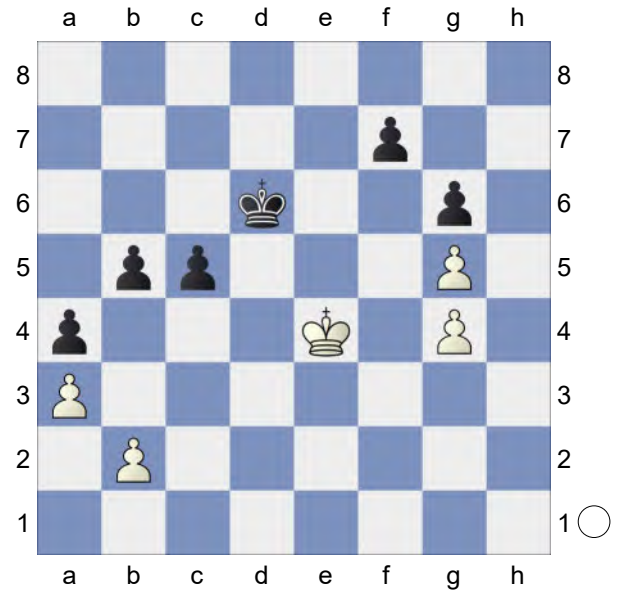


43...Rf4+! Deflection 44.Rxf4 exf4
45.Kxf4 Ke6



46.Ke4 a4 47.g3 b5 48.g4 Kd6

(Diagram)



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 Black=0.11 (very precise)
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□ Yaniv, Yuval

■ Polak, Tomas

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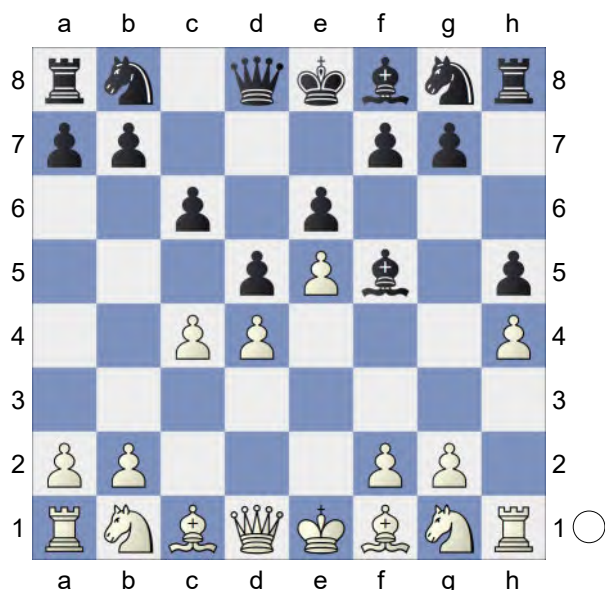
[Kitty Kat]

B12**2390****2503**

28.06.2023

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.c4 e6



6.Nc3 dxc4! is now more promising than 6...Ne7. im Vergleich zu 6...Se7 vielversprechender. **7.Bxc4 Nd7 8.Nf3 Be7**

[8...Nb6 9.Bd3 Bg4 10.Bg5 Qd7 11.Ne4 Bb4+ 12.Kf1 Nh6 13.Bf6 Kf8 14.Qb3 Nd5 15.Bc4 a5 16.a3 b5 17.Be2 gxf6 18.axb4 a4 19.exf6 Nf5 20.Qd3 Nf4 21.Qd2 Nxe2 22.Qxe2 Rd8 23.Rd1 0-1 (36) Kausar, D (2670)-10.Ba3 b6 11.ba5 Nh5 1525 (2757) Togliatti 86/(399) 2002 (8.1)]

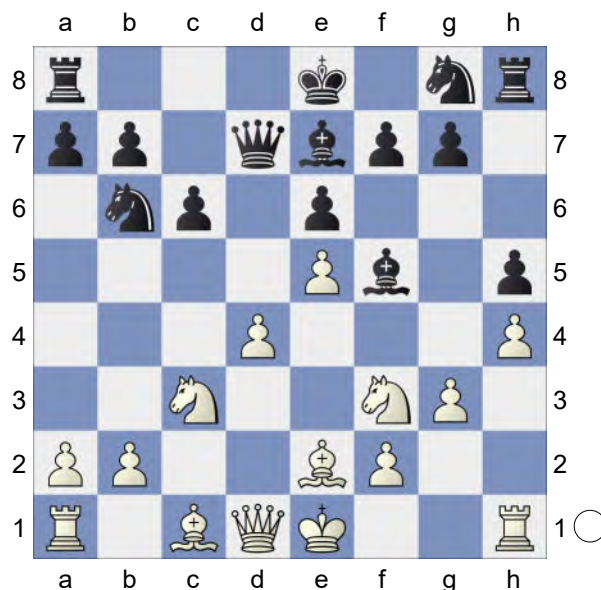
9.g3 Nb6N

[9...Nh6 10.Bxh6 Rxh6 11.0-0 g5 12.Qd2 Rg6 13.hxg5 Bxg5 14.Nxg5 Qxg5 15.Qxg5 Rxg5 16.Kg2 Rd8 17.Rad1 h4 18.Be2 Ke7 19.Bf3

hxg3 20.fxg3 Rdg8 21.Ne2 f6 22.exf6+ Nxf6 23.Rg1 Ng4 24.Rc1 ½-½ (119) Macak, S (2310)-Lentzos, I (2126) BCF-chT 2425 (4NCL) 2024 (2.62)]

10.Be2N White is slightly better.

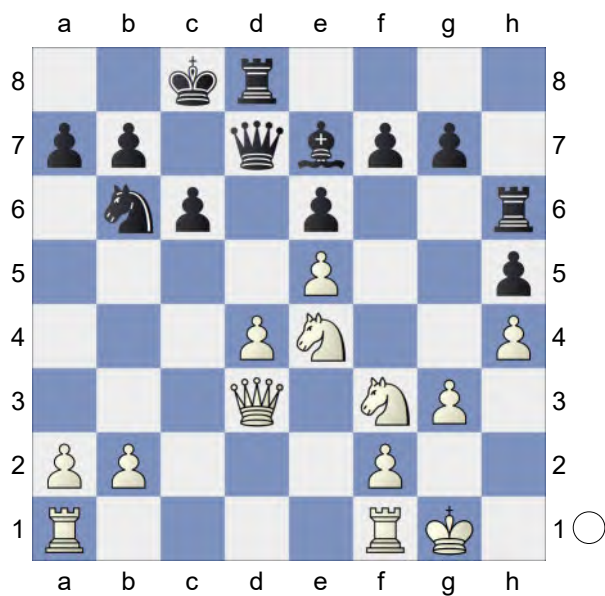
[Predecessor: 10.Bb3 -0.07/21 10.Be2 0.53 Bg4 11.Be3 -0.54/20 (11.0-0= -0.06/19) 11...Nh6 12.0-0 Nf5 And now ...Bxh4! would win. 13.Ne4 -1.51/17 (Δ13.Bc2 -0.85/20) 13...Bxf3 -0.85/19 (Δ13...Nd5 -1.51/17 14.Bc1 Bxh4 15.gxh4 Nxh4 16.Nd6+ Kf8 17.Bxd5 exd5) 14.Qxf3 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 Qxd4 16.Qf4 Qxb2 ½-½ Perez, M (2417)-Quirke, J (2107) Titled Tuesday intern op 25th May blitz 2021 (3)]

10...Qd7**11.0-0 Bg6 0.83/20**

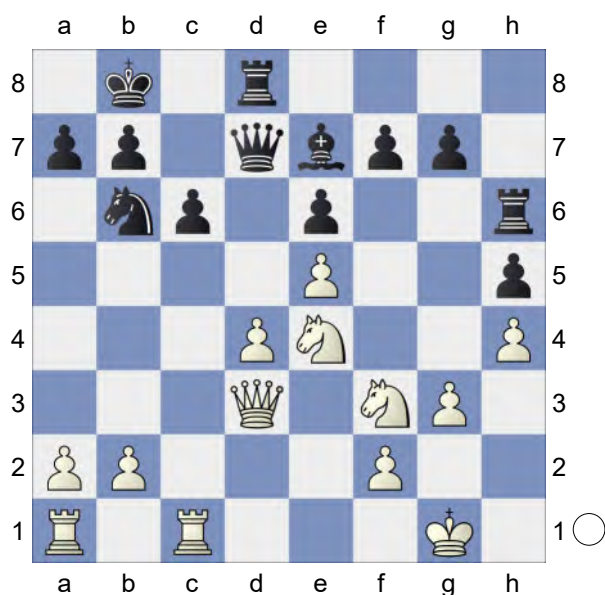
[11...Nh6 0.47/19 might be stronger.]

12.Bd3± Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Nh6 14.Bxh6 Rxh6 15.Ne4 0-0-0

(Diagram)



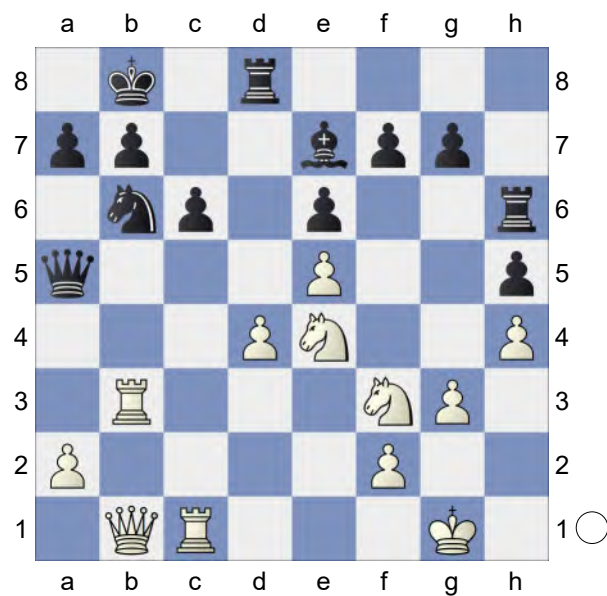
16.Rfc1 Kb8



17.b4 0.13/18 Bxb4= 18.Rab1 Be7
19.Rb3 Qd5 20.Qb1 Threatens to win
with Nc5. White has compensation.
20...Qa5 0.99/21

[20...Rg6!= 0.20/19]

(Diagram)



21.Nc5 0.00/23

[21.Nfg5!± 0.99/21]

21...Rd5 22.Rbc3 Black must now
prevent Ng5. 22...Rh8 23.Nd2? -1.53/22

[23.Ng5= 0.00/23 Rf8 (23...Rxd4
 24.Nxf7 Rc8 25.Nxe6±; 23...Bxg5
 24.hxg5 h4 25.g6=) 24.Rf3]

23...Rxd4 -0.16/22

[**Black should play 23...Bxc5!±**
-1.53/22 24.Nb3 Qb4 25.Rxc5 Rxc5
26.Rxc5 Na4]

24.Ncb3 -0.57/21

[24.Ndb3 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxc3
 26.Nxb7 Qxe5 (26...Kxb7 27.Rd7+
 Ka8 28.Rxe7±)]

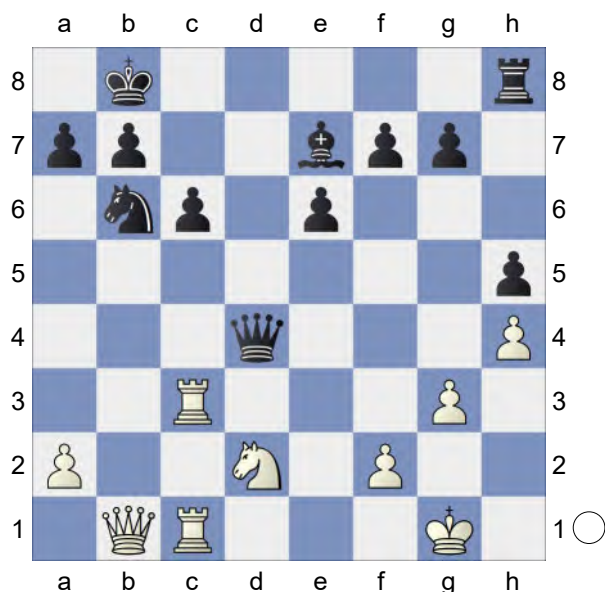
[24.Nxb7= -0.16/22 **was preferable.**
 Qxe5 (24...Kxb7 25.Nb3=) 25.Nb3
 (25.Nf3 Rd1+ 26.Rxd1 Qxc3=)
 25...Kxb7 26.Nxd4 Qxd4 27.Rxc6]

24...Qxe5± 25.Nxd4

[25.Nf3? Rd1+ 26.Rxd1 Qxc3-+]

25...Qxd4

(Diagram)



26.Nf3 -1.18/20

[26.Nc4! ♖ -0.52/19 Rd8 27.Nxb6
Qxb6 (27...axb6 28.Rc4±
Deflection) 28.Rb3]

26...Qa4 -0.45/20

[26...Qd5 ♗ -1.18/20 Hoping for ...Rd8.
27.Rd1 Qa5]

**27.Rb3 Bf6 Prevents Ne5 28.Nd2
-1.20/19**

[28.Ng5 ♗ -0.61/20]

28...Rd8! ♗ 29.Nc4 Bd4!

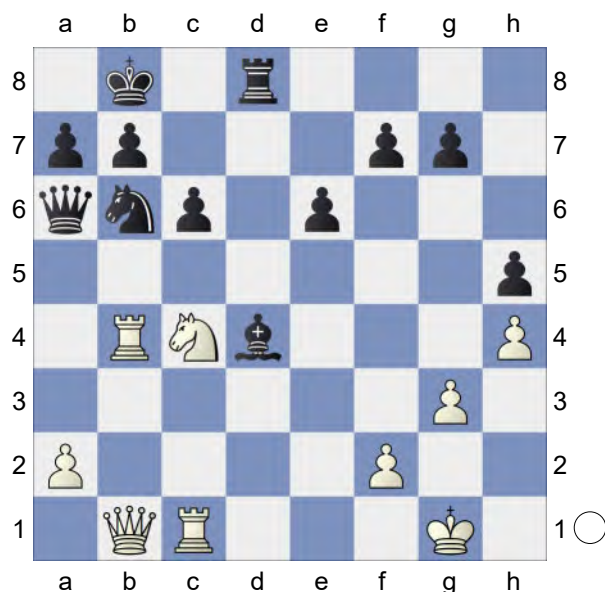
[29...Nxc4 30.Rxb7+ Ka8 31.Rb4±
(31.Rxf7? Qb5-+)]

30.Rb4 -2.22/21

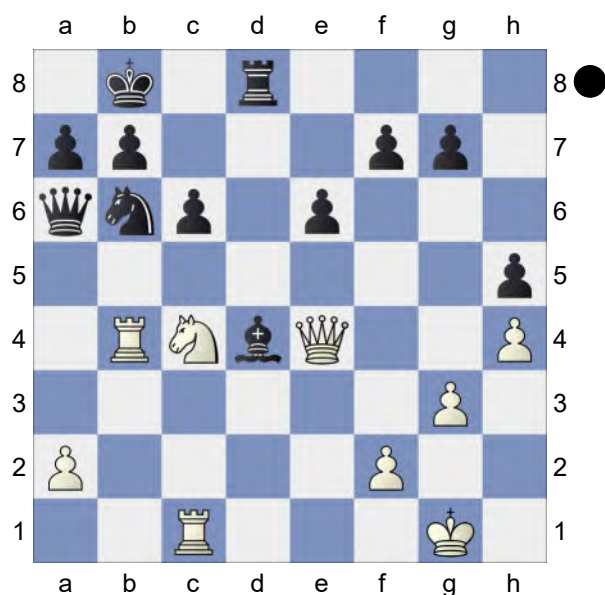
[30.Kg2 ♗ -1.16/22]

30...Qa6-+

(Diagram)



31.Qe4



Nxc4? -0.21/19

[31...Qxa2 32.Qf4+ Ka8 33.Qxf7 ♗
(33.Nxb6+? Bxb6 34.Qxf7 Qa3-+)]

[Black should try 31...f6!-+ -1.74/21
32.Ne3 (32.Qxe6? Qxa2 33.Kh1
Qxf2-+; 32.Nxb6? Qa3-+) 32...Qa3]

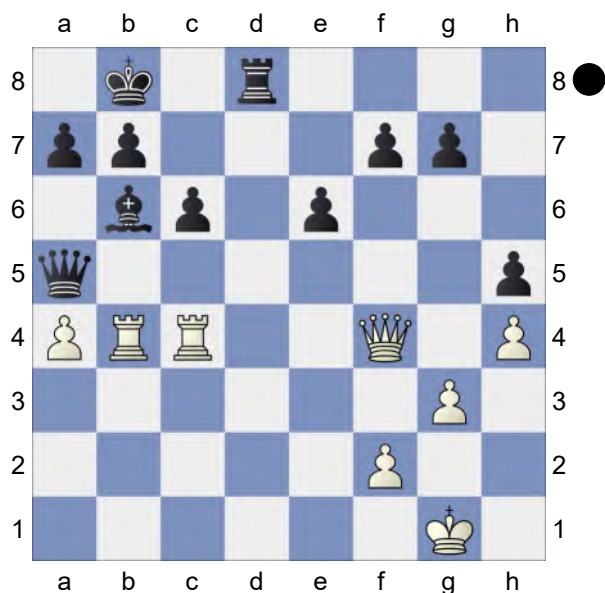
32.Rcxc4= Bb6 33.a4 -1.62/25

[33.Qf4+! ♗ -0.42/19 Ka8 34.Qxf7]

33...Qa5 -1.18/18

[33...Rd1+ -+ -1.62/25 34.Kh2 Qa5
(34...Bxf2? loses. 35.Qf4+ Kc8
36.Qxf2+-) 35.Qf4+ e5 36.Qxf7 Qd5]

37.Qxd5 (37.Qf8+? Bd8-+)
 37...cxd5]
34.Qf4+?

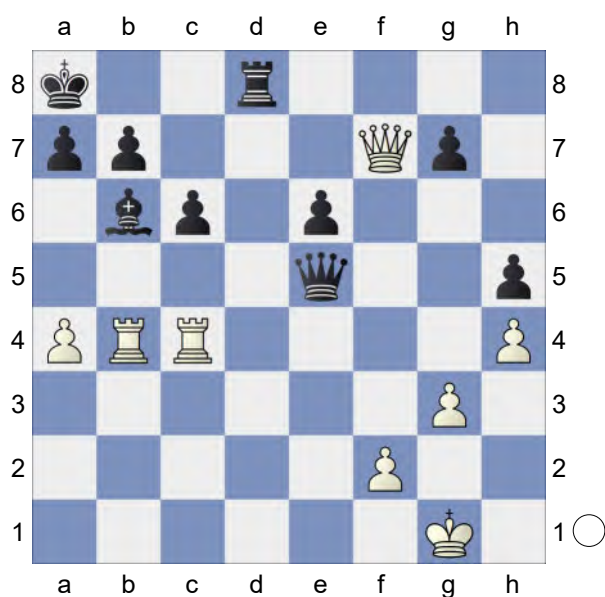


Ka8 0.00/22

[34...Bc7! 35.Qf3 (35.Qxf7 Rd1+ 36.Kh2 Qd5 35...Qd5 (35...Bd6 36.Rb1 36.Qxf7 a5]

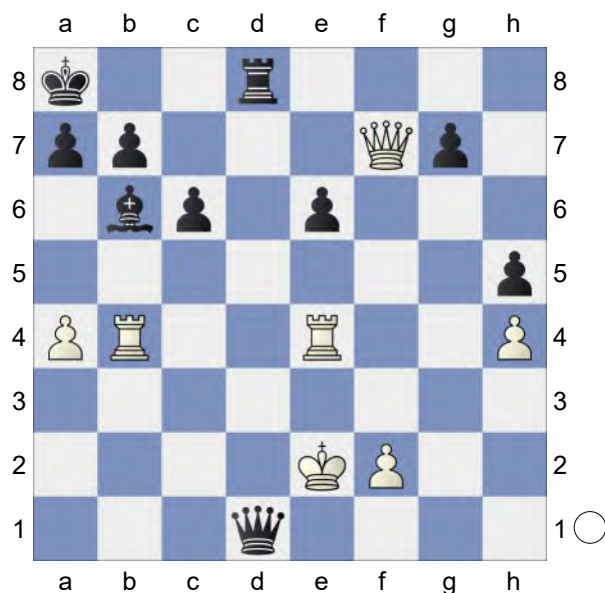
35.Qxf7= Qe5 1.12/27

[35...Rd1+!= 0.00/22 remains equal.
 36.Kh2 a6]



36.Re4? -#4/16 White does not recover from this.

[36.Kh2± 1.12/27]
36...Qxg3+ Black mates. 37.Kf1 Qh3+ 38.Ke1 Qh1+ 39.Ke2 Qd1#



Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/ Black=0.36

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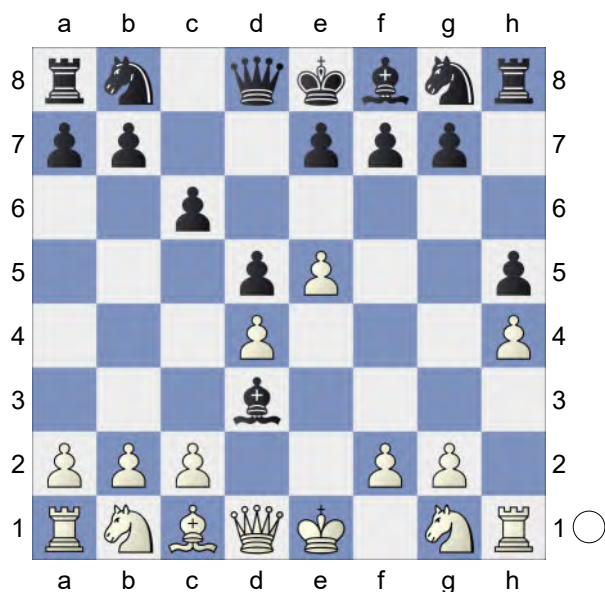
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3

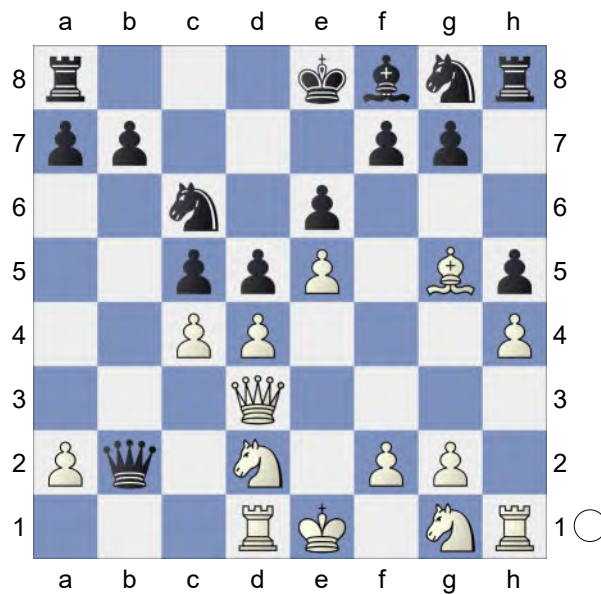


6.Qxd3 e6

[6...Qa5+ remains more popular, if only to avoid the memory contest of grabbing such a hot pawn on b2, but with the present game in mind I am keen to give 6...e6 another try.]

7.Bg5 Qb6 8.Nd2 c5 9.c4 Qxb2
10.Rd1 Nc6

(Diagram)



11.Ne2

[11.Ngf3 Justin and I covered this fairly comprehensively around the start of Covid.]

11...Nb4

[11...Nge7 is also playable and involves less theory.]

12.Qf3 Nc2+ 13.Kf1 Nxd4 14.Nxd4
Qxd4 The more defensible recapture.

[14...cxd4 15.Rb1 Qxa2 16.Rxb7 see Nilsson, L-Zupe, M ICCF email 2019]

15.Qb3

[15.Rh3!?N

A) 15...f6 16.cxd5 fxe5 17.d6 Qa4! (17...g4 18.Qxb7 gxh3 19.Qxa8+ Kf7 20.Qf3+ Nf6 21.exf6 h2 22.fxe7+ Kxe7 23.g3 Bxd6 24.Kg2± and the position calms down sufficiently that an evaluation based on pawn structure makes sense.) 18.hxg5 Ne7□ 19.Nb3 Nc6 20.Qe2 b6 21.Rxh5 Rg8 22.g3 and with f4 coming at some point, Black's f8-bishop is likely to be buried alive.;

B) 15...Be7 makes long castling legal, and doesn't seem to allow

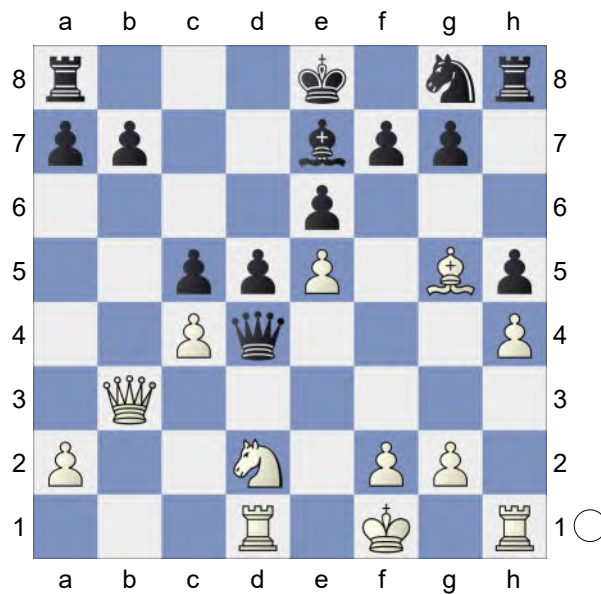
any piece sacrifices. 16.Qb3 0-0-0 (16...Bxg5 17.hxg5 Ne7 18.cxd5 was prematurely agreed drawn in Rudenko,A-Ackermann,E ICCF email 2019, but I guess exd5 19.Qb5+ Kf8 20.e6→ would confuse almost any human player.)

B1) 17.Rd3 Qxe5 18.cxd5 exd5 (18...Rxd5 19.Nc4±) 19.Qa4 Black appears to be in serious trouble, but in fact White's own king isn't totally safe either and cool-headed play by Black suffices to point this out. Bxg5 20.hxg5 Ne7 21.Qxa7 Nc6 22.Qxc5 Qxg5∞;

B2) 17.Rb1 Rd7 18.Qa4 Bxg5 19.Qxa7 Kd8! Black maintains the balance, but their worrying king position and the wide range of choices White has means that this is a good practical try. 20.hxg5 (20.cxd5 Qxd5 21.hxg5 Qxd2 22.Qb8+ Ke7 23.Kg1∞) 20...Qxd2 21.Qb8+ Ke7 22.Rhb3 Nh6! 23.Qxh8 Ng4 24.R3b2 Qxg5∞]

15...Be7

(Diagram)



16.cxd5

[16.Rh3 transposes to the note above.]

16...exd5

[16...Qxd5? 17.Nc4 Qc6 18.Rh3± The d-file is lethal.]

17.Qxb7 Rd8 18.Rh3N Up to this point was clearly preparation from both sides, but now Ameet unleashes a surprise that was apparently OTB improvisation.

[18.Re1 had been played in some previous games. Qb4 19.Qxa7 Rh6 20.Rb1 Qd4 21.Kg1 Re6 22.Nf3 Qc4 23.Rb8 Bxg5 24.Nxg5 Qc1+ 25.Kh2 Qf4+ 26.Kg1 Qc1+= Ragger,M-Bluebaum,M Chennai 2022. One of those games where the final position had quite likely been on both players' screens at the start of the day.]

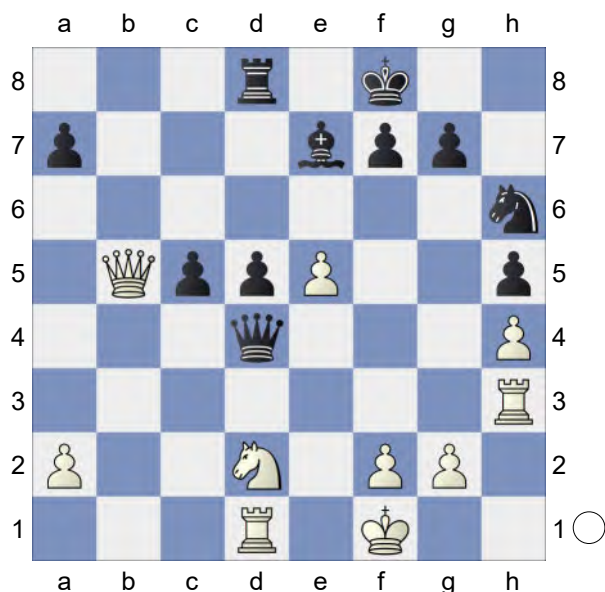
[18.e6 fxe6 19.Re1 Qa4 20.Rxe6 Qd7∞]

18...Rh6!?

[18...c4 is another possible reaction, restricting White's pieces. 19.Ra3 Bxa3 20.Qb5+ Kf8 21.Bxd8 g6∞]

19.Bxh6 Nxh6 20.Qb5+ Kf8

(Diagram)



21.Qe2

[The engine is a little bit excited about White's position here, but the suggested line involves denuding White's king almost completely, and so probably didn't even cross White's mind. A sample line: 21.Rd3!? Qxh4 22.Nf3 Qh1+ 23.Ke2 Qxg2 24.Rxd5 Re8 25.Rg1 Qh3 26.Qd7 Nf5 27.e6 (27.Rd3!? c4 28.Rdd1 Rb8 29.Qxa7 Rb2+ 30.Rd2 Rxd2+ 31.Kxd2 g6 ∞ The engine still awards White +0.2 here, but White's king is so vulnerable that this is hard to take seriously.) 27...fxe6 (27...f6 28.Rxc5 g5 ∞) 28.Ne5 exd5 29.Ng6+ Kf7 30.Qxd5+ Kf6 31.Qe5+ Kf7=]

21...Ng4 22.Nf3

[22.e6!? c4 23.exf7 ∞]

22...Qf4 23.e6 f6

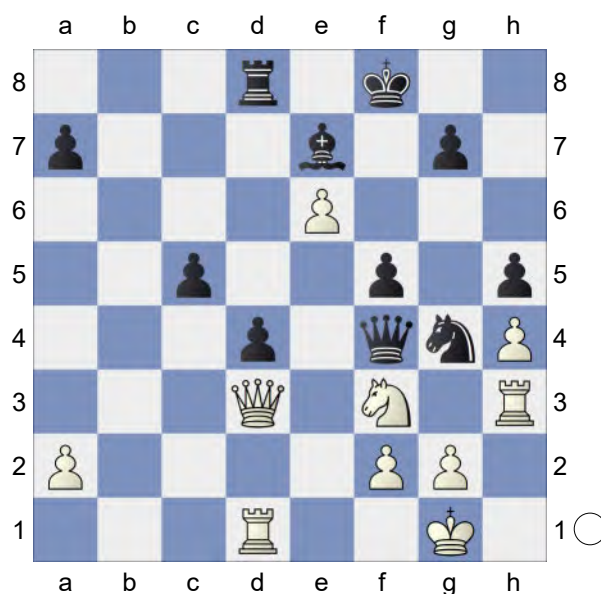
[23...f5 24.Ng5! is potentially annoying, so Black opts to restrict the knight for one move longer.]

24.Kg1

[It was time for White to slam the brakes: 24.Nh2! Nxh2+ 25.Rxh2 Qxh2 (25...Qg4 might still be a decent practical choice, but White is

not without counterplay: 26.Qxg4 hxc4 27.Rb1 ∞ Intending h5-h6 or Rb7-d7. White's king can take reasonable care of the threats posed by the connected passers.) 26.Qxh5 Kg8 27.Qf7+ Kh7 and neither side can realistically deviate from the repetition.]

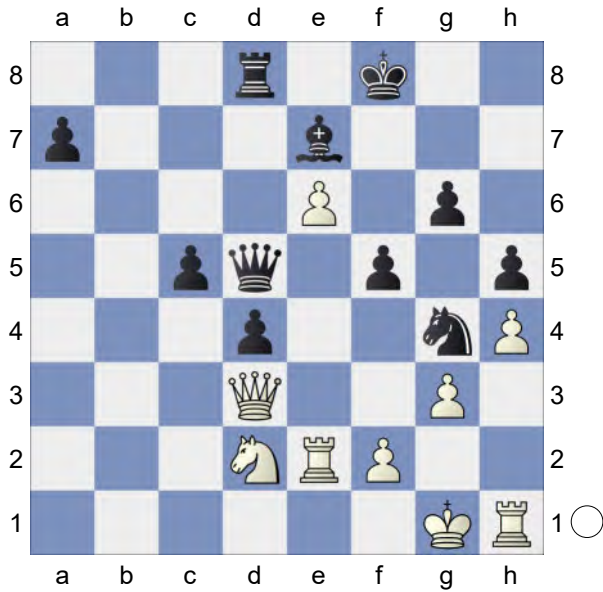
24...d4 25.Qd3 f5



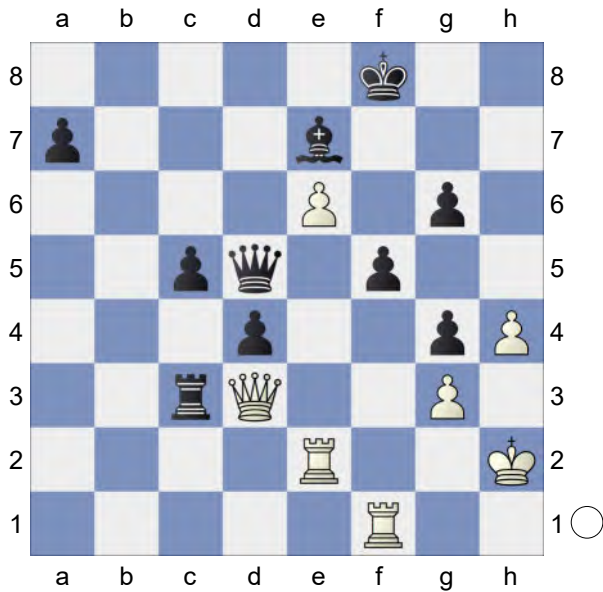
Now that Ng5 is no longer possible.

26.Re1 g6 $\mp$ Black's king safety is nearly perfect and so it suffices to just roll the passed pawns. **27.Rh1 Qc7 28.Nd2 Qa5 29.Re2 Qxa2 30.g3 Qd5**

(Diagram)

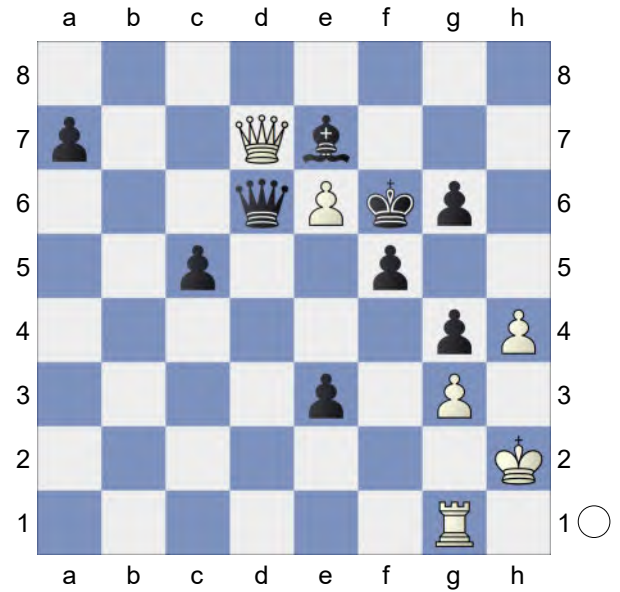


**31.Nc4 Rb8 32.f3 Rb4 33.fxg4 Rxc4
34.Kh2 hxg4 35.Rf1 Rc3**

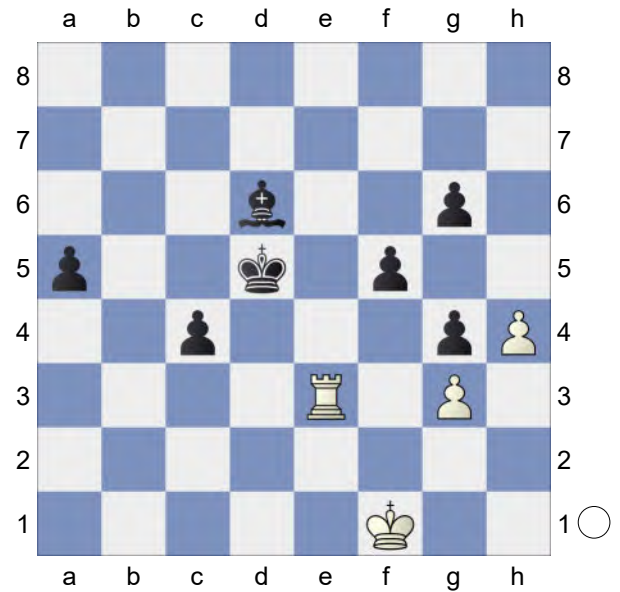


**36.Qa6 Qd6 37.Qc8+ Kg7 38.Rg1
Re3 39.Rxe3 dxe3 40.Qd7 Kf6**

(Diagram)

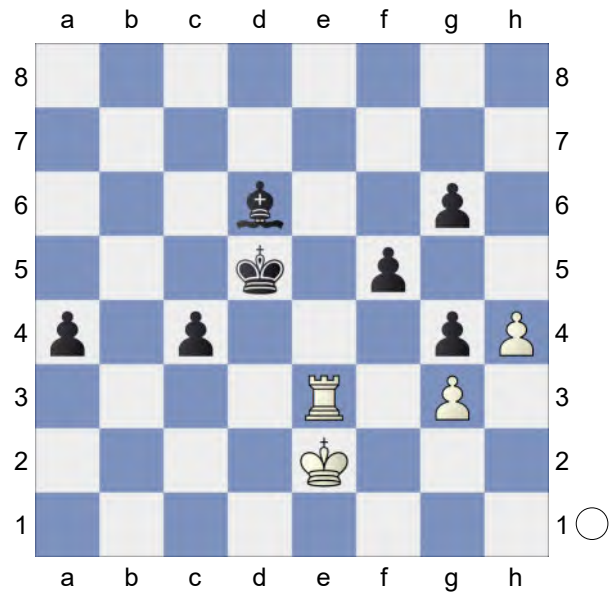


**41.Qxd6 Bxd6 42.Re1 Kxe6
43.Rxe3+ Kd5 44.Kg2 c4 45.Kf1 a5**



46.Ke2 a4

(Diagram)



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 □ Navara, David **2708**
 ■ Shimanov, Aleksandr **2516**
 Open LTU Rapid Final (4) 28.11.2010
[Jones, Gawain]

Neil McDonald: 'In what established opening line does White delay developing his pieces for the longest? --- I quizzed my British Chess League team mates about this, and Torstein Bae and Silje Bjerke pointed out this line in the Caro-Kann in which White begins with eight pawn moves.' **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5** Neil McDonald: 'There is already a lack of dynamism in the black set-up. One of his knights is denied c6 by its own pawn, the other is kept out of f6 by a white pawn. Moreover, an attack on the white centre with ...c6-c5 would mean investing another tempo on moving the c-pawn. In some cases it can be worth it, but here we might conclude that White is allowed to take liberties with his development as Black isn't equipped to launch a strong counterattack.' **3...Bf5 4.h4** Neil McDonald: "A flagrant neglect of the centre!" 'More non-developing moves!' 'Weakening the king's future residence on the kingside!' --- These are the kind of mutterings you'd hear if you got into your time machine and showed this game to the chess establishment of the early 1900's. If you went back even further to the 1750's, Philidor would probably grasp your hand with joy and say: 'I was right after all!' **4...h6**

[4...h5 is the other method of dealing with White's idea to trap the bishop and I'm likely to look at this within the next couple of months. is the other

method of dealing with White's idea to trap the bishop and I'm likely to look at this within the next couple of months.]

[White's idea is to gain space on the kingside. Black can't speed up his development with 4...e6 , as he loses his bishop upon 5.g4 Be4 6.f3 Bg6 7.h5 . Therefore in order to prepare ... e7-e6 he has to reply with an equally non-developing move that gives the bishop a hiding space on h7.]

5.g4 Bd7

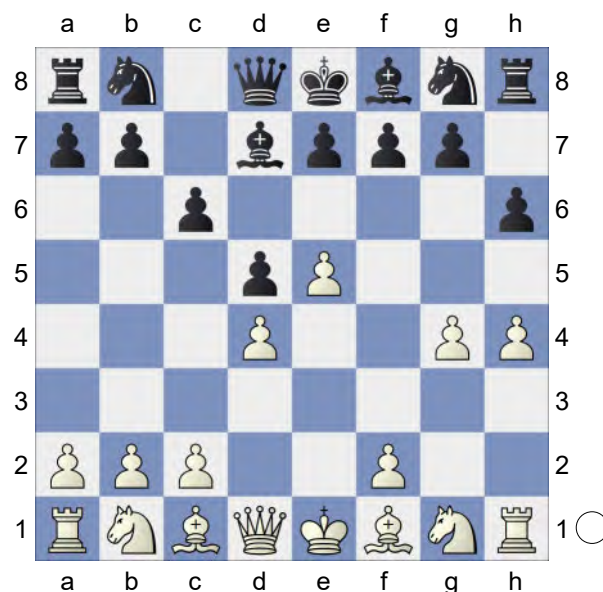
[5...Be4 6.f3 is a slight nuance on the immediate ...Bh7. is a slight nuance on the immediate ...Bh7. (6.Rh3!?)

A) 6...Bh7 7.e6 Qd6!? This has been Black's interesting attempt at fighting back. The most recent high rated battle continued: This has been Black's interesting attempt at fighting back. The most recent high rated battle continued: (7...fxe6 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 provides very good compensation for the pawn as Black really struggles to develop his kingside. provides very good compensation for the pawn as Black really struggles to develop his kingside.) 8.exf7+ Kxf7 9.f4 Nf6 10.Bh3 Qe6+ 11.Kf1 Ne4 12.Rh2 (12.Kg2 looks sounder when h5 13.Nf3 Kg8 14.g5 Bf5 15.Be3 g6 16.Nbd2 is messy but probably a touch better for White. is messy but probably a touch better for White.) 12...h5 13.Nc3 hxc4 14.Bxc4 Bf5 15.Nxe4 dxe4 16.Bxf5 Qxf5 17.Nh3 Nd7 18.Ng5+ Ke8 with a very messy position. Kurnosov, I (2593)-Vallejo Pons, F (2684) Plovdiv 2008. with a

very messy position. Kurnosov, I (2593)-Vallejo Pons, F (2684) Plovdiv 2008.;

B) 6...Bg6!? 7.h5 Bh7 8.e6 Qd6 9.exf7+ Kxf7 10.Bd3 (10.f4 would transpose to the previous note.) 10...Bxd3 11.Qxd3 Nd7 12.Bf4! Qf6 13.Ne2 e5 Schneider, I (2515)-Sabot, M (2371) Pardubice 2010 when White's most convincing continuation looks to be 14.g5! hxg5 15.Bxg5! Qxg5 16.Qg6+ Qxg6 17.hxg6+ Kxg6 18.Rxh8 with an edge. with an edge.]

[Neil McDonald: 'Alas if' 5...Bh7 Neil McDonald: 'Black can be denied the freeing move ...e7-e6 with' 6.e6! is the idea, sacrificing a pawn to impede Black's development and weaken his king. is the idea, sacrificing a pawn to impede Black's development and weaken his king. Neil McDonald: ', when after' is the idea, sacrificing a pawn to impede Black's development and weaken his king. fxe6 7.Bd3 Black has problems on the light squares and the bishop on f8 remains boxed in. --- Playing an immediate 5 g4 is essential for White - if he had delayed the pawn thrust Black would have been able to play 5... e6, and then in reply to a future g2-g4 attack put his bishop on the more active h7-square. In other words, the position compels White to play 5 g4, no matter what the rules of development might say about the move.]



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He believed that the priority for a player was to ensure the integrity of his pawn front. Clamping down with 6 h5 prevents Black from undermining the kingside pawn mass with 6...h5. White wants to keep his pawn on g4 as a supporting pillar of an f4-f5 pawn advance. He doesn't want to be forced after 6...h5 to remove the pawn from this task with 7 g5 or 7 gxh5.' White grabs further space on the kingside. The following moves could be played in a different move order but it will reach roughly the same position.

6...e6 7.c3 Neil McDonald: 'Having secured his kingside pawns, the priority now is keeping his centre intact.' **7...c5 8.f4**

Neil McDonald: '! '!' '!' Neil McDonald: 'As stated above, White's strategic objective is the pawn lever f4-f5. There's no reason why he shouldn't immediately carry out the first stage of this advance. The developing move 8 Nf3 would needlessly block the pawn - and at some point the white knight would have to lose time moving out of the way to allow the pawn to go forwards. --- And so we reach move eight without a single white piece being developed. The blocked nature of the centre and the fact that Black has been almost equally tardy with his development has allowed him to play like this. --- It isn't a luxury to play in this style. If the position is blocked and your opponent is putting pieces and pawns slowly but surely on to their best squares, you have to do the same thing. A couple of needlessly rushed developing moves can deny you the chance to carry out the most promising plan in the middlegame. --- Of course, pure pawn play can't go on forever. The players now begin to make classical developing

moves.' **8...Nc6 9.Nf3 Qb6** The game now resembles a French Defence except White has already pushed his g and h pawns. On the one hand that leaves him with further space but Black hopes to show he is rather over-exposed. The game now resembles a French Defence except White has already pushed his g and h pawns. On the one hand that leaves him with further space but Black hopes to show he is rather over-exposed. **10.Rh2!?** An interesting way to defend the b2 square and activate the rook. It makes sense to leave the king for the moment. An interesting way to defend the b2 square and activate the rook. It makes sense to leave the king for the moment. Neil McDonald: '! '!' '!' Neil McDonald: 'This, however, is an unusual looking move. Navara sees that his opponent is putting pressure on the d4-pawn and expects the pawn exchange ...c5xd4; c3xd4 to occur shortly. Therefore in anticipation of the opening of the c-file he wants to have his rook ready to go to c2. --- Too often players miss the chance for a so-called lateral development of the rook - that is, advancing the rook up the board, perhaps followed as here by swinging it sideways to the centre or the other wing. Instead they stick to the familiar script of 'castle kingside and then put the rook on e1 or d1'. In such cases a rook has to wait patiently for pawn exchanges in the middlegame before it can become active. But when opportunities such as 10 Rh2 arise, they should be seized. --- Many years ago I wrote a book on positional sacrifices and studied a lot of Kasparov's games. I was struck by how many of his great attacking wins were due to his rooks getting into action much

faster than those of his opponents. If you see an odd way to energize a rook, say a move like Ra3 or Rh4, go ahead and play it. The worst that can happen is that your opponent shows you why it doesn't work and you lose the game. The best thing that can happen is that it proves the first step on the road to playing like Kasparov!' An interesting way to defend the b2 square and activate the rook. It makes sense to leave the king for the moment.

[However 10.Kf2 has been played more often. White is trying to find safety on g2 or g3. A couple of recent games continued: has been played more often. White is trying to find safety on g2 or g3. A couple of recent games continued: f6 (10...0-0-0!? has been the most common in the past. 11.Kg3 Kb8 12.a3 c4 13.Nbd2 Na5 14.Nh4 Be7 15.Rb1 Rc8 16.Qc2 Bxh4+ 17.Rxh4 Ne7 18.Nf3 g6 Maiwald, J (2488) -Pezerovic, E (2447) Germany 1999 with a typically complex French position but probably a fairly good one for Black as the king feels loose on g3. Maiwald, J (2488) -Pezerovic, E (2447) Germany 1999 with a typically complex French position but probably a fairly good one for Black as the king feels loose on g3.) 11.Kg2 (11.Kg3 0-0-0 12.Rh2 fxe5 13.fxe5 Qc7 14.Kh3 g6 15.hxg6 Be8 16.Nh4 Nge7 and White's king's sortie hadn't really helped. Black's attack has developed much faster. Heimann, A (2464)-Lafuente, P (2550) Basel 2010. and White's king's sortie hadn't really helped. Black's attack has developed much faster. Heimann, A (2464)-Lafuente, P (2550) Basel

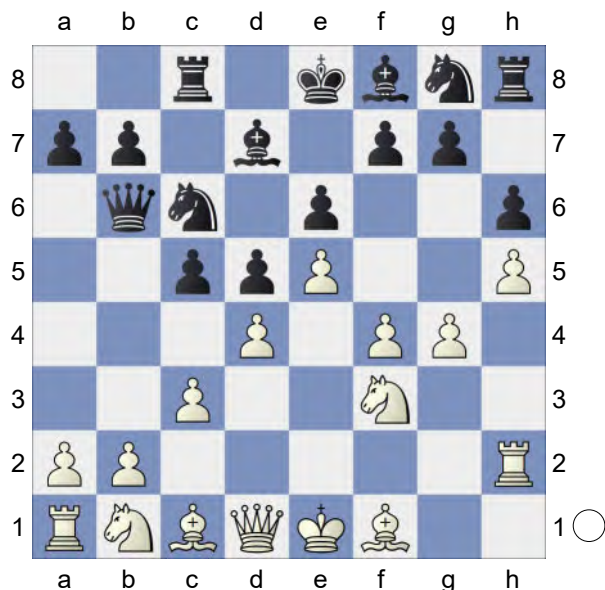
2010.) 11...0-0-0 12.b3 cxd4 13.cxd4 fxe5 14.fxe5 (14.dxe5!?) 14...g6 15.hxg6 Nge7 16.Nc3 Nxg6 17.Na4 Qc7 18.Be3 Be8 19.Qc1 Qg7 20.Kf2 Kb8 21.Nc5 Qf7 was another complex position but I feel Black is at least equal. Berbatov, K (2471)-Turov, M (2624) Eforie Nord 2010. These examples show the perils of bringing the king forward too early. was another complex position but I feel Black is at least equal. Berbatov, K (2471)-Turov, M (2624) Eforie Nord 2010. These examples show the perils of bringing the king forward too early.]

10...Rc8

[10...f6 11.Be3 0-0-0 12.a3 fxe5 was seen in Berbatov, K (2455)-Aroshidze, L (2548) Balaguer 2010 but here I think he should have taken away from the centre with was seen in Berbatov, K (2455)-Aroshidze, L (2548) Balaguer 2010 but here I think he should have taken away from the centre with 13.dxe5 keeping more control of the kingside and preparing b4.]

[Again 10...0-0-0 is possible of course but here I like the hitherto unplayed 11.dxc5!? Bxc5 12.b4 Be7 (12...Be3 13.a4! a5 14.b5 Nce7 15.Nd4±) 13.a4 f6 14.a5 Qc7 15.Na3 fxe5 16.Nb5 Qb8 17.a6 b6 18.fxe5 when White has a lot more space although he has to be careful not to allow a sacrifice when he'll find himself overextended. when White has a lot more space although he has to be careful not to allow a sacrifice when he'll find himself overextended.]

(Diagram)



11.Be3 cxd4 12.cxd4 Na5

Neil McDonald: 'Wing moves of the knight are so much part of modern chess strategy that I'm not going to make a fuss about them in this book. Here Black aims the knight at c4, opens the c-file for the rook, and clears the way for the bishop to go to b5.'

[12...Bb4+ should of course be met with should of course be met with 13.Kf2 with the king running to g3.]

13.Rc2 An intriguing way to challenge for the c file and quite in keeping with the French style position we have. An intriguing way to challenge for the c file and quite in keeping with the French style position we have. Neil McDonald: '!' '!' '!' Neil McDonald: 'The rook arrives not a moment too soon.' An intriguing way to challenge for the c file and quite in keeping with the French style position we have. **13...Ne7**

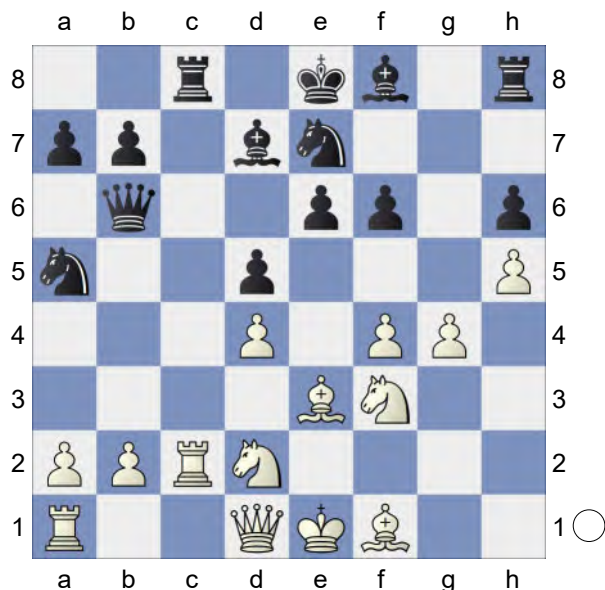
[13...Rxc2 was played in an old game in this line. That continued: was played in an old game in this line. That continued: 14.Qxc2 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Bb5 16.Kf2 Kd7 17.b4 Nac6 18.a3 Bxf1 19.Rxf1 Nc8

20.Rb1 Qb5 21.Nb3 Nb6 22.Nc5+ and White had reached exactly the position he was aiming for. Ekstroem, R (2420)-Costa, J (2425) Switzerland 1993 and White had reached exactly the position he was aiming for. Ekstroem, R (2420)-Costa, J (2425) Switzerland 1993]

[If 13...Nc4 14.Qc1 with a pin down the c-file looks slightly awkward for Black.]

14.Nbd2 Neil McDonald: 'Remember what we said above about Kasparov getting his rooks into the game faster than the opponent? Black's rook on a8 was the first to get to the c-file, but his other rook is boxed in by his king and the bishop on f8. In contrast, White's rook had an easy journey from h1 via h2 to c2 thanks to his space advantage on the kingside. Having pawns further up the board than those of the opponent gives your pieces more room behind them and so more freedom of action. --- White can also bring his rook quickly from a1 to the c-file, meaning that Black will be rather outgunned in the queenside action, despite his head start there. Discouraged on the queenside, Shimanov tries to widen the struggle with a pawn thrust on the other wing.' **14...f5!** Black is in danger of being squashed so fights back. Black is in danger of being squashed so fights back. **15.exf6 gxf6**

(Diagram)



16.Rac1 Natural. White has taken control of the c file and his position looks quite promising but Black has good counter-chances on the g file while if the position opens then White's king might find itself wide open. Natural. White has taken control of the c file and his position looks quite promising but Black has good counter-chances on the g file while if the position opens then White's king might find itself wide open.

[Perhaps Navara should have thrown in 16.a3 so that Rg8 can be met by 17.Rxc8+ Nxc8 18.b4 Nc6 19.Nb3 Rxc4 20.Nc5 Rg8 21.f5! with decent compensation.]

16...Rxc2 The game is only rapid and so both players continue playing rather superficial moves. The game is only rapid and so both players continue playing rather superficial moves.

[However 16...Rg8!? targeting the g4 pawn looked strong. The game might proceed 17.Rxc8+ (17.Bh3 Nc4! 18.Nxc4 dxc4 opens lines for Black's pieces and a strong outpost on d5. opens lines for Black's pieces and a strong outpost on d5.) 17...Bxc8

(17...Nxc8 18.g5 fxg5 19.fxg5 Qxb2 20.Bd3 Qa3 21.Qc2 Ne7 22.Ne5 looks like strong compensation for the pawn with control of the board. An interesting line continues looks like strong compensation for the pawn with control of the board. An interesting line continues Nac6 23.Ndc4! dxc4 24.Nxc4 Qb4+ 25.Bd2 Nxd4 26.Bxb4 Nxc2+ 27.Rxc2 and White has a continued initiative into the endgame. and White has a continued initiative into the endgame.) 18.g5!? fxg5 19.fxg5 Nac6 (19...hxg5 allows 20.h6! Bxh6 21.Ne5 and suddenly Black's king is very exposed.) 20.g6 Nf5 21.Bf2 Qxb2 22.Ne5 Nfxd4 23.Nd3 Qb6 24.Qg4 with a very messy position but the g6 pawn promises White very good compensation for the couple of sacrificed pawns. with a very messy position but the g6 pawn promises White very good compensation for the couple of sacrificed pawns.]

17.Qxc2 Nac6 This move looks like Black had run out of a plan. This move looks like Black had run out of a plan.

[Again 17...Rg8! made sense. 18.Bh3 (18.g5 isn't so effective anymore as the queen is no longer on the d1-h5 diagonal. isn't so effective anymore as the queen is no longer on the d1-h5 diagonal. hxg5 19.fxg5 fxg5 20.Bxg5 Nac6) 18...Nc4! 19.Nxc4 dxc4 20.Kf2 Nd5 21.Re1 and again the position is highly complex but his control of the centre looks to favour Black. and again the position is highly complex but his control of the centre looks to favour Black.]

18.Kf2 bringing the king to a slightly more secure square but more

importantly defending the e3 bishop and thus preventing an ...e5 break. bringing the king to a slightly more secure square but more importantly defending the e3 bishop and thus preventing an ...e5 break. Neil McDonald: 'If left in peace White has the manoeuvre 19 Nb3 and 20 Nc5, increasing his pressure along the c-file. Therefore Black continues his kingside counteraction, even though it creates a hole in his centre structure on e5.' bringing the king to a slightly more secure square but more importantly defending the e3 bishop and thus preventing an ...e5 break. **18...f5**

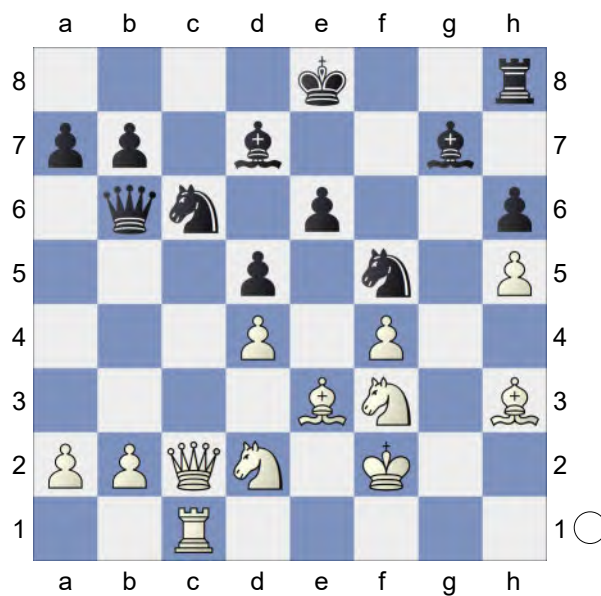
[18...Rg8 19.Bh3 is now comfortable for White as Black doesn't have ...Nc4 ideas. is now comfortable for White as Black doesn't have ...Nc4 ideas.]

19.Bh3 Bg7 Neil McDonald: '?' '?' '?'

[Neil McDonald: 'Since Black's problem has been his passive rook on g8, it made sense to activate it with' 19...fxg4 20.Bxg4 Rg8 Neil McDonald: '. Then upon' 21.Bh3 (21.Rg1 White has an advantage in space and can try to exploit the hole on e5 by placing a knight there, but the main fight is still ahead. After the game move the rook never manages to move off the h8-square.) 21...Nf5 22.Bxf5 exf5 ends up with a structure similar to the game.]

20.gxf5! Nxf5

(Diagram)



21.Bxf5

Neil McDonald: '!' '!' '!' Neil McDonald: 'Notice White is more than happy to exchange his bishop for the knight. In this type of fixed structure he would rather have knights that can benefit from the c5- and e5-squares, and be rid of an enemy horse that might one day get to e4.' **21...exf5** Neil McDonald: 'It's fair to say Black doesn't defend particularly well, but from now on Navara exploits to the maximum his ascendancy over the c-file (24 Nc5!), his superior rook (26 Rg1!), and the hole on e5 (30 Ne5!). The game concludes with a powerful attack: ' **22.Nb3** An interesting structure has arisen. The two knights generally outweigh the bishop pair here as the fight for the e4, e5 squares dominate proceedings. If either player manages to place his knight there then he will have a great position. Unfortunately for Black his knight is a long way from that important spot. White's king is somewhat safer and his pieces seem to combine more effectively. An interesting structure has arisen. The two knights generally outweigh the bishop pair here as the

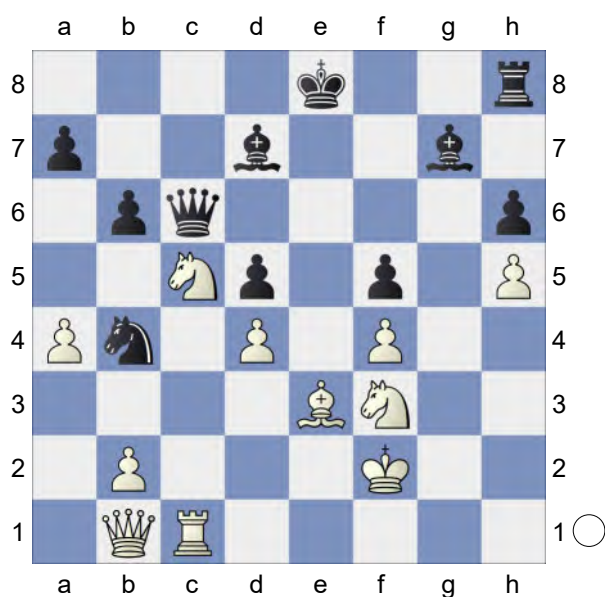
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[23...0-0 24.Nc5 Be8 25.Rc3 would leave White in charge.]

24.Nc5 Neil McDonald: '!' '!' '!' **24...b6**

[24...Bc8 25.Ne5 0-0 26.a3 Nc6 27.Qc2± leaves White with an obvious edge with his strong knights. If Black exchanges knights then the e3 bishop gets back into the game. leaves White with an obvious edge with his strong knights. If Black exchanges knights then the e3 bishop gets back into the game.]

25.a4 Qc6



26.Rg1 Neil McDonald: '!' '!' '!' **26...Bf6**

[26...bxc5 27.Rxg7 c4 28.Ne5 Nd3+

29.Nxd3 cxd3 30.Qxd3 leaves White clearly better but was perhaps Black's best try. He cannot retrieve the pawn as leaves White clearly better but was perhaps Black's best try. He cannot retrieve the pawn as Qxa4?! 31.Qc3! allows White uncontested onto the dark squares.]

27.Nxd7 Qxd7 28.Rg6 Ke7

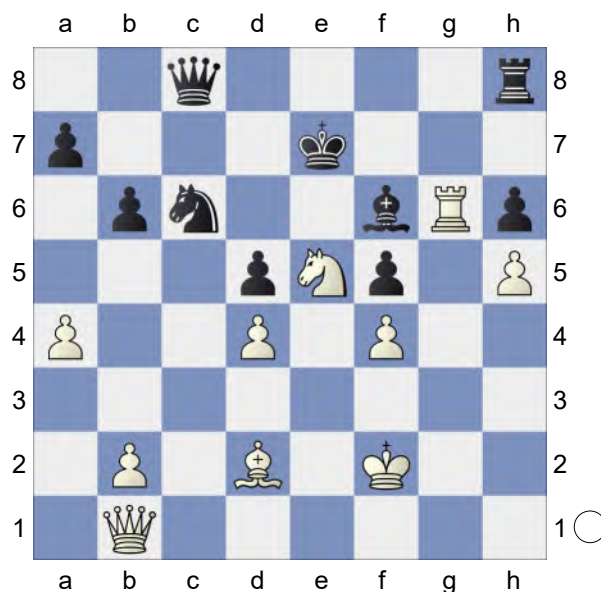
[28...Rf8 29.b3!± wins a pawn.]

29.Bd2 Nc6 30.Ne5 Neil McDonald: '!' '!' '!'

[30.b4! forcing the knight away from the e5 square was very strong but the game continuation is good enough. forcing the knight away from the e5 square was very strong but the game continuation is good enough.]

30...Qc8

[30...Qe6 31.Nxc6+ Qxc6 32.Qxf5 Bxd4+ 33.Be3! and Black's king won't survive for long.]



31.Qg1 White had an array of strong candidate moves.

[31.Qd3 was the strongest when Black can't stop Qa3+ was the strongest when Black can't stop

Qa3+]

[31.Nxc6+ transposing to the previous note was also good. transposing to the previous note was also good.]

31...Nxd4? This final mistake loses instantly.

[Black had to try Black had to try 31...Nxe5 but White is still winning following 32.dxe5 Bh4+ 33.Kg2 Qc2 34.Qd4 Qe4+ 35.Qxe4 dxe4 36.Bb4+ Black has succeeded in exchanging queens but the relative activity of the pieces will decide here. Black has succeeded in exchanging queens but the relative activity of the pieces will decide here.]

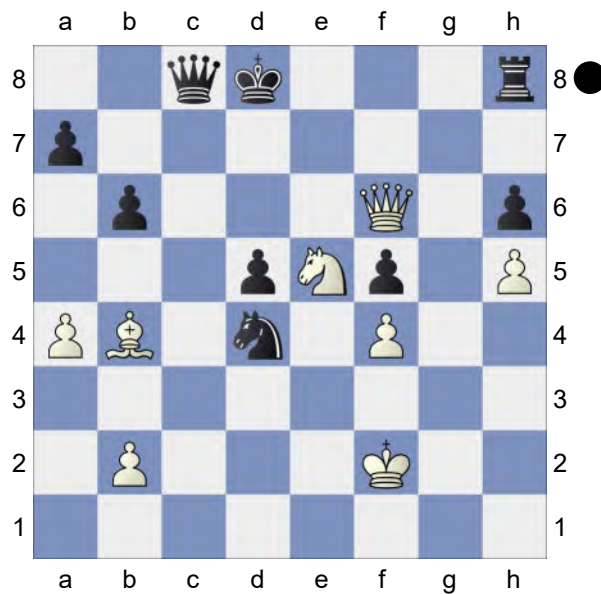
32.Rxf6! Kxf6 33.Qg6+ Ke7

Neil McDonald: 'After' **34.Bb4+**

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34...Kd8 35.Qf6+

(Diagram)



mates. --- General speaking, we might say that you are entitled to break the rules of development on two occasions: (a) in a blocked position; (b) if the opponent does the same. --- As long as the opponent sticks to direct, active development, we usually have to do something similar, especially as Black - that is, get at least some of our pieces out forthwith or risk being overwhelmed. Things become more complex when the opponent plays in a slower, more strategic style. It can be hard to achieve the correct balance between moves which are necessary for the immediate health of our position, and those which are important, but perhaps not essential, for its long-term fitness. 1-0 (35) Navara, D (2708)-Shimanov,A (2516) Vilnius LTU 2010 [Jones, Gawain]

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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5

[4...h6 is of course the main alternative 5.g4 Bd7 6.h5 c5 (6...e6 7.c3 c5 8.f4 Nc6 9.Nf3 Qb6 10.Rh2 was an interesting approach examined by Gawain in Navara-Shimanov.) 7.dxc5

A) 7...Qc7

A1) 8.Bf4 e6 9.Nd2 Bxc5 10.Nb3 Bb6 11.Nf3 possibly an improvement over 11.Bd3 which was played in Kurnosov, I (2523)-Iordachescu, V (2583) Stockholm 2005 and Pavlovic assessed as better for Black. Nc6 12.Qd2 Nge7 13.0-0-0 Na5 14.Nxa5 Bxa5 15.Qe2 a6 16.Nd4 Nc6 17.Nxc6 Bxc6 18.f3 Bb5 (18...Rc8!?) 19.Qh2 Bxf1 20.Rhxf1 1/2-1/2 (20) Romanov, E (2501)-Riazantsev, A (2629) Chelyabinsk RUS 2007;

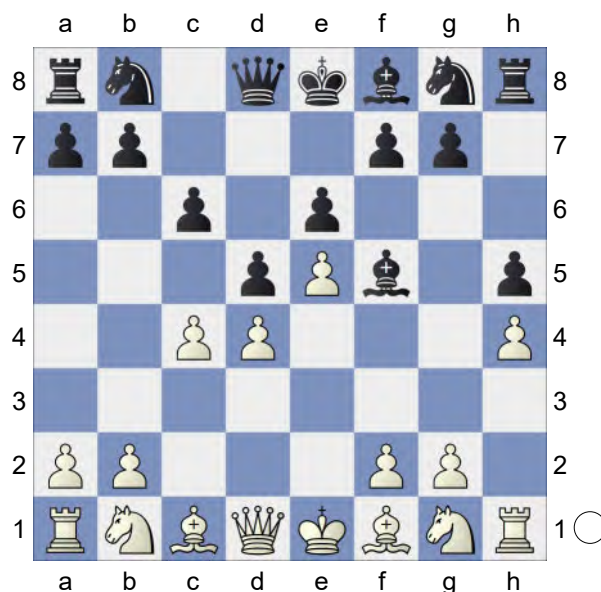
A2) 8.Nc3 e6;

B) 7...Nc6 8.Qxd5 Bxg4 9.Nc3 looks better for White and is annotated by Pavlovic in the blindfold game Vachier Lagrave, M-Grishuk, A;

C) 7...Qc8 was tried in a recent game but it's not to be recommended, the problem is that the pawn on g4 shouldn't be taken as will be seen 8.Be3! Bxg4? 9.Qxd5 Bd7 10.Qd2 e6 11.Nc3 Ne7 (11...Bxc5 12.Bxc5 Qxc5 13.0-0-0 and Black is already in

serious trouble) 12.0-0-0 Nf5 13.Nf3 Nxe3 14.fxe3 Bc6 15.Bb5! the position is already lost for Black Bxc5 16.Rhg1 Bb4 17.Nd4 Nd7 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.Nxe6! fxe6 20.Rxg7 Nxe5 21.Qd4 Qb8 22.Ne4 Rf8 23.a3 Be7 24.Rxe7+! a forcing finish Kxe7 25.Qc5+ Kf7 26.Nd6+ Kg8 27.Qxe5 Qc7 28.Rg1+ Kh7 29.Qxe6 Rad8 30.Nf5 1-0 (30) Rozum, I (2477) - Yevseev, D (2529) St Petersburg RUS 2012]

5.c4 e6



6.Nc3 Be7

[6...Nd7 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 was covered in Short-Johannessen by Rowson and it seems that Nigel was doing very well from the opening in that game.]

[6...Ne7 is probably the critical continuation and has featured extensively in the archives, most recently in Vachier Lagrave-Laznicka this year.]

7.cxd5

[7.Nge2 is a serious alternative here

A) 7...Nh6 didn't work out well for

Black in Svidler, P (2739)-Galkin, A (2598) Moscow 2011 after 8.Ng3

A1) 8...Bg6 9.Nxh5 Nf5 looks to be a much more sensible way to play although 10.Nf4 Bh7 11.g4 Nxh4 12.g5!? is still a very dangerous idea and was perhaps Svidler's intention. It is risky to take on g5 now as after Bxg5 13.Qh5 Bxf4 14.Bxf4 Black has problems down the h-file;

A2) 8...Bxh4!? 9.Nxf5 (9.Nxh5!? Kf8 10.Be2) 9...Nxf5 10.cxd5 exd5 11.g3 looks a little better for White to me;

A3) 8...g6 9.Bf4 Kf8 10.Qd2 Kg7 11.Bg5 a6 12.Be2 Nd7 13.0-0 dxc4 14.Bxc4 Bxg5 15.hxg5 Ng8 16.Nge4 Bxe4 17.Nxe4 and Black had a pretty miserable position.;

B) 7...dxc4 8.Ng3 Bg6 (if 8...Bg4 9.f3 Bxh4 10.Rxh4! Qxh4 11.Nce4 and Black is in some trouble) 9.Bxc4 Nh6 (9...Bxh4 10.Nge2 Be7 11.Nf4 Bf5 12.Rxh5 and Black is worse as he still has problems developing) 10.Nge2 (10.Be2!? is worth investigating if the Nge2 doesn't offer a real advantage) 10...Nf5 11.g3 Bh7 12.Bg5 Nd7 13.Qd2 0-0 14.0-0-0 b5 15.Bd3 b4 16.Ne4 c5 with extremely double-edged play in Kryvoruchko, Y (2676)-Dziuba, M (2590) Warsaw 2012]

7...cxd5 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3

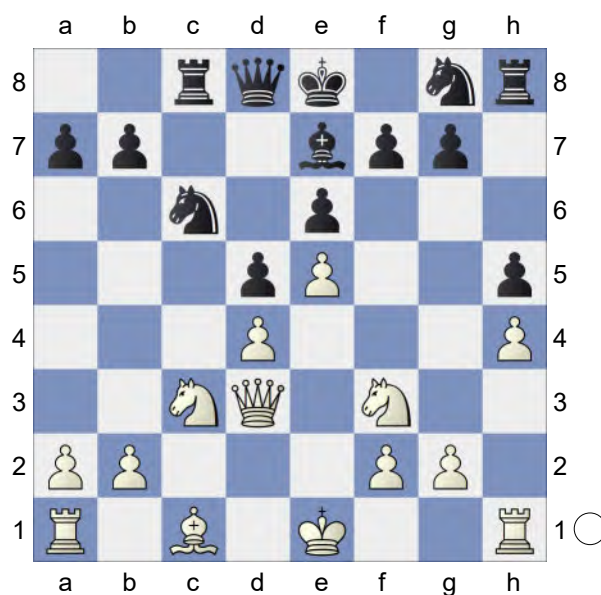
A typical position for this line 9...Nc6

[9...Bxh4 seems to be dubious here after 10.Qb5+ Nd7 11.Qxb7 Be7 12.Nf3 with a definite edge for White]

[9...Nh6 looks more interesting

though and now 10.Bxh6 Rxh6 11.Nf3 a6 12.g3 Nc6 13.0-0 Kf8 14.a3 and perhaps now Black should play Na5! before White gets a chance to go b4, with reasonable chances - although the rook is somewhat oddly placed on h6. (instead after 14...g6 15.Rac1 Kg7 16.b4 White had a lot of pressure in Balogh, C (2617) - Paichadze, L (2392) Baku 2007)]

10.Nf3 Rc8



11.0-0

[11.g3 was Nigel Short's choice against Anand a few years ago Bb4 12.Bd2 Nge7 13.a3 Bxc3 14.Bxc3 Nf5 already Black has no problems 15.0-0 Qb6 16.Rfd1 a6 17.Kg2 Rc7 18.Qd2 Kd7 19.a4 a5 20.Rdb1 Rhc8 21.Qg5 Rh8 22.Qd2 Rhc8 23.Qg5 Rh8 1/2-1/2 Short, N (2674)-Anand, V (2786) Wijk aan Zee 2005]

11...Bxh4?!

[11...Nh6 given what happens in the game Black should examine this line carefully 12.Bxh6 Rxh6 13.g3 Kf8 14.Rfc1 g6 15.Qb5 Qd7 admittedly this position seems to be more comfortable for White but Black is

very solid at least. 16.Na4 Kg7
17.Nc5 Bxc5 18.Rxc5 Rhh8
19.Rac1 a6 20.Qb6 Qc7 21.Qb3
and White was pressing in Becerra
Rivero, J (2535)-Morovic Fernandez, I
(2613) Havana 1999]

12.Nb5! This looks to be a strong novelty
[12.Nxh4 was seen previously but
doesn't seem to be as strong Qxh4
13.Nb5 Kf8 14.Nxa7 (14.Nd6 Rc7
and Black is solid enough) 14...Nxa7
15.Qa3+ Ne7 16.Qxa7 and now in
Perunovic, M (2562)-Ruck, R (2534)
Vogosca 2007 Qg4! with the simple
idea of h4-h3 would've given Black a
strong attack]

12...Be7
[12...Kf8 13.Nd6 Rc7 14.b4!?
and White has a very strong initiative]

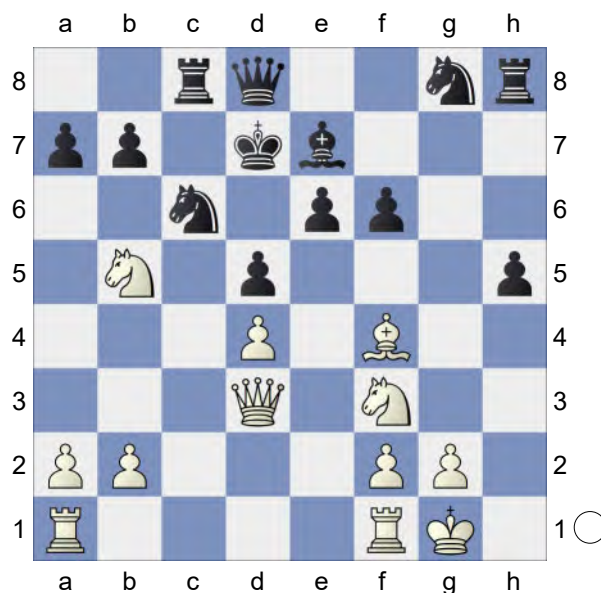
13.Bg5 f6
[13...Bxg5? 14.Nd6+ Kf8 15.Nxg5
Qxg5 16.Nxc8 leaves White an
exchange up]

14.exf6 A critical moment **14...gxf6**
[14...Nxf6!? 15.Qg6+ (15.Rae1!?
also looks dangerous) 15...Kf8
16.Rfe1 and it's hard to recommend
Black's position here although he can
fight on with a6 17.Nc3 Qe8
so perhaps this is a better option than
the game]

15.Bf4
[15.Bd2 is the computer's preference
but the game continuation certainly
worked well. A possible line now
would be Kf7 16.Rae1 Qd7
17.Nh4!? f5 18.Nf3 and Black's
position is full of holes]

15...Kd7?
[15...a6 was necessary 16.Nc3 Bd6
17.Qg6+ Kf8 and now White has a
couple of interesting options
although neither are 100% convincing

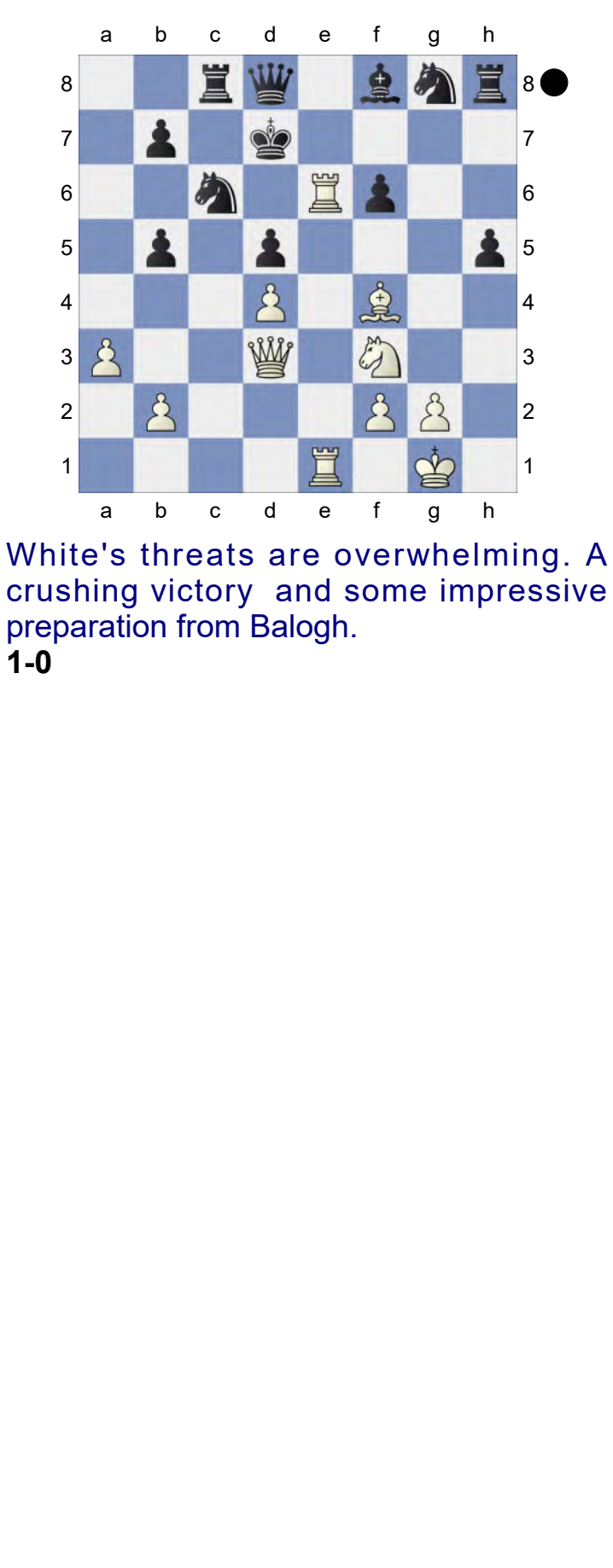
18.Nxd5!? (18.Qg3 Bxf4 19.Qxf4
Qc7 20.Qe3 Kf7 and Black looks to
be over the worst of it) 18...exd5
(18...Bb8?! 19.Bxb8 Qxd5 20.Ne5!
fxe5 21.f4 is a very attractive line
which shows how dangerous White's
attack can be - if the position opens
up Black's King will be easy prey.)
19.Ng5! fxg5 20.Bxd6+ Nce7 21.f4
g4 22.Rac1 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 Rh7!
probably the best defensive try
24.Qe6 Kg7 25.Bc7 Qf8 26.Be5+
Nf6 27.Rc7 Kg6 28.Rxb7
and White's attack is ongoing and
there's little risk of losing here]



An odd move and unsurprisingly a
serious mistake **16.Rfe1 Bb4 17.Re2
a6 18.a3! Bf8**

[18...axb5 19.axb4 Qe7 20.Rae1
is also hopeless for Black]
19.Rae1! axb5 20.Rxe6

(Diagram)



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■ Audi, Ameya

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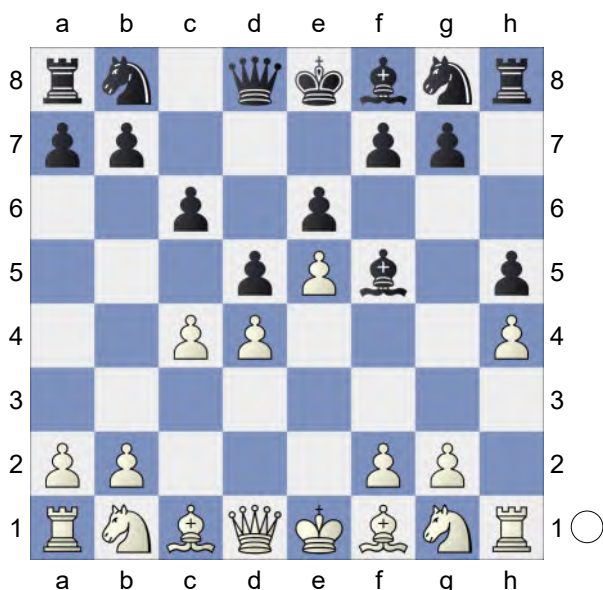
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

Inf 61/(125) 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5

4.h4 h5 5.c4 e6



6.Nc3 dxc4! is now more promising than 6...Ne7. im Vergleich zu 6...Se7 vielversprechender. 7.Bxc4 Nd7 8.Bg5 Qb6

[8...f6 9.exf6 gxf6 10.Be3 Nb6 11.Be2 Bg6 12.Nh3 Bd6 13.Nf4 Bxf4 14.Bxf4 Ne7 15.Qd2 Stangl, M (2540)-Polak, T (2410) Bad Woerishofen 1994]

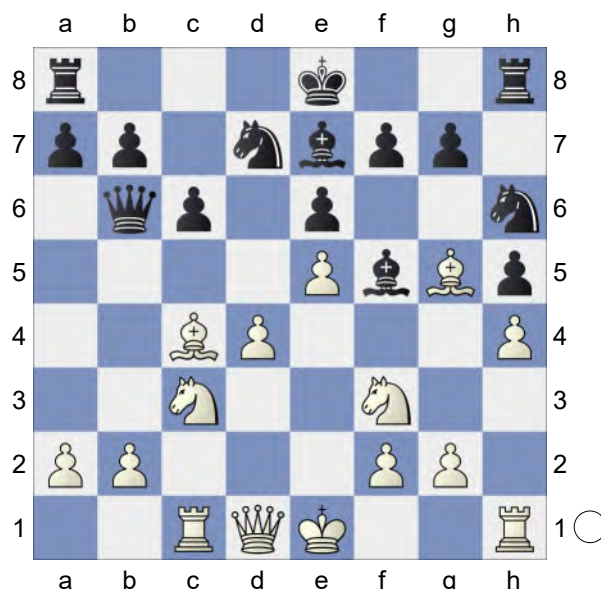
9.Rc1N 0.06/18

[Vorgänger: 9.Qd2 0.02/21 9.Nge2 0.57 Be7 (9...f6 10.exf6 gxf6 11.Be3 Qa5 12.Nge2 0-0-0 13.0-0 Nb6 14.Bb3 e5 15.Qc1 Ne7 16.dxe5 fxe5 17.Bg5 Rh7 18.Ng3 Bg4 19.Re1 Rd6 20.Nce4 Rd4 21.Nf6 Rh8 22.Qe3 Ng6 23.Bf7 Nc4 24.Qb3 1-0 (35) Nejanky, M (1925)-

Ponti, E (2044) Buenos Aires Masters op 2023 (5) 10.Be3 0-0-0 11.Qe2 Nh6 12.Nf3 Ng4 13.0-0-0 -0.66/23 (13.Bd2!= -0.02/21) 13...Bb4 14.Bd2 f6 -0.02/21 (Black should try 14...Qa5 -0.57/18) 15.exf6 -0.39/18 (15.a3= -0.02/21 Be7 16.Rhf1) 15...gxf6 16.Rhf1 1/2-1/2 Lazic, E (1998)-Babic, M (1880) BIH-chT1 30th 2023 (7.5) Rhe8 17.Ne4 e5 18.Bxb4 Qxb4 19.a3 Qe7 20.Ng3 Bg6 21.dxe5 Ndx5 22.Nxe5 Nxe5 23.Rxd8+ Rxd8 24.Qe3 Qd6 25.Be2 Ng4 26.Bxg4+ hxg4 27.Ne4 Qd5 28.Nc3 Qb3 29.Qe2 Bd3 30.Qd1 Qc4 31.Re1 1/2-1/2 (59) Pahta, P (1998)-Molina, R (1880) Serbian Team Championship (Game 26) 2005 (7.5) [9.Nge2± 0.46/23]

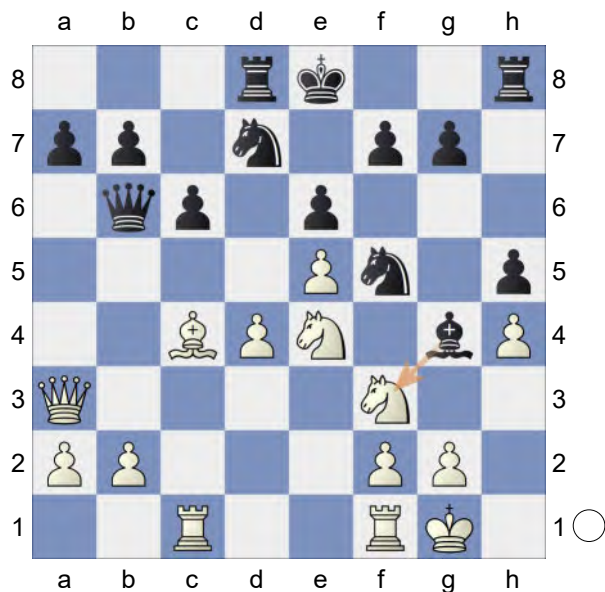
9...Be7= 10.Nf3 Nh6 0.63/20

[Better is 10...Bxg5= -0.10/18 11.hxg5 (11.Nxg5 Rd8) 11...Qxb2]

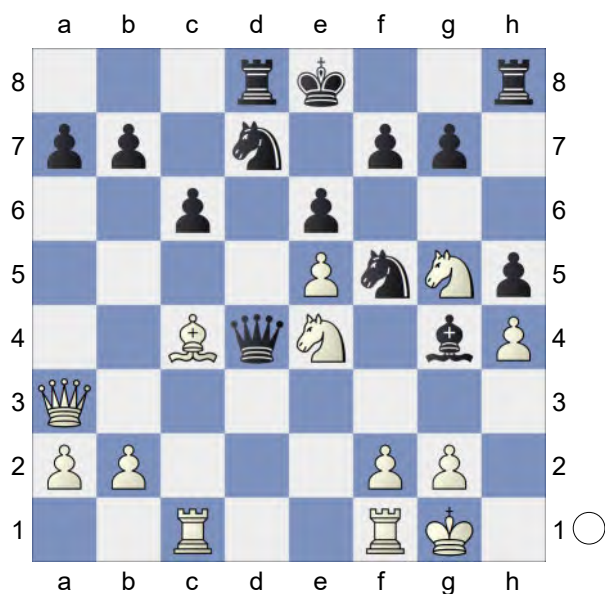


11.0-0 Bg4 12.Bxe7 Kxe7 13.Ne4 And now Rc3 would win. 13...Nf5 14.Qd3 Rad8 1.26/17

[14...Bxf3± 0.32/17 15.Qxf3 Qxd4] 15.Qa3+!± Ke8

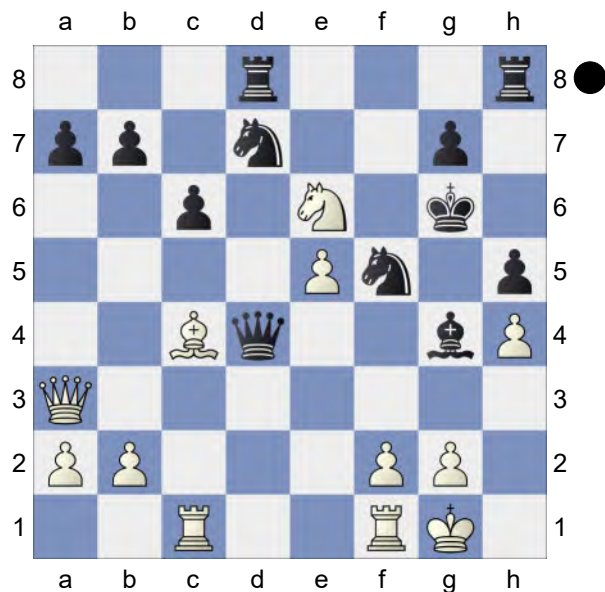


16.Nfg5 Qxd4 1.95/21
 [16...Rh6± 1.40/19]



17.Nxf7! -0.76/18 Kxf7± 18.Ng5+ Kg6
19.Nxe6

(Diagram)



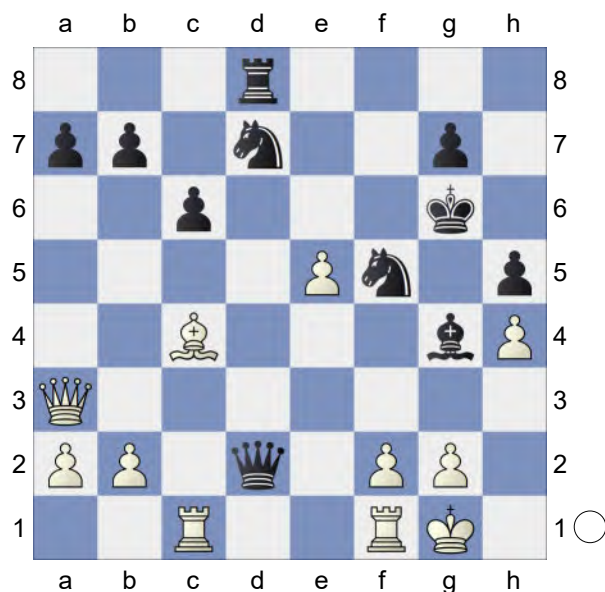
Qd2 Hoping for ...Nxe5!

[19...Qxe5?! 20.Rce1 (20.Qxa7
 Nxh4 21.Nxd8 Rxd8-+; 20.f3 Bh3±)
 20...Qb8 21.Qc3± (21.f3 Bh3=)]

20.Nxd8 -1.04/17

[20.Rce1± -0.63/20 was preferable.
 Rde8 21.Bb3]

20...Rxd8



21.Rfe1 -3.52/19 Loses the game.

[21.Rce1± -1.19/18 was called for.]

21...Nxe5!-+ Deflection

[21...Nxh4 22.Qe7 (22.Qxa7?
 is the wrong capture. Nxe5 23.Qe3

Qxe3-+) 22...Nxe5 (22...Qg5?
 23.Bf7+ Kh6 24.Qxg5+ Kxg5
 25.e6+-) 23.Qxe5+- (23.Qxh4 Nxc4
 24.f3 Qd4+ 25.Kh1 Bxf3=)]

22.Qc5 -4.51/19

[Δ22.Bf1 -3.17/18]

22...Nxc4 23.Qxc4 Nd4 Threatens to win with ...Rf8!

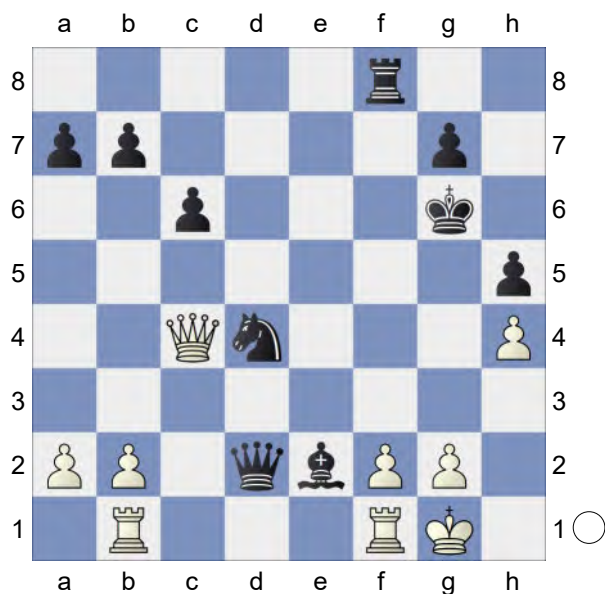
[Don't take 23...Nxe4 24.Qe4+ Kh6
 25.Rc3-+]

[23...Qxb2? 24.Rb1 Qd2 25.f3-+]

24.Rb1 -6.92/20

[Δ24.Qc5 -4.42/20]

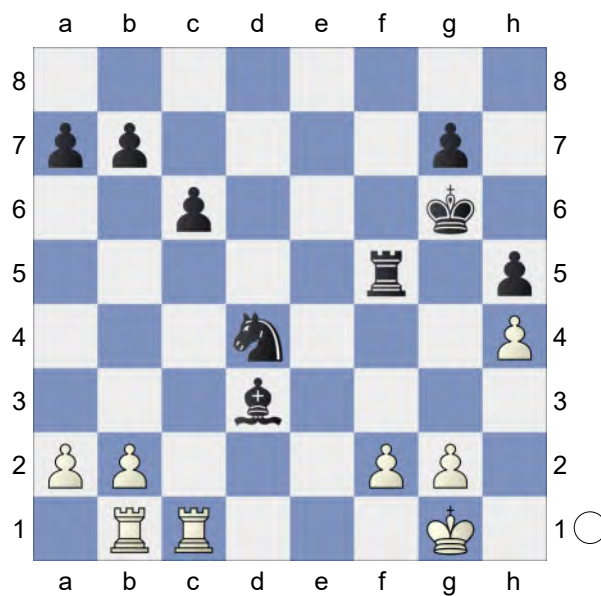
24...Rf8 25.Rf1 Be2



26.Qc5 Rf5 Black is clearly winning.

27.Qc1 Qxc1 28.Rfxc1 Bd3

(Diagram)



**Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/
 Black=0.35**

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■ Fernandez,Daniel

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[Daniel Fernandez]

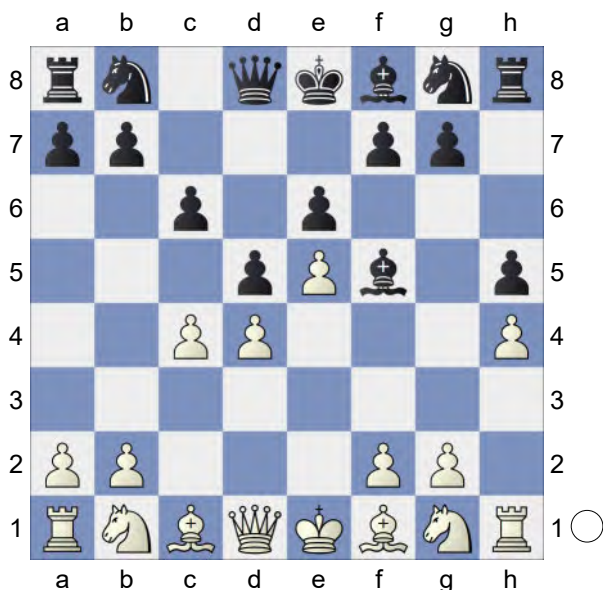
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5

[I almost talked myself into playing 3...h5 which would have been a bad look for this column.]

4.h4 h5 5.c4

[I thought my opponent might take 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.b4!? for a spin, the topical gambit which is covered last month in Svane- Gines Esteo.]

5...e6



6.Nc3 dxc4! is now more promising than 6...Ne7. im Vergleich zu 6...Se7 vielversprechender.

[6...Ne7 is more commonly played, but I wasn't a fan of 7.Nge2 Nd7 8.Ng3 Bg6 9.Bg5 when it feels that Black has to go pawn-grabbing. Qb6 10.Rc1 Qxb2 (10...dxc4 11.Bxc4 Nf5 12.Nxf5 Bxf5 13.0-0± Kollars, D-Melkumyan,H INT 2022)

11.Bd3

A) 11...dxc4 12.Bxg6! Nxg6 13.0-0 (13.Nge4!?) 13...Bb4 Maltsevskaya,A-Svane,R INT 2022 14.Nce4±;

B) 11...Bxd3 12.Qxd3 dxc4 13.Qxc4 Nb6 14.Qd3 Ned5 15.0-0 Qa3 16.Rfd1 Nxc3 17.Rxc3 Qxa2 18.Rb3 (18.Rb1! Black is still in some trouble resulting from the f8-bishop and king position issues.) 18...Qa6!∞ Perunovic, M-Donchenko,A Barcelona 2019;

C) 11...f6!?N As far as I'm aware this move is a novelty, though it's been Let's Checked a huge number of times and comes closest to solving Black's issues in the line. 12.exf6 gxf6 13.Be3 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 Qb4 (14...dxc4 15.Qxc4 Nd5 16.Nxd5 exd5 17.Qd3±) 15.cxd5 Nxd5 16.0-0 Nxe3 17.Qxe3 0-0-0! 18.Rb1 Qa5 19.Nce4 Qd5∞]

7.Bxc4 Nd7 8.Nf3 The knight wants to head to g5 as fast as possible. However, it seems I overreacted to this idea.

[8.Nge2 Be7 9.g3 (9.Ng3 Bg6 10.Nge2 is a way to offer a repetition, but Black can opt out with Nh6 11.Nf4 Nf8↑) 9...Nh6 10.Bf4 a6!? Black's position is close to objectively equal, but more important than that, it's now an understanding-based position.]

8...Bg4 A strong move with a bad followup.

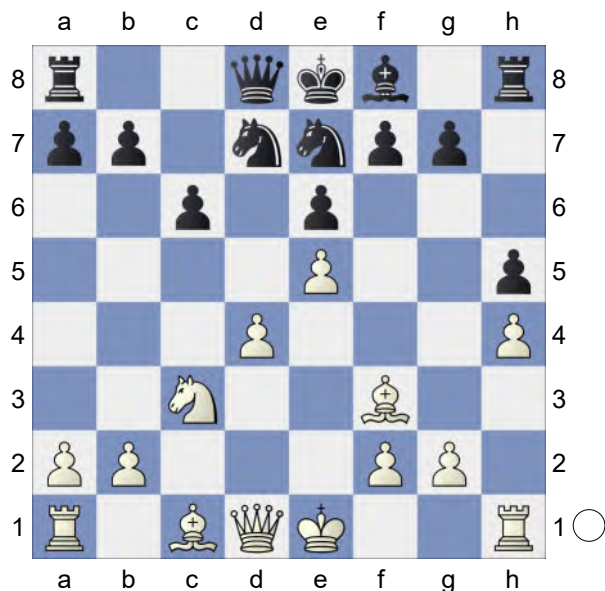
[8...Nb6 9.Be2 Be7 Moussard,J-Melkumyan, H INT 2022 10.Ng5! Bg6 11.0-0±]

9.Be2 Bxf3?N

[Predecessor: 9...Ne7 was clearly

superior, but the curse of playing too much chess in England is that we seldom turn down an opportunity for ... Bxf3. 10.Bg5 (10.Ng5 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Nf5 12.Nf3 Nb6↑ Gaal,Z-Sucikova,S Terme Catez 2021) 10...Qb6 11.0-0 Nf5= Black can just do all the same things but leave taking on f3 to later (or not at all.) 12.Na4 Qc7 13.Rc1 f6 14.Bf4 0-0-0 15.Qb3 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Nxd4 ½-½ (41) Cesar Maestre,B (2272)-Garcia Ramos,D (2438) Roquetas de Mar 2022]

10.Bxf3 Ne7



White is objectively better, a fact which I understood well around here, and resolved to grab a hot pawn when it was offered. 11.Bg5

[11.Bxh5 Qb6∞]

11...Qb6 12.0-0

[12.Ne2 is safe and quite strong, ensuring that Nf5 doesn't come with tempo so that White can react with just 13.Be4±]

12...Nf5 Reaching a critical position. Does White sacrifice the pawn or not?

[12...0-0-0 13.Qc2 just gives White a

very straightforward attack.]

13.Be4

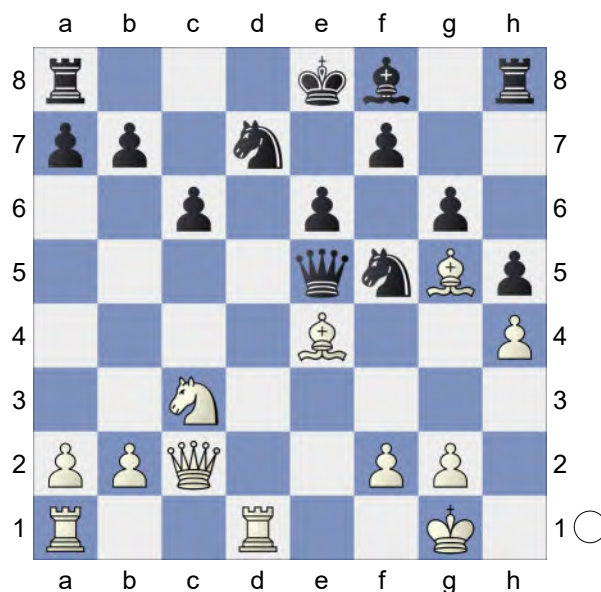
[13.d5!? cxd5 14.Nxd5 exd5 15.e6! Nf6! 16.Bxf6 fxe6 17.Bxh5+ Kd7 18.Bg5 Be7± Black's position is not a disaster, but there is still some tightrope walking to be done. If checkmate can be avoided for a while, the central majority might start to become a factor.]

[I could tell my opponent would much rather not play 13.Ne2 after which Black's position starts to look sound. Coming off a loss in the previous round I was eager to take some risks, and would have continued f6! 14.Bf4 0-0-0±]

13...Qxd4?!

[13...Nxd4!? 14.Be3 c5 is objectively the better way of grabbing the pawn, and White doesn't have much here.]

14.Qc2 g6 15.Rfd1 Qxe5



16.Qd3

[16.Qd2 makes a lot of sense too, retaining protection of the f4-square. Qd6!? 17.Qe2 Qc7 18.Rac1 Threatening Nd5. Black has to be careful not to get mated immediately.

Bg7 19.Bxf5 gxf5 20.Nb5 Qe5□
21.Nd6+ Kf8 22.Qf3±]

16...Qc7 The gauntlet is now laid down. In exchange for 2 pawns White has a highly realistic chance of giving mate. As they say, "If you go to kill the king, you must kill the king." **17.Rac1?**

[17.Bf4! Qc8 (17...Qd8 18.Nb5 cxb5 19.Bxb7 is the other point, and a good reason for leaving the e4-bishop alive for a bit longer.) 18.Nb5 cxb5 19.Rac1 Bc5 20.b4 0-0 21.Bxf5 exf5 22.bxc5 Nxc5 23.Qd4 b6 24.Bh6±]

17...Bc5? As mistakes go, not the most terrible, and also a very understandable one.

[17...Nc5? 18.Nb5 Qb6 19.Qd2! cxb5 20.Bxb7!!+- The twin mating ideas along the d-file cause Black no end of headaches in lines like this one.]

[17...Ne5! was the most accurate, but required foresight of the followup 18.Nb5 Qa5! which at first sight looks like it must blunder mate. In reality Black is fine. 19.Qc3 Qxb5 20.Bxf5 gxf5 21.a4 Bb4 22.axb5 Bxc3 23.Rxc3 0-0 24.Rc5 Ng6̄]

18.Bxf5

[My intention was 18.b4 Bxf2+ 19.Kxf2 Ne5∞ and with three pawns for the piece and White's king safety looking a bit iffy, Black is practically for choice here.]

18...gxf5 19.b4 f6?!

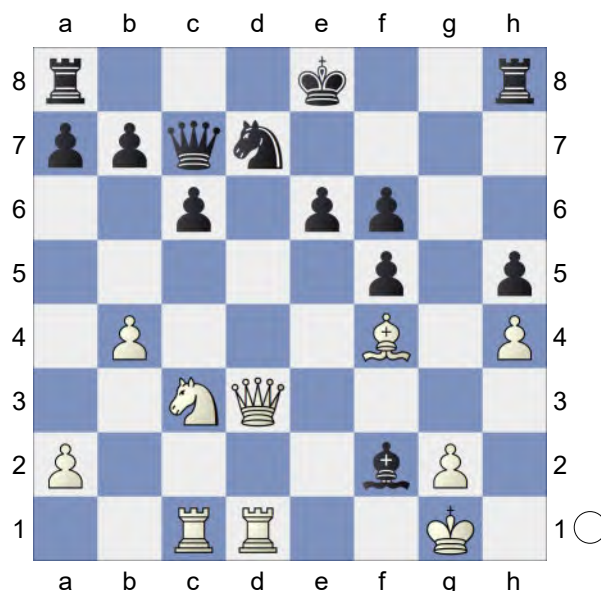
[19...Ne5!? is still not terrible: 20.Qg3 Bxf2+ 21.Qxf2 Ng4 22.Qf4 Qxf4 23.Bxf4 e5 24.Bd2 f6=]

20.Bf4?

[20.Qc4! 0-0-0 21.Bf4 e5 22.Bh2± keeps a good amount of pressure against Black's castled position, and I

have to be careful not to lose immediately.]

20...Bxf2+



21.Kf1 Qxf4 22.Qxd7+ Kf8 23.Ne2 Qxh4 24.Rd3?

[24.Qd6+ was the best practical try, but Black is still winning with good play. Kg7

A) 25.Qc7+ Kh6;

B) 25.g3 Bxg3 26.Nxg3 Kg6 (26...f4 27.Rd3 Rhf8) 27.Ne2 e5+- Black should win this, but the position is still very complicated.;

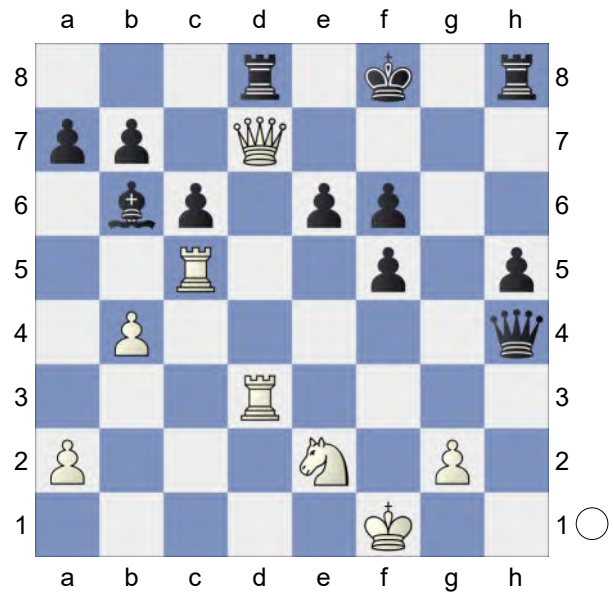
C) 25.Qe7+ might be toughest. 25...Kg6 26.Rd7 Rag8 27.Qf7+ Kg5 28.Rc4!? Qxc4 29.Rd8 Qxe2+ 30.Kxe2 Rxd8 31.Kxf2 f4 32.Qxe6 Rhe8+-]

24...Bb6! The best move by some way. I was calculating ...Re8, ..Rg8 etc for a long time but at some point just 'reset' in my mind and noticed that yes, of course ...Bb6 is winning. **25.Rc5**

[It is important that Black has 25.Qd6+ Kg7 26.Rg3+ Kh6 27.Qd2+ f4+-]

25...Rd8

(Diagram)



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[Justin Tan]

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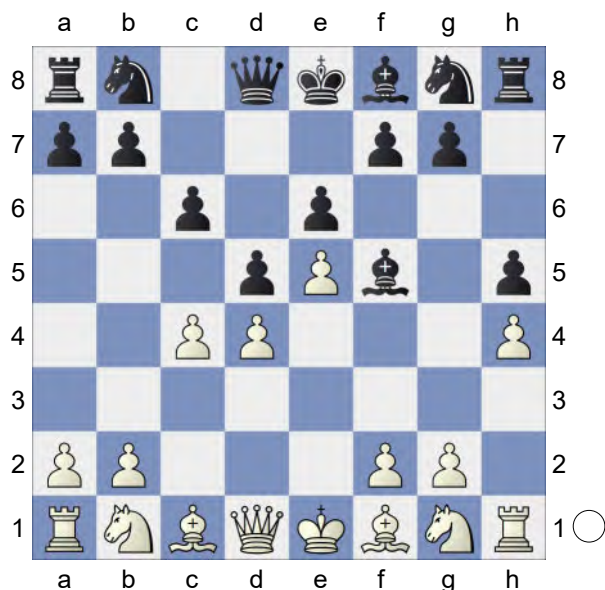
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5

[4...h6 5.g4 Be4 (5...Bd7 is yet another critical variation.) 6.f3 Bh7 was discussed last month in 0-1 (35) Sethuraman, S (2637)-Yeoh, L (2522) Dubai 2019. I concluded that White poses some problems still in the main line (and obviously not in the way Sethuraman played with 9 Ne2).]

5.c4 e6



6.Nc3 Ne7

[The recent game which drew my attention to this line continued 6...Bb4

A) Only 7.Qb3 has been examined in the archives. The move is also very logical but probably doesn't offer much for White. Qa5 8.Bd2 Ne7 9.Nf3 Nd7 10.cxd5 (10.a3 Bxc3 11.Bxc3 Qb6 12.Qd1 Bg4=) 10...Nxd5 11.a3 1/2-1/2 (60) Tari, A

(2518)-Melkumyan, H (2622) Germany 2016. Now the Armenian grandmaster erred with 11...N7b6, which didn't achieve a great deal. Instead, 0-0 12.Be2 c5 13.0-0 Bxc3 14.bxc3 cxd4 15.cxd4 Qb6= is equal.;

B) 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Bg5

B1) 8...Qa5 9.Nge2 f6 10.exf6 (10.Bd2 Nc6 11.a3 Be7 12.Ng3 Bg6∞) 10...Nxf6 11.a3 Bxc3+ 12.Nxc3 Nc6 13.Qd2 Qb6 14.Rd1 is a slight but stable advantage for White.;

B2) 8...Ne7 9.Bd3?! (9.Nge2± followed by grabbing the bishop pair with a2-a3.) 9...Bxc3+?! I'd usually have cut the game by now as the theoretical relevance is no longer there but I liked how the game panned out: (9...Qa5 10.Nge2 Bxd3 11.Qxd3 Nbc6=) 10.bxc3 Qc7 11.Ne2 Nd7 12.Bxf5 Nxf5 13.0-0 f6? 14.exf6 gxf6 15.Nf4! Kf7 1/2-1/2 (40) Sjugirov, S (2661)-Riazantsev, A (2653) Sochi RUS 2019. Now White could have gained a large advantage with 16.Re1 Rae8 17.Qf3 Ng7 18.Rab1 b6 19.Nd3 Nf5 20.Rxe6! Rxe6 (20...Kxe6 21.Nf4+ Kf7 22.Qxd5+ Kg7 23.Qxf5 fxg5 24.Qg6+ Kf8 25.Ne6+ Rxe6 26.Qxe6+-) 21.Qxf5+-]

[6...Nd7 invites 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Jones' notes to the game, Alekseev - Iturrizaga in the archives.]

7.Nge2 Nd7 8.Ng3 Bg6 9.Bg5

[9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Be2 Qa5! see Rendle's notes to the game 0-1

(48) Vachier Lagrave, M (2722)-
Vitiugov, N (2712) Paris/St Petersburg
2013]

[9.Be3 seems a popular choice
amongst the engines, but doesn't offer
much for White: dxc4 10.Bxc4

A) 10...Nb6 11.Be2 (11.Bd3
is principled but also leads to
approximate equality: Bxd3
12.Qxd3 Qd7 for instance 13.a4
Nbd5 14.0-0 Ng6 15.Bg5 Be7
16.Nge4 Nxc3 17.bxc3 Nxe5
18.Qg3 Ng6) 11...Ned5 12.Bg5
Be7 (12...Nxc3?! 13.bxc3 Be7
14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Bd3 Bxd3
16.Qxd3± 1-0 (30) Sengupta, D
(2548)-Omar, N (2355) Golden
Sands 2013; 12...f6 is probably
most accurate. Black would have
similar play to the Vachier-Lagrave
- Shengelia game in the event of
13.exf6 gxf6 14.Bd2 Qd7 15.Bxh5
Bxh5 16.Nxh5 0-0-0) 13.Nce4 f6
14.exf6 gxf6 15.Bd2 Qc7
16.Bxh5?! Bxh5 17.Nxh5 0-0-0
18.Qe2 1/2-1/2 (48) Vachier
Lagrave, M (2718) -Shengelia, D
(2546) Legnica 2013, now Black
can go ahead and counterattack
with Na4 with the idea that 19.b3
f5 is a mess which is practically
very favourable for Black.;

B) 10...Nf5 A simple solution.
11.Nxf5 Bxf5 12.Rc1 Be7 13.g3
Nb6 14.Bb3 Qd7 15.0-0 Nd5
16.Nxd5 exd5 1/2-1/2 (25)
Andriasian, Z (2621)-Swapnil, S
(2500) Abu Dhabi 2016]

9...Qb6

[9...f6 10.exf6 gxf6 11.Be3 Qb6
12.Rc1 was Sutovsky, E - Houska, J,
discussed later under the move order
9...Qb6 10 Rc1 f6 11 exf6 gxf6 12

Be3.]

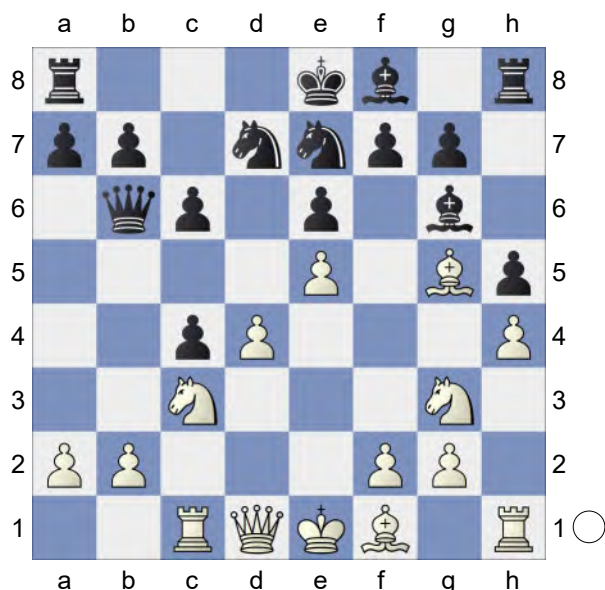
10.Rc1

[10.Qd2 dxc4 11.Bxc4 0-0-0 12.Na4
(12.Qe3?! Qxb2 13.0-0 Nb6 14.Bb3
Ned5 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.Qf3 Rd7 0-1
(46) Teran Alvarez, I (2430)-
Lenderman, A (2614) Caleta 2015;
12.Be3?! Qb4 13.Qe2 Nb6 14.Bb3
Ned5 15.Rc1 Be7 16.Qd2
0-1 (37) Ruiz Castillo, J (2390)-Roiz, M
(2595) Rockville 2015 Nxe3 17.fxe3
a5 1/2-1/2 (24) Rook, D (2436)-
Pfretzschner, R (2547) ICCF email
2012 (16...Nf6 17.b4 e5 18.Qe2
Rxd4 19.Be3 1/2-1/2 (23) Kouba, P
(2359) -Sykora, J (2367) ICCF email
2013 Rxh4?! 20.Bxa6 Rxb4 21.Nxb7
would be dangerous for Black.)]

10...dxc4

[A critical alternative is 10...f6 11.exf6
gxf6 12.Be3 Qxb2 13.cxd5 Nxd5
14.Nxd5 exd5 (14...cxd5?! 15.Bd3
Bb4+ 16.Kf1 Bxd3+ 17.Qxd3 Ke7
18.Rb1 Qc3 19.Qd1±) 15.Bd3 Qb4+
1-0 (53) Sutovsky, E (2633)-Houska, J
(2402) Douglas 2018 16.Kf1
(16.Ke2?! Bxd3+ 17.Qxd3 0-0-0
18.Rc3 Nb6 19.Rb1 Qa4 20.Bf4
Bd6 21.Bxd6 Rxd6 22.Rxb6
was too much from the aggressive
Israeli Grandmaster. Re8+ 23.Kf3
axb6 24.Ra3 Qc4 25.Ra8+ Kd7
26.Qh7+ Re7 27.Qxh5 Qxd4+
See further in the game 1-0 (53)
Sutovsky, E (2633)-Houska, J (2402)
Douglas 2018 for a painful swindle.)
16...Bxd3+ 17.Qxd3 0-0-0
My engine was spitting out 0.00 here
which left me a little bit suspicious so
I let it run for a while and it came up
with the natural 18.Bf4! giving a

slight advantage for White. I didn't want to delve too much deeper but hopefully this gives some direction to the reader. I'm guessing the 18...Re8 line is technically holding up for Black. Qa3 (18...Bd6?? 19.Rb1+-; 18...Re8 19.Kg1 Bd6 20.Rb1 Re1+ 21.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 22.Kh2 Qe6 23.Bxd6 Qxd6 24.Qf5±) 19.Qd1 Bd6 20.Nxh5]



11.Bxc4 Qb4! No other moves were satisfactory.

[11...Qxb2 12.0-0]
 [11...Nf5?! 12.Nxf5 Bxf5 13.0-0 Be7 (13...Qb4 14.Qe2 Be7 15.a3 doesn't help.) 14.Bxe7 Kxe7 15.Qd2 Rhd8 16.Na4 Qc7 17.Qg5+ Kf8 18.Qxh5 Kg8 1-0 (42) Sutovsky,E (2673) -Muzychuk,M (2540) Caleta 2018 19.Bb3 Nb6 20.Nc3±]
 [11...Nd5? 0-1 (70) Mitkov,N (2454)-Shimanov,A (2641) chess.com INT 2018 12.Bxd5! cxd5 (12...exd5 13.0-0) 13.0-0 f6 14.exf6 gxf6 15.Bf4 Kf7 (15...Be7 16.Na4 Qa6 17.Rc7+-) 16.Na4 Qd8 17.Qb3+-]
 [11...0-0-0 12.Na4 Qc7 13.0-0 f6? 1-0 (72) Tokhirjonova,G (2435)-

Gunina,V (2497) Khanty-Mansiysk 2018 (13...Kb8 14.Qb3 Nb6 15.Ne2→) 14.Bf4+-]

12.b3!

[12.Bb3 Rd8 13.a3 Qb6 14.Na4 Qa5+ 15.Bd2 Qa6∞ 1/2-1/2 (41) Tokhirjonova,G (2446)-Solozhenkina, E (2279) Caleta 2019]

12...Rd8?! Surprisingly, White has a large advantage after this move.

[12...b5 13.a3! (13.Be2 Nd5 14.a3 Nxc3 15.axb4 Nxd1 16.Kxd1 Bxb4 17.Rxc6 0-0 18.Bxb5 Rfb8 19.Bc4 Nb6±) 13...Qxa3 14.Be2 Qb4 15.0-0 Rd8 16.Bf3! Nxe5 17.dxe5 Rxd1 18.Rfxd1±]

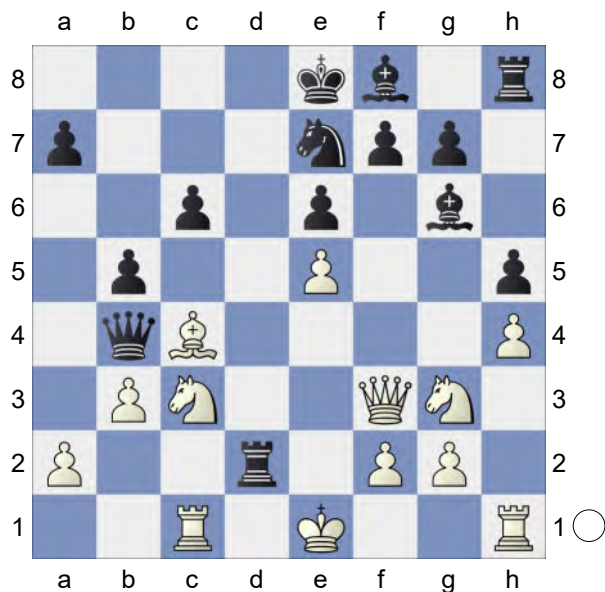
[Perhaps counter-intuitively, 12...0-0-0 might be the most testing variation. 13.a3 (13.Qf3 Nb6 14.a3 should probably be met with Qa5 which will transpose.) 13...Qa5 14.Qf3 Nb6 (14...Qxa3 15.0-0) 15.Nge2 Kb8 16.0-0 Rd7 There's lots of scope for analysis in this variation. A sample line is 17.Nb1!? Nxc4 (17...Ned5?? 18.Bd2+-) 18.bxc4 Nf5 19.Rfd1 Be7 20.Bxe7 Rxe7 21.Qf4 Rd7 still with a complicated battle to come.]

13.Qf3 b5

[13...Nb6 14.a3! Qxa3 15.0-0 Qb4 (15...Rxd4? 16.Nb5 cxb5 17.Bxb5+-; 15...Nxc4? 16.bxc4 Rxd4 17.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 18.Rxd1+-) 16.Nce4 Rxd4 17.Rfd1±]

14.Bd2! Nxe5 15.dxe5 Rxd2

(Diagram)

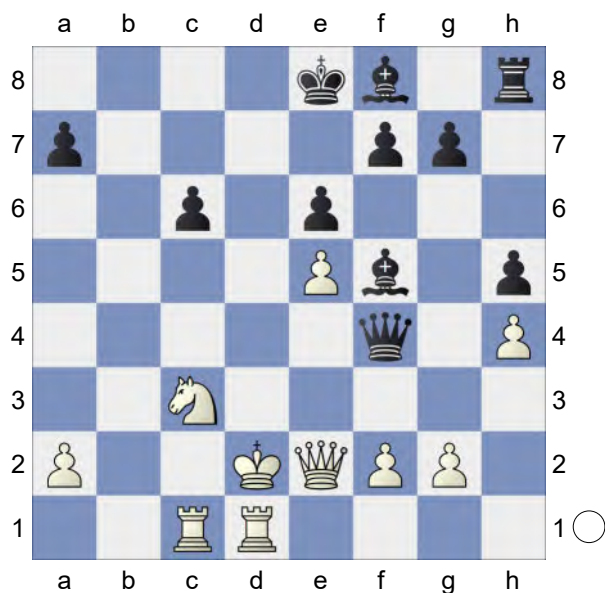


16.Kxd2 bxc4 17.bxc4 Qxc4 18.Rhd1 Nf5 19.Nxf5?

[Winning is the principled 19.Rb1 Qd4+ 20.Ke1 Qxe5+ 21.Nge2+-]

19...Bxf5 20.Qe2 Qf4+?

[Simply 20...Qxh4 21.g3 Qb4 22.Qa6 f6 is slightly preferable for Black.]

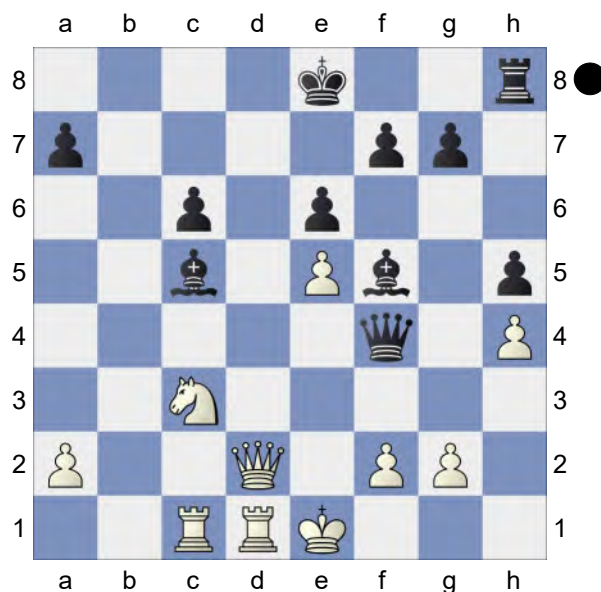


21.Ke1

[21.Qe3! Qxe3+ 22.Kxe3 Ba3 23.Ra1 (23.Nb5 Bxc1+ 24.Rxc1 Kd7 25.Rd1+ Kc8 26.Nd6+ Kc7)

23...Ke7 (23...Bb2 24.Rab1+-)
24.Ne4 Bb2 25.Rab1 Rb8 26.f3±]
21...Bc5 22.Qd2

[For some reason, the game ended here (I'm assuming he did not lose on time on move 22!) 22.Qd2 Qxe5+ 23.Ne2 0-0 24.Qf4 Qxf4 25.Nxf4 Bb6 26.Rxc6 g6 would have been defensible.]



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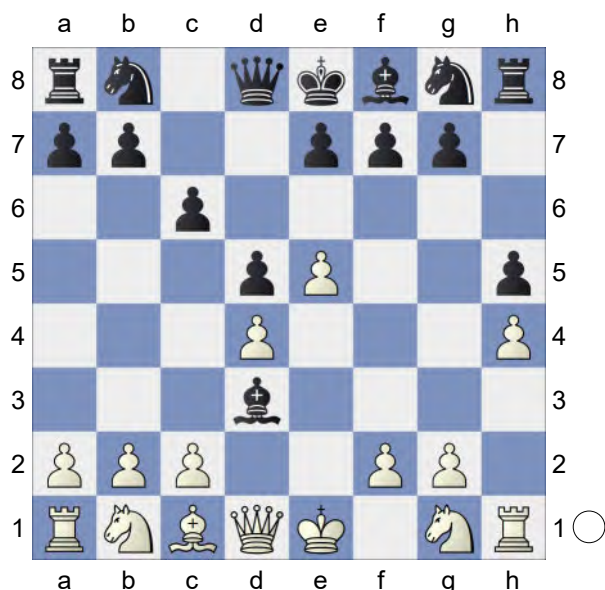
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Budapest One Week GM-B 12 (8)

[Kitty Kat]

B12**2419****2313****B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 **Qa5+!** outshines the older 6...e6.
 erfolgreicher als das alte 6...e6.

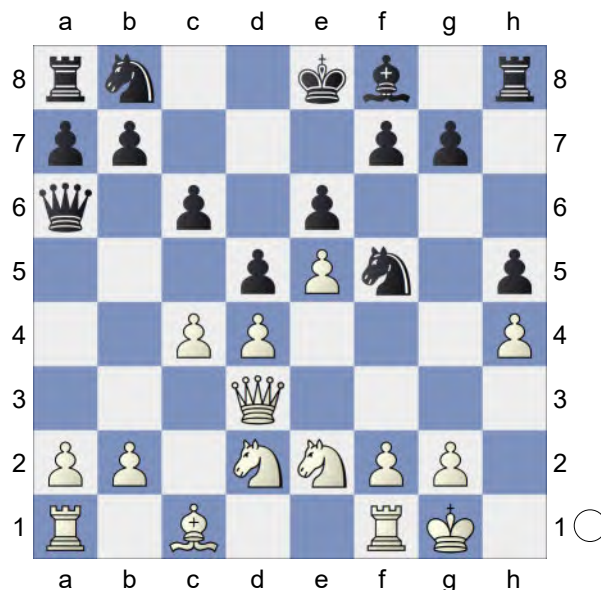
7.Nd2 Black must now prevent e6! **7...e6**

8.Ne2 White is slightly better. **8...Nh6**
0.53/23

[8...c5= **0.16/21**]

9.0-0 Qa6 10.c4 Nf5

(Diagram)



11.b3 next Nf3 is good for White.

[11.g3 c5 12.dxc5 Nd7 13.Nf4
 Nxe5 14.Qe2 Nxc4 15.Nxd5 Rc8
 16.Qxc4 Qxc4 17.Nxc4 exd5
 18.Re1+ Kd8 19.Ne5 Rc7 20.b4 b6
 21.Rb1 Kc8 22.Bf4 bxc5 23.bxc5
 Bxc5 24.Nxf7 Rxf7 25.Rb8+ Kd7
 1-0 (28) Chen,Q (2443)-Wang,Y
 (2677) CHN-ch Rapid 2024 (4)]

11...Be7N 0.48/17

[11...Nxb4= **0.01/20** 12.a4 Nd7]
 [11...c5 12.dxc5 Nc6 13.a3 Bxc5
 14.b4 Nxe5 15.Qb1 Nxc4 16.bxc5
 Nxd2 17.Bxd2 Qxe2 18.Qxb7 0-0
 19.Bf4 Qg4 20.Bd6 Nxb4 21.g3
 Nf3+ 22.Kg2 Qe4 23.Kh1 Ne1+
 24.f3 Nxf3 25.Rf2 Ne5+ 26.Rg2
 0-1 (40) Pape,J (2648)-Mladenov,P
 (2669) European Rapid Championship,
 Wroclaw 2014 Rfc8 27.Rf1 f6 28.Rf4
 Qe3 29.Rff2 Ng4 30.Re2 Qd3
 31.Re1 Ne3 32.Rge2 Nc2 33.Rxc2
 Qxc2 34.Rxe6 Qd1+ 35.Kh2 Re8
 36.Re7 Kh8 37.c6 Rac8 38.Qd7
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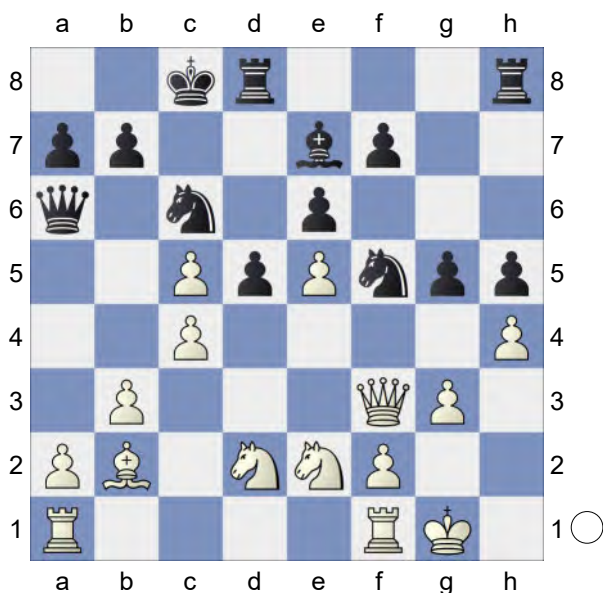
12.g3 -0.55/20

[Better is 12.Nf3± 0.48/17]

12...c5

[12...0-0 0.28/20 12...c5 -0.56
13.Qc2 -0.49/18 (13.Bb2= 0.28/20)
13...c5 14.Bb2 Nc6 -0.29/20
(14...cxd4! 15.Nxd4 Nxd4
16.Bxd4 Nc6) 15.dxc5 dxc4 16.Nxc4
Bxc5 17.a3 Rfd8 18.Rad1 Ncd4
0.00/28 (18...b5 19.Nd6
Bxd6 20.exd6 Rac8) 19.Nxd4 Bxd4
20.Bxd4 Nxd4 1-0 (30) Seviaan,S
(2660)-Triapishko,A (2506) PNWCC
Online blitz JP 11th 2020 (6)]

**13.dxc5 Nc6 14.Bb2 0-0-0 And now ...
dxc4 would win. 15.Qf3 g5**



16.hxg5 d4 0.27/18

[16...Bxg5 -0.28/20 17.cxd5 Bxd2
18.dxc6 bxc6]

17.Qe4? -1.42/19

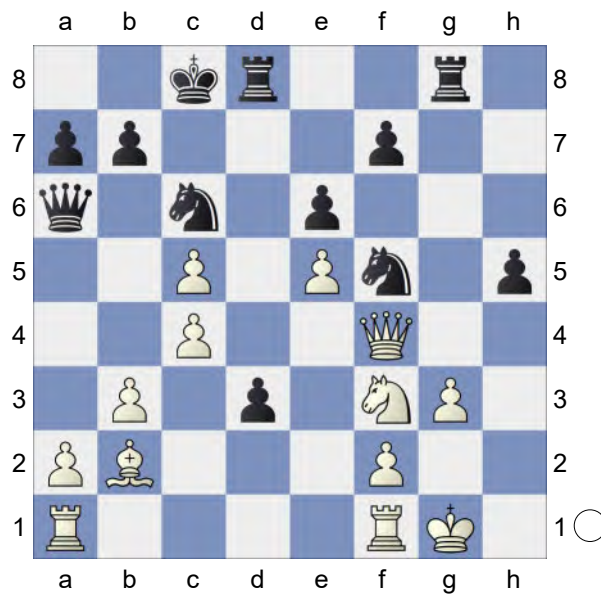
[17.Qf4= 0.27/18]

**17...d3! 18.Nf4 Bxg5 19.Nf3
Prevents Ncd4. 19...Bxf4 20.Qxf4
-3.40/18 Now White is beyond hope.**

[20.gxf4 -1.35/21 was the only
chance. Rhg8+ 21.Ng5]

20...Rhg8+

(Diagram)



21.Kg2? -5.43/21

[21.Nh2 -3.35/20 was called for.]

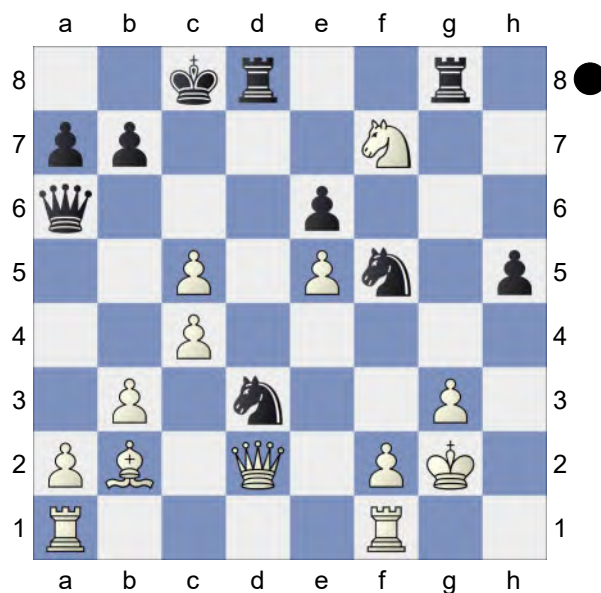
21...Nb4 22.Ng5 d2

[22...Nxa2 23.Kh2± (23.Nxf7 Rg4 24.Rg4 25.Rg4 26.Rg4 27.Rg4 28.Rg4 29.Rg4 30.Rg4 31.Rg4 32.Rg4 33.Rg4 34.Rg4 35.Rg4 36.Rg4 37.Rg4 38.Rg4 39.Rg4 40.Rg4 41.Rg4 42.Rg4 43.Rg4 44.Rg4 45.Rg4 46.Rg4 47.Rg4 48.Rg4 49.Rg4 50.Rg4 51.Rg4 52.Rg4 53.Rg4 54.Rg4 55.Rg4 56.Rg4 57.Rg4 58.Rg4 59.Rg4 60.Rg4 61.Rg4 62.Rg4 63.Rg4 64.Rg4 65.Rg4 66.Rg4 67.Rg4 68.Rg4 69.Rg4 70.Rg4 71.Rg4 72.Rg4 73.Rg4 74.Rg4 75.Rg4 76.Rg4 77.Rg4 78.Rg4 79.Rg4 80.Rg4 81.Rg4 82.Rg4 83.Rg4 84.Rg4 85.Rg4 86.Rg4 87.Rg4 88.Rg4 89.Rg4 90.Rg4 91.Rg4 92.Rg4 93.Rg4 94.Rg4 95.Rg4 96.Rg4 97.Rg4 98.Rg4 99.Rg4 100.Rg4 101.Rg4 102.Rg4 103.Rg4 104.Rg4 105.Rg4 106.Rg4 107.Rg4 108.Rg4 109.Rg4 110.Rg4 111.Rg4 112.Rg4 113.Rg4 114.Rg4 115.Rg4 116.Rg4 117.Rg4 118.Rg4 119.Rg4 120.Rg4 121.Rg4 122.Rg4 123.Rg4 124.Rg4 125.Rg4 126.Rg4 127.Rg4 128.Rg4 129.Rg4 130.Rg4 131.Rg4 132.Rg4 133.Rg4 134.Rg4 135.Rg4 136.Rg4 137.Rg4 138.Rg4 139.Rg4 140.Rg4 141.Rg4 142.Rg4 143.Rg4 144.Rg4 145.Rg4 146.Rg4 147.Rg4 148.Rg4 149.Rg4 150.Rg4 151.Rg4 152.Rg4 153.Rg4 154.Rg4 155.Rg4 156.Rg4 157.Rg4 158.Rg4 159.Rg4 160.Rg4 161.Rg4 162.Rg4 163.Rg4 164.Rg4 165.Rg4 166.Rg4 167.Rg4 168.Rg4 169.Rg4 170.Rg4 171.Rg4 172.Rg4 173.Rg4 174.Rg4 175.Rg4 176.Rg4 177.Rg4 178.Rg4 179.Rg4 180.Rg4 181.Rg4 182.Rg4 183.Rg4 184.Rg4 185.Rg4 186.Rg4 187.Rg4 188.Rg4 189.Rg4 190.Rg4 191.Rg4 192.Rg4 193.Rg4 194.Rg4 195.Rg4 196.Rg4 197.Rg4 198.Rg4 199.Rg4 200.Rg4 201.Rg4 202.Rg4 203.Rg4 204.Rg4 205.Rg4 206.Rg4 207.Rg4 208.Rg4 209.Rg4 210.Rg4 211.Rg4 212.Rg4 213.Rg4 214.Rg4 215.Rg4 216.Rg4 217.Rg4 218.Rg4 219.Rg4 220.Rg4 221.Rg4 222.Rg4 223.Rg4 224.Rg4 225.Rg4 226.Rg4 227.Rg4 228.Rg4 229.Rg4 230.Rg4 231.Rg4 232.Rg4 233.Rg4 234.Rg4 235.Rg4 236.Rg4 237.Rg4 238.Rg4 239.Rg4 240.Rg4 241.Rg4 242.Rg4 243.Rg4 244.Rg4 245.Rg4 246.Rg4 247.Rg4 248.Rg4 249.Rg4 250.Rg4 251.Rg4 252.Rg4 253.Rg4 254.Rg4 255.Rg4 256.Rg4 257.Rg4 258.Rg4 259.Rg4 260.Rg4 261.Rg4 262.Rg4 263.Rg4 264.Rg4 265.Rg4 266.Rg4 267.Rg4 268.Rg4 269.Rg4 270.Rg4 271.Rg4 272.Rg4 273.Rg4 274.Rg4 275.Rg4 276.Rg4 277.Rg4 278.Rg4 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23.Nxf7 -5.85/18

[23.Rfd1 -3.77/21 Qc6+
(23...Nxa2? 24.Rxd2 Rxd2
25.Qxd2+-) 24.Kh2]

23...Nd3 24.Qxd2

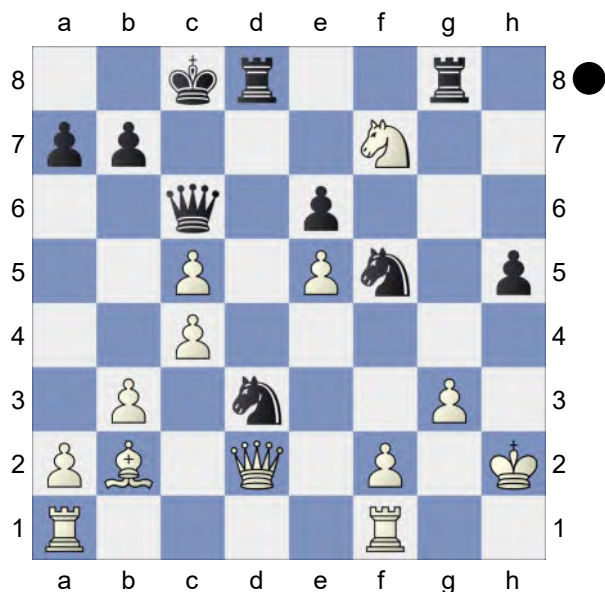


Qc6+

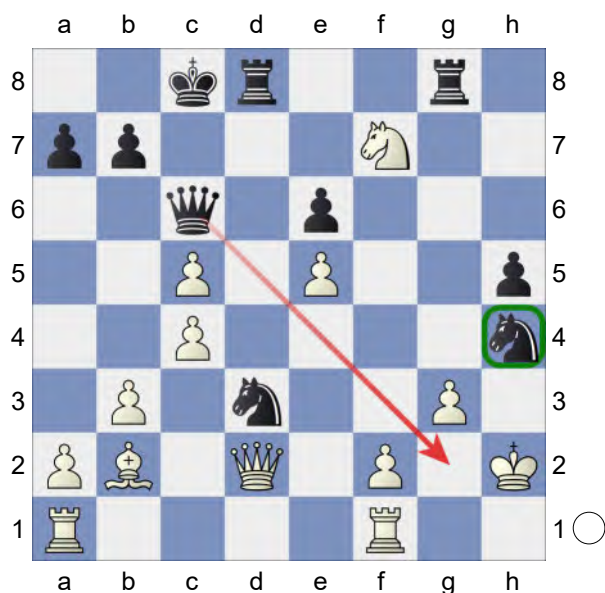
[24...Nxc5? 25.Nxd8 Rxd8
26.Qe2+-]
[Inferior is 24...Nh4+ 25.Kh3 Qc6

(25...Nxc5? perishes. 26.Nxd8 Rxd8
 27.Qe3+-; 25...Nf3? 26.Qe3+-)
 26.f3= (26.gxh4? Qg2#)]

25.Kh2

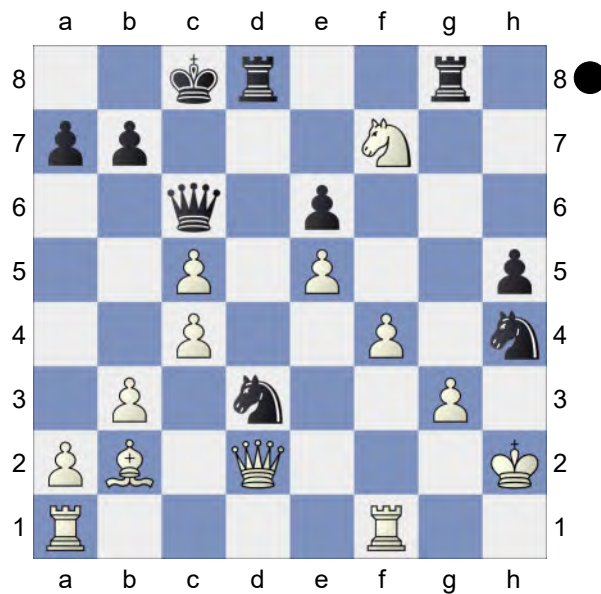


Nh4!



26.f4

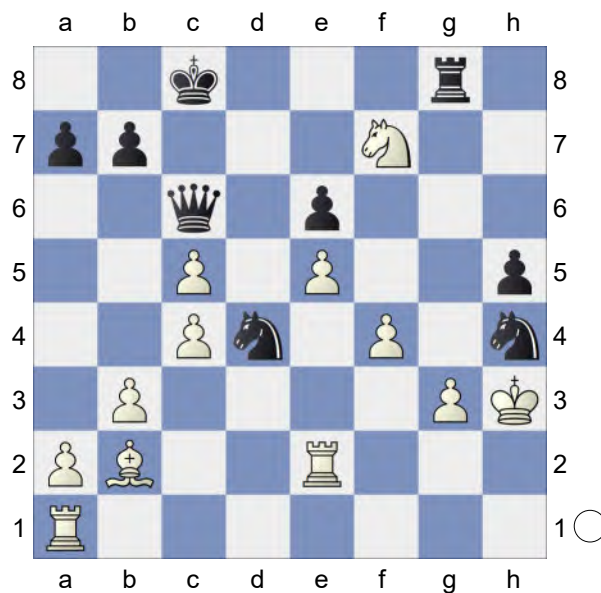
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Ne1! 27.Qe2

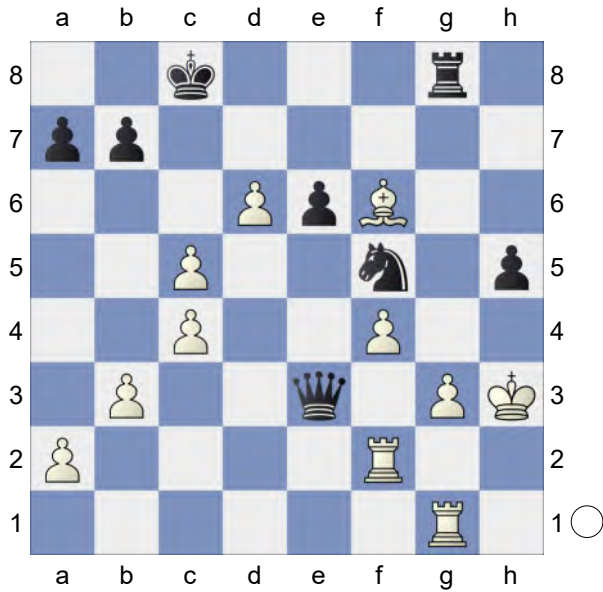
[27.Nxd8 Nef3+]

**27...Nef3+ 28.Kh3 Rd2 29.Rf2 Rxe2
 30.Rxe2 Nd4**

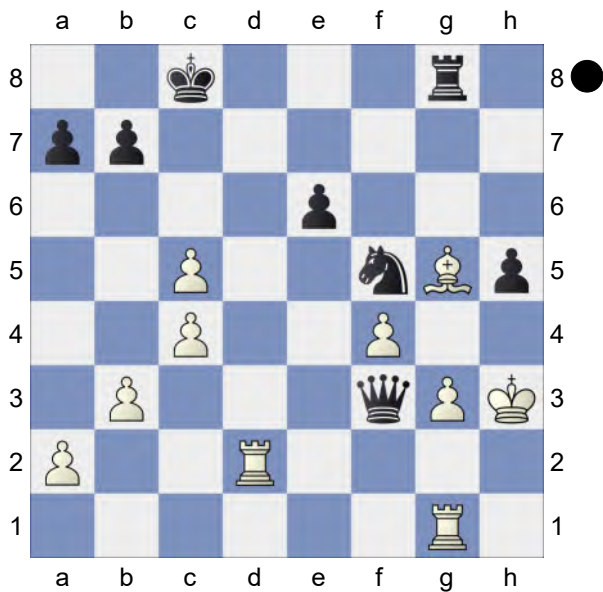


(-> ...Rxg3+) **31.Rf2 Nh5** A dynamic
 duo of knights. **32.Nd6+ Nxd6 33.exd6
 Nf5 34.Rg1 Qe4 35.Bf6 Qe3**

(Diagram)

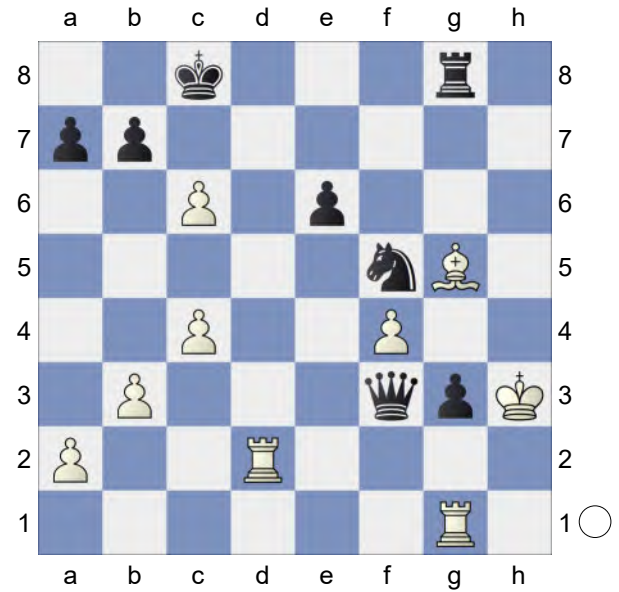


36.Rfg2 Qf3 ...h4! would now be deadly.
37.d7+ Kxd7 Hoping for ...h4! 38.Rd2+ Kc8 Black mates. 39.Bg5

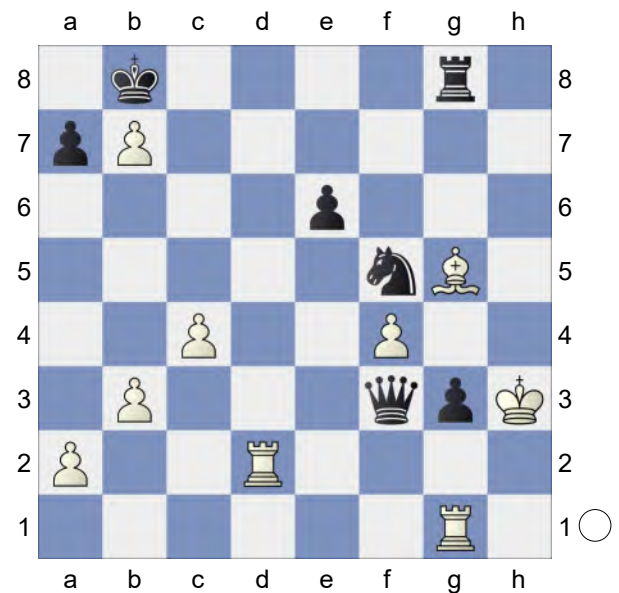


h4! 40.c6
[40.Rd8+ Rxd8]
40...hxg3

(Diagram)



41.cxb7+ Kb8

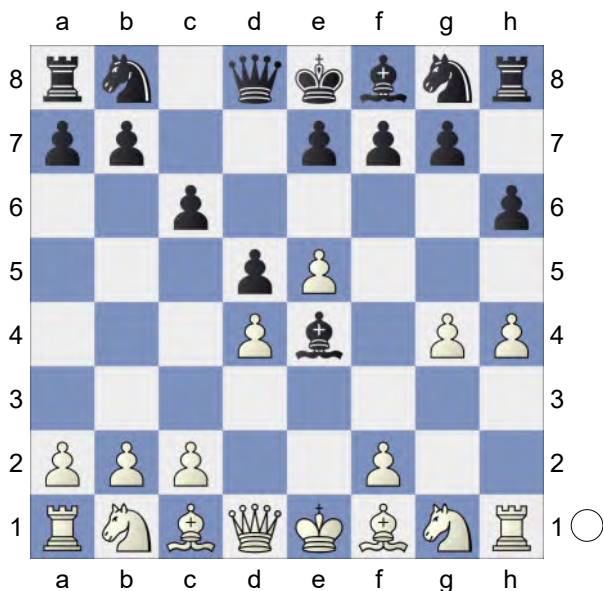


Weighted Error Value: White=0.96/
Black=0.38
0-1

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 □ **Harvey, Marcus** **2445**
 ■ **Tan, Justin** **2496**
 Engine Training game rapid 21.05.2020
 [Justin Tan]

Rapid 15min+2sec

This was a training game based on Dan's notes to the correspondence game, Leisebein, P - Markus, R. To make things interesting, the training session consisted of 6 games where Black was assisted by an engine (either LeelaZero or Stockfish). 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6 5.g4 Be4



6.f3 Bh7 7.e6 Qd6 8.exf7+ Kxf7 9.f4 Nf6 10.Bh3 c5

[We played two games in the line 10...Qe6+ 11.Kf1 Ne4 12.Kg2 h5 13.f5 Qd6 14.Qf3 hxg4 15.Bxg4

A) 15...Nf6 This game was perhaps the most suspicious from Black's perspective. For a long time, it followed the correspondence game annotated by Dan. 16.Nh3 Kg8 17.Ng5 Nxe4 18.Qxe4 Nd7 19.Ne6 Nf6 20.Qh3 c5!

A1) 21.dxc5 Qe5 22.Rf1 Qe2+
A1a) 23.Kg1?? Bxf5!!
 24.Rxf5 (24.Qxf5 Rxh4-+)
 24...Qxe6;
A1b) 23.Rf2 Qe4+ 24.Kg1
 Qe1+ 25.Qf1 (25.Rf1 Bxf5!!)
 25...Qe4=;
A2) 21.Nxc5?
A2a) 21...Rc8 22.Nc3 Rxc5!
 (22...e5) 23.dxc5 Qxc5=;
A2b) 21...e5! 22.fxe6
 (22.Ne6 Re8) 22...b6-+;
A3) 21.Nc3! Rc8 22.Bg5
 (22.Nxc5 Rxc5! 23.dxc5
 Qxc5=; 22.dxc5 Qe5↑)
 22...cxd4 23.Nxd4 Rc4 24.Rad1
 I really thought my opponent had
 a chance of winning this game.
 The position is truly disgusting
 for Black. g6 (24...e5
 was played in the
 aforementioned game. I felt the
 evaluation here was a bit too
 transparent for my opponent!)
 25.Rhe1 (25.Bxf6 is probably
 simplest. Qxf6 26.Qe3!+-)
 25...gxf5 26.Re6! (26.b3?!
 Rxd4 27.Rxd4 Bg7) 26...Qd7
 27.Bxf6? After this move, Black
 is better. (27.Nce2! Rxc2
 28.Kf1! kept some control over
 the position, although I have to
 say, it's still ridiculously confusing.
 For instance, Ng4 29.Re1+-
 is the only convincing
 continuation according to my
 engine...) 27...exf6 28.Nce2
 (Marcus may have overlooked
 28.Rxf6 Qg7+ 29.Qg3 Qxg3+
 30.Kxg3 Bg7=) 28...Kf7= with
 such a complicated,
 unstable pawn structure, I
 understood why the two bishops

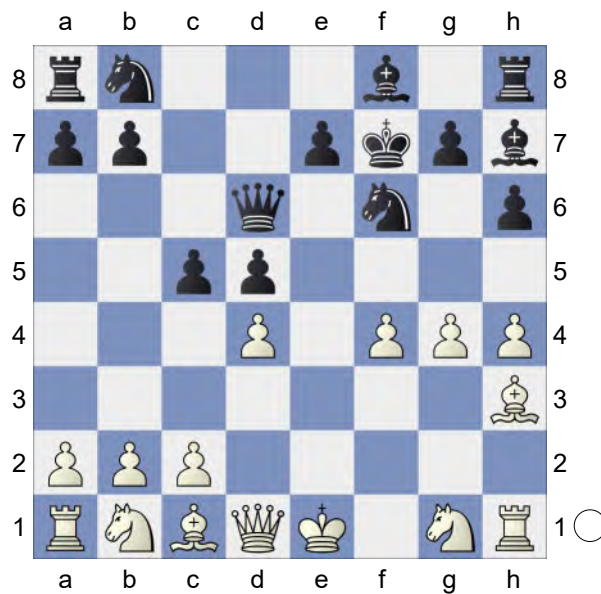
could be quite meaningful. 29.b3 Rg8+ 30.Kf1 Rc8 31.Nf4 Rg4 Harvey, M - Tan, J, Engine Training game (0-1);

B) 15...Nd7 16.Nh3 Kg8 17.Ng5 e6!? Really provocative stuff! Working with the engine, I learned that giving the opponent options can be a particularly deadly strategy.

B1) 18.Bf4! Qe7 (18...Qb4?? 19.f6 is completely resignable.) 19.fxe6 Ndf6 20.Nc3+-;

B2) 18.Nxe6 Already slightly inaccurate. 18...Ndf6 19.Bh3 Here's where the engine took over completely... (19.Nc3±) 19...Nh5!! 20.Nc3 (20.Qxh5 Qg3+ 21.Kf1 Qf2#) 20...Qg3+! 21.Qxg3 Nexg3 22.Bg5 Bxf5! Of course, not for a moment being tempted by the rook on h1. 23.Bxf5 Nxf5 At this point, my opponent thought he was fine. Perhaps surprisingly, he is clearly worse. 24.Rhf1 g6 25.Rae1 Bh6 Harvey-Tan, Engine Training game (0-1).]

(Diagram)



11.g5 Nc6!? This may have to be investigated further, but I hope this game serves as a reasonable starting point for those crazy enough to consider the piece sac. Dan alluded to the conclusion that this is objectively unsound. I'd be hard-pressed to disagree but White does have to be accurate. I only found one convincing way to give Black a hard time. Otherwise, his position really plays itself. **12.gxf6 Nxd4** [Dan gives 12...Re8 13.Nc3]

13.Rh2

[13.Na3 Be4! (13...exf6 14.c3 Be4 15.cxd4 Bxh1 16.Nf3 h5 17.Kf2 Bxf3 18.Qxf3±)

A) 14.Rh2 exf6 15.c3 Re8! 16.Kf2 (16.cxd4 Bc2+-+) 16...Nf5;

B) 14.c3 Bxh1 15.cxd4 Be4]

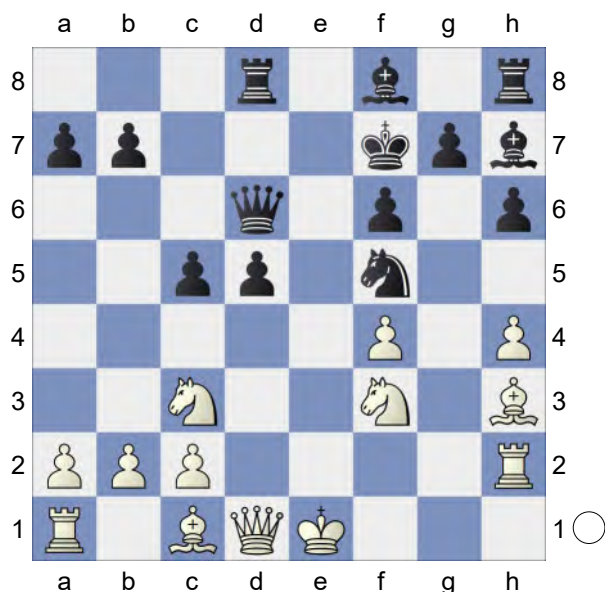
13...exf6 14.Nc3 Rd8!?

[I felt that 14...Re8+ forced White into playing good moves. 15.Kf1 Qa6+ 16.Kg2 Bxc2 17.Qh5+ g6 18.Qxd5+ Kg7 19.Nf3±]

15.Nf3

[15.Kf1 Qa6+!]

15...Nf5



16.Re2

[As mentioned above, I only found one effective solution: to contest the knight on f5. 16.Ne2! Qc6 17.Kf2 Bd6 18.c3 Rhe8 19.h5! (19.Qc2 Re4 20.Bxf5 Bxf5 21.Ng3 Qc8!; 19.Ng3 immediately is met by Nxc3 20.Kxc3 Re4 ∞ and Qc7 is coming, even if it means giving up the d5-pawn with check.) 19...Bc7 20.Ng3! Nxc3 21.Kxc3 Re4 22.Bf1 Qd6 23.Rh4 and White seems to retain a clear advantage. As I said, this all needs to be investigated in more detail, meaning my provisional assessment could be wrong - time will tell.]

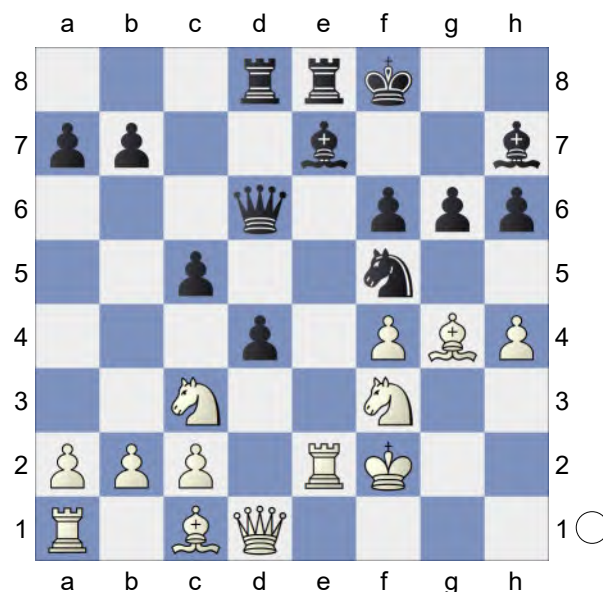
16...Be7 17.Kf2 Rhe8 18.Bg4?!

[18.Nb5! Qc6 19.c4! (19.Nxa7 Qa6 20.Nc8 Bf8 21.Rxe8 Kxe8 $\bar{f}$) 19...dxc4 20.Qc2 is not natural at all furthermore, Black probably holds after the brilliant Nxc4!! 21.Qxc4+ Kf8 22.Nxc4 Bd3 23.Bg2! Qxc4+ 24.Nxc4 Bxc4 25.Nc7 Bxe2 26.Kxe2 f5 27.Nxe8 Rxe8]

18...Kf8 19.Bh5 g6 20.Bg4

A completely logical course of action, but since the position was so dependent

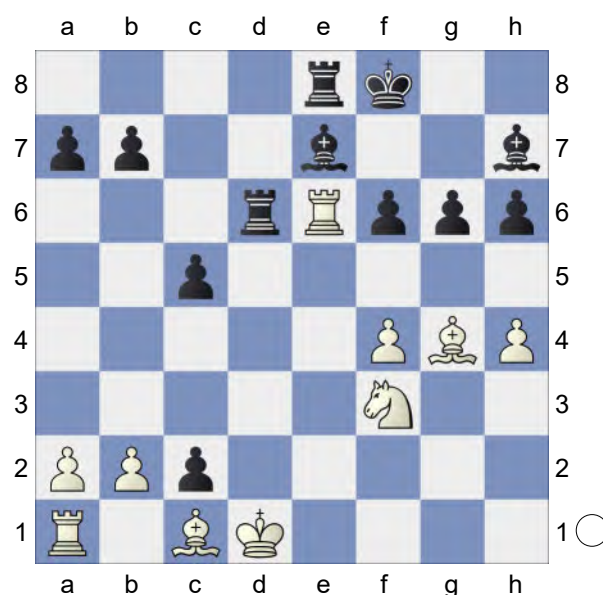
on time, the positional gain was not worth the tempo. **20...d4!**



21.Ne4 Ne3! 22.Nxd6 Nxd1+ 23.Ke1 Rxd6 24.Kxd1 d3! I don't know what this game taught us apart from the fact that humans are severely inexperienced in the field of complex positions! **25.Re6??**

[25.cxd3 f5! and finally, Black regains his piece. Black is by no means better though: 26.Bxf5 gxf5 27.Kc2 ∞]

25...dxc2+

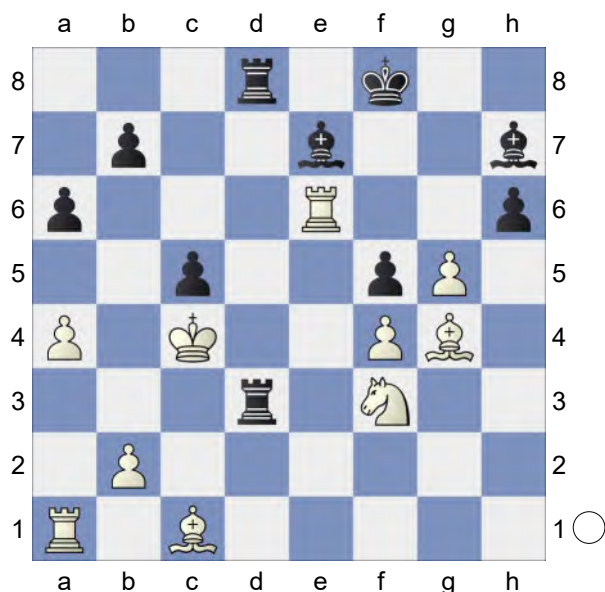


26.Kxc2 g5+ 27.Kc3 Rd3+ 28.Kc4 a6! 29.a4 Red8 It looks as though Black is setting up a mating net, however I think the main idea was rather to create the threat of ...f5 as well as ...Bg8. **30.hxg5** And here the previous point is confirmed:

[30.Ra3 Rxa3 31.bxa3 f5-+]

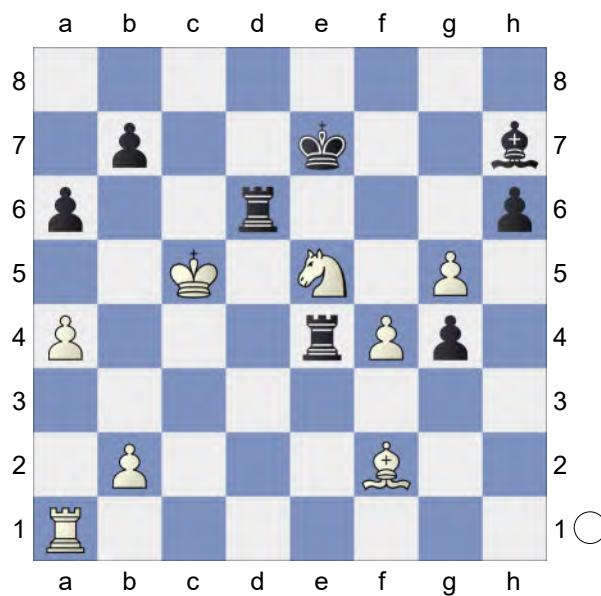
30...f5!!

[30...hxg5?? 31.Ra3 and in this version, White survives because of the concrete difference... Rxa3 32.bxa3 f5 33.Nxg5!]

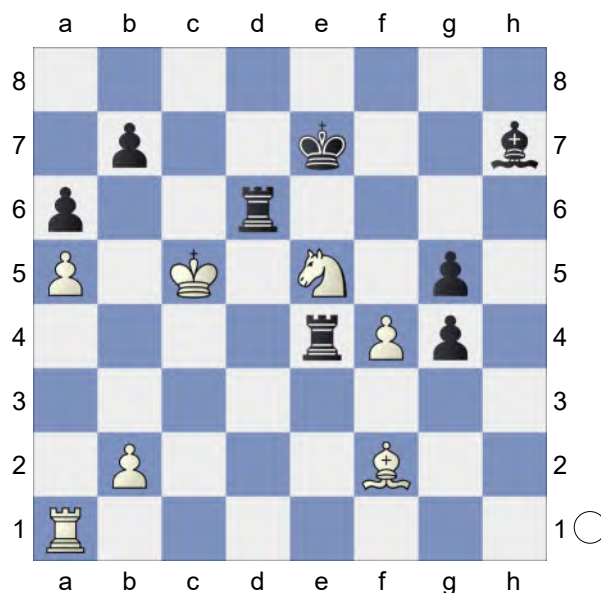


31.Rxe7 Kxe7 32.Ne5 R3d4+ 33.Kxc5 fxg4 34.Be3 Re4 35.Bf2 Rd6

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36.a5 hxg5



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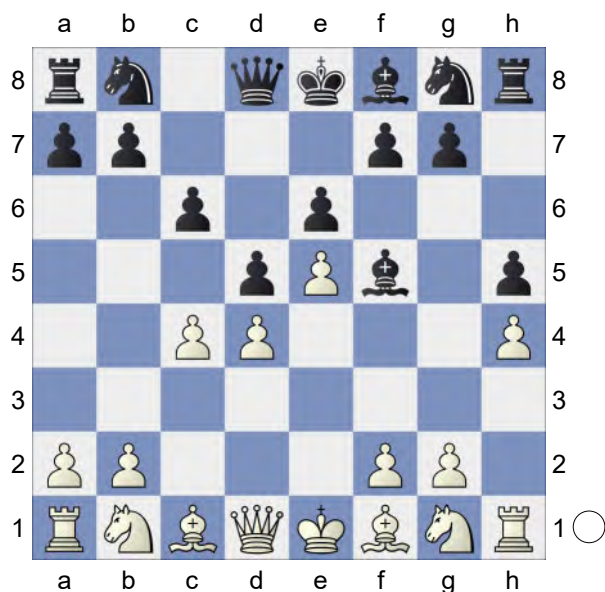
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[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.c4 e6



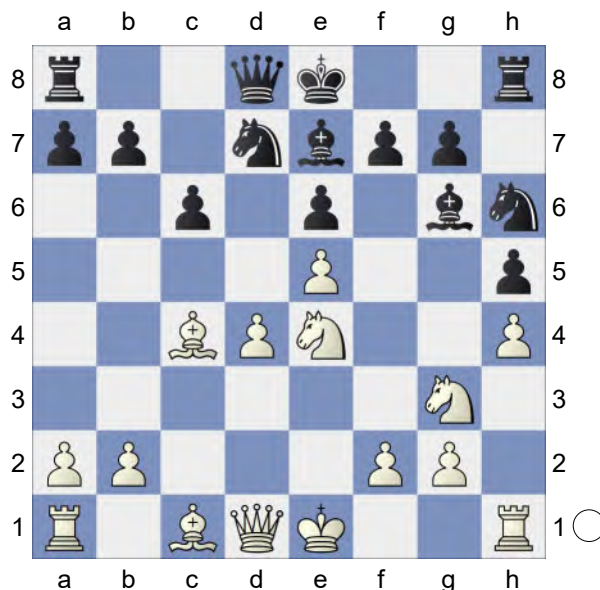
6.Nc3 dxc4! now scores much better than the old 6...Ne7. punktet besser als das ältere 6...Se7. 7.Bxc4 Nd7 8.Nge2 Be7 9.Ng3 Bg6 10.Nce4 -0.37/19

[White should play 10.Be2= 0.20/19]

[10.Nge4 Nh6 11.Bxh6 Rxh6 12.Qd2 Nb6 13.Be2 Nd5 14.Bf3 Qb6 15.g3 0-0-0 16.0-0 Kb8 17.Rfd1 Rhh8 18.Rac1 Bxe4 19.Nxe4 g6 20.Rc4 Rd7 21.Nc5 Bxc5 22.dxc5 Qc7 23.Qe1 Qd8 24.b4 g5 1-0 (45) Adams,M (2706)-K e y m e r , V (2 5 6 8) c h - Schachbundesliga 2020 (1.6)]

10...Nh6

(Diagram)



Black is slightly better. 11.Bg5 Bxe4
12.Nxe4 Nf5N

[12...Qa5+ 13.Kf1 Nf5 14.Rh3 Qb4 15.Rc3 Bxg5 16.hxg5 0-0-0 17.a3 Qe7 18.Rd3 Kb8 19.Qe2 Nb6 20.Ba2 Nxd4 21.Qd2 Nf5 22.Rd1 Nd5 23.b4 Qc7 24.Bxd5 Rxd5 25.Rxd5 cxd5 26.Nc5 Ka8 27.g6 0-1 (87) Huettl,W (1962)-C 07/16 (2365) corr CLW-01 bd1 2012 (5)]

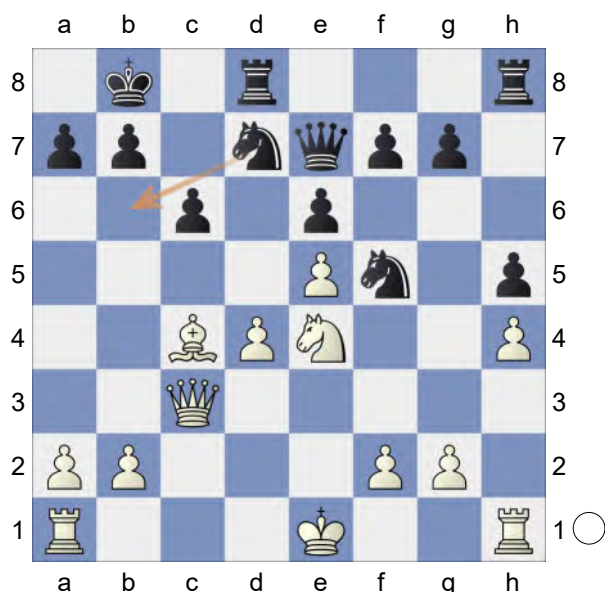
13.Bxe7N -1.08/20

[Predecessor: 13.Qb3! Black must now prevent Bxe6! Nxd4 14.Qc3 Bb4 1.11/21 (14...c5!= -0.21/20 keeps the balance.) 15.Bxd8± Rxd8 2.03/19 (15...Bxc3+± 1.10/24 might work better. 16.bxc3 Nc2+ 17.Kd1 Na3) 16.Nd6+- Kf8 17.0-0-0! Bxc3 18.bxc3 Nf5 ...Nxd6 would now be deadly. 19.Nxf5 1.13/16 (19.Nxb7+- 2.06/24 Ke7 20.Nxd8 Rxd8 21.Rde1) 19...exf5 1-0 Baghdasaryan,V (2267)-Srihari,L (2404) Chennai op 13th 2022 (5)]

[13.Qb3!± -0.40/19 Qa5+ 14.Bd2]

13...Qxe7± 14.Qd2 Wards off Qb4
14...0-0-0 Threatens to win with ...Nxe5!
15.Qc3 Kb8

[15...Nxb4 16.Ba6 Nb8 (16...bxa6
17.Qxc6+ Kb8 18.Nd6=) 17.Nd6+
Rxd6 18.exd6 Nxb4+ 19.Kf1 Qxd6
20.Bxb7+ Kxb7 21.Kxg2=]



16.0-0-0 Nb6 17.Bb3 Nxb4 18.Nd6
-1.28/19

[18.Qc5!± -0.50/20 Nf5 19.Qxe7
Nxe7 20.Ng5]

18...g6!

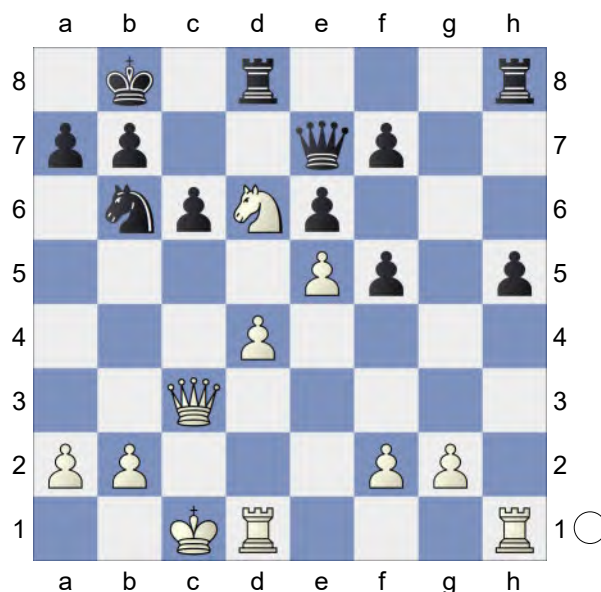
[18...Nxb4 19.Qg3±]

19.Bc2 Against Nf5 19...Nf5

[19...Nxb4 20.Qg3±]

20.Bxf5 gxf5

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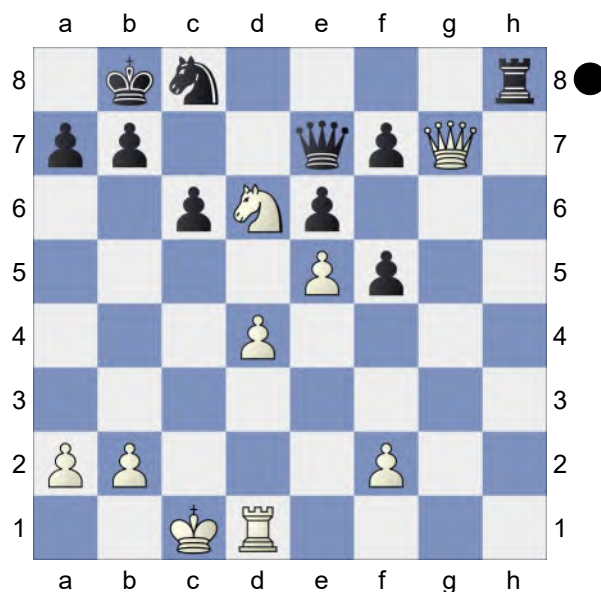
21.Qf3 -1.95/23

[21.Kb1± -1.57/22]

21...h4 22.g4 hxg3

[But not 22...Qg5+ 23.Kb1 Rxd6
(23...Qxg4? too greedy. 24.Qxg4
fxg4 25.Nxf7+-; 23...fxg4 24.Qxf7
Rd7 25.Qxe6=) 24.exd6=]

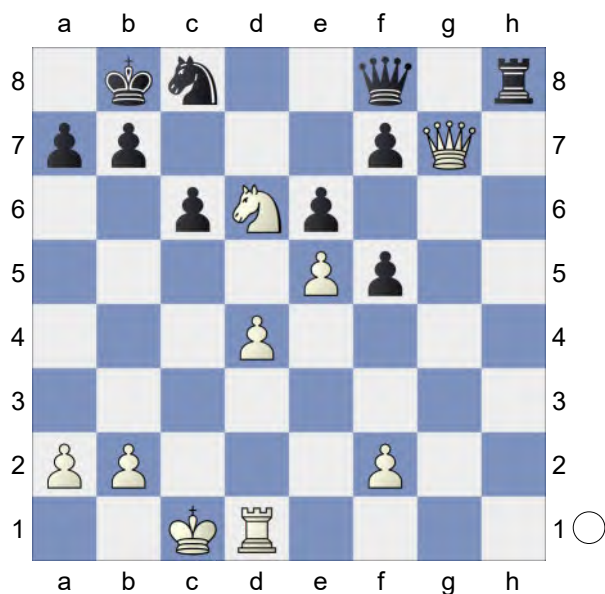
23.Rxh8 Rxh8 24.Qxg3 Nc8! 25.Qg7



Qf8 -1.05/24

[25...Rf8!-+ -1.78/23 26.Nc4 Rd8]

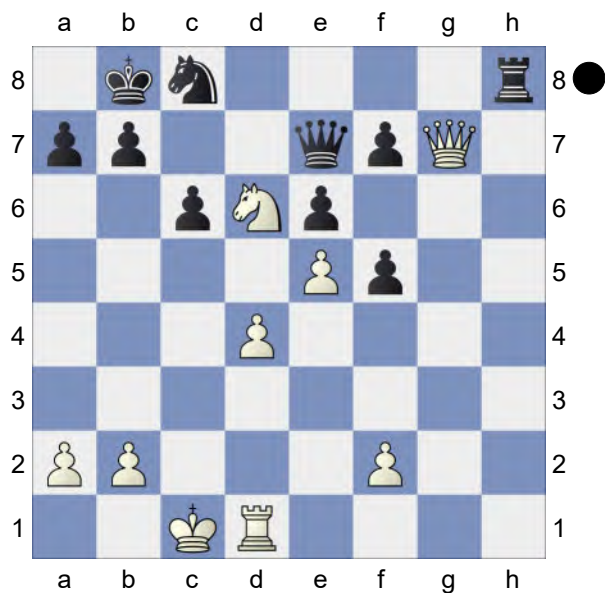
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26.Qg3 -1.91/22

[26.Qxf8 -1.05/24 was called for.
Rxf8 27.Nc4]

26...Qe7 27.Qg7



Rf8 28.Nxc8 -2.46/22

[28.Nc4 -1.76/19]

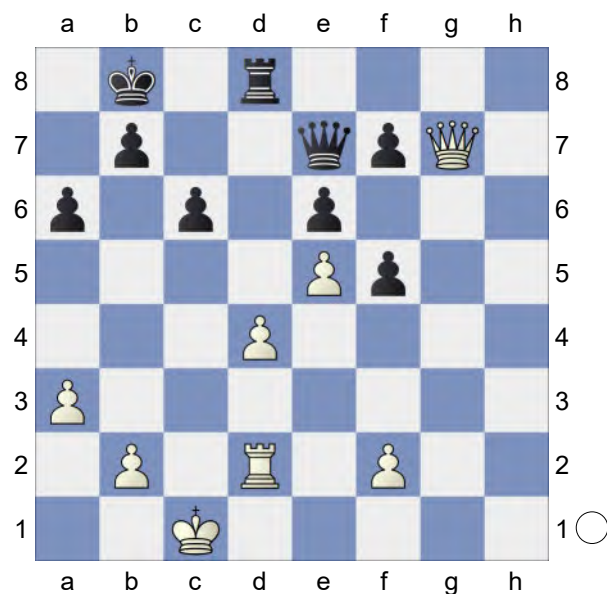
28...Rxc8+ Endgame. KQR-KQR 29.a3

Rd8 30.Rd2 -3.71/21

[30.Qg3 -2.56/19 keeps fighting.]

30...a6

(Diagram)



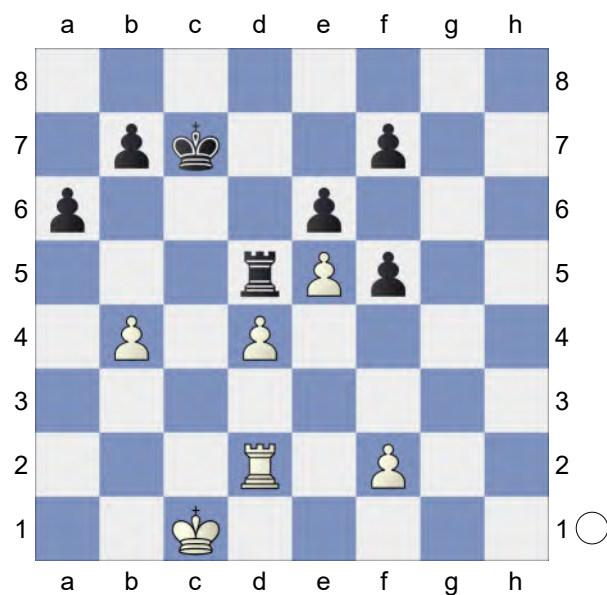
Strongly threatening ...c5. 31.Qg3 Rd5

32.Qc3 -3.50/20

[32.Kd1 -2.39/19]

32...c5 33.b4 cxb4 34.axb4 Qc7

35.Qxc7+ Kxc7



KR-KR 36.Kb2 -3.54/25

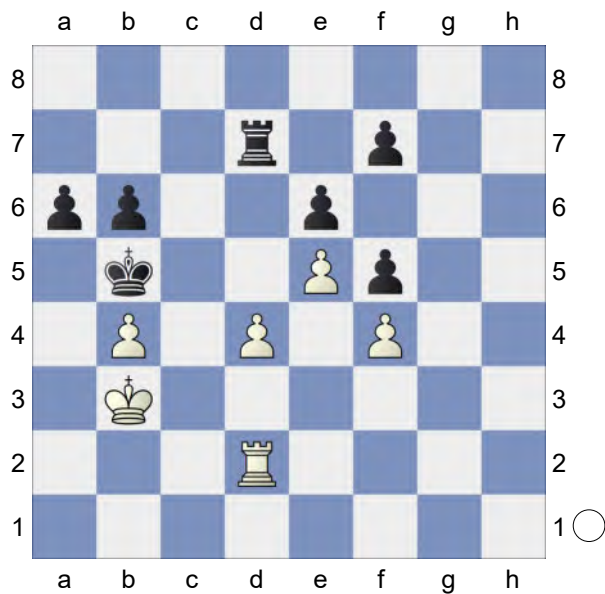
[36.Kc2 -2.52/22]

36...Kb6 37.Kb3 Kb5 38.f4 -4.86/23

[38.Kc3 -3.33/21 is a better defense.]

**38...Rd8 Black is clearly winning. 39.Rd1
b6 40.Rd2 Rd7**

(Diagram)

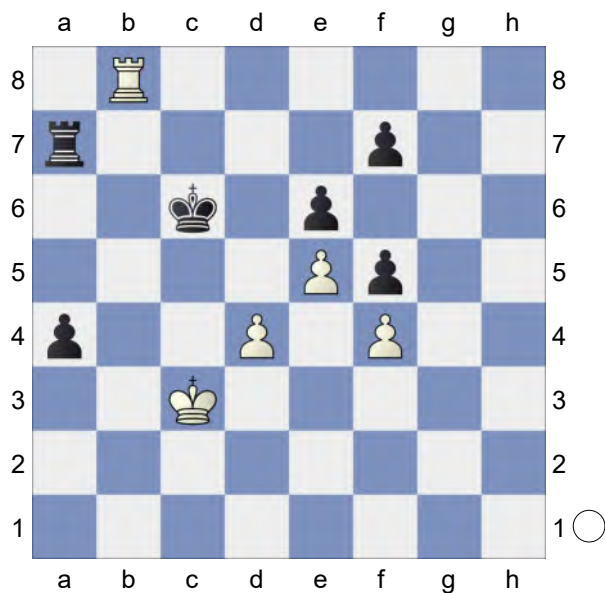


41.Rd1 -6.02/20

[D41.Kc3 -4.29/19]

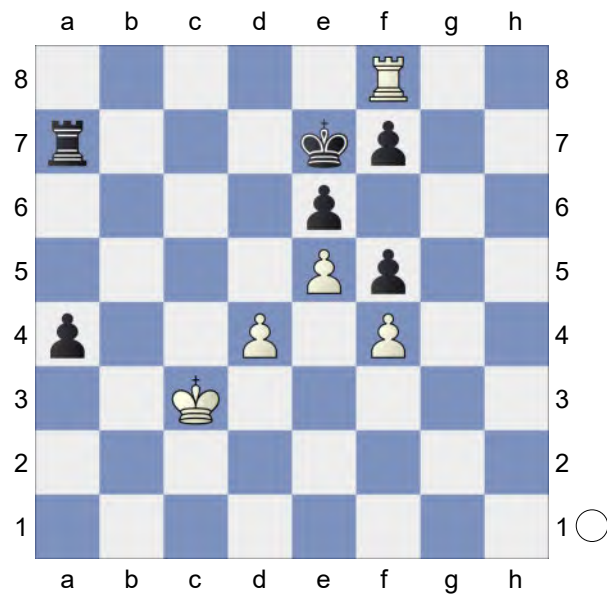
41...a5 42.bxa5 bxa5 43.Kc3 a4

44.Rb1+ Kc6 45.Rb8 Ra7



Inhibits Ra8. 46.Rc8+ Kd7 47.Rf8 Ke7

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/
Black=0.17 (very precise)

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[Justin Tan]

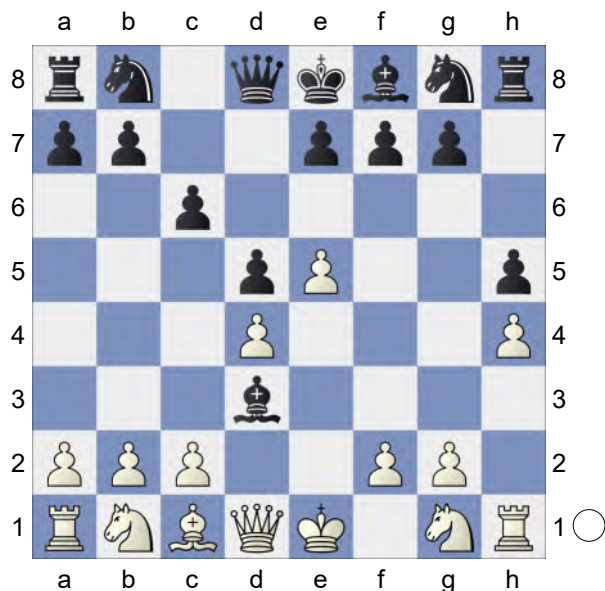
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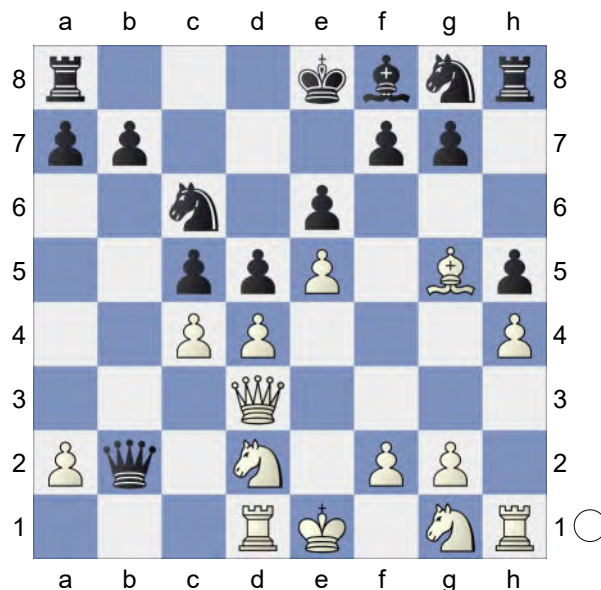
Rapid 15min+2sec

This was a training game based on Dan's notes to the correspondence game, Nilsson, L - Zuppe, M. To make things interesting, the training session consisted of 6 games where Black was assisted by an engine (either LeelaZero or Stockfish). 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 e6 7.Bg5 Qb6 8.Nd2 c5 9.c4 Qxb2 10.Rd1 Nc6

(Diagram)



11.Ne2 Nge7!?

[11...Nb4 can now be regarded as the main move., covered by Dan in the aforementioned correspondence game.]

12.0-0 cxd4

[12...Nxd4?! 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Nxd4 cxd4 (14...Qxd4?? 15.Qb5# would be a little embarrassing.) 15.Ne4 Qb6 16.Rb1 Qa6 17.Qxd4↑]

13.Rb1

[13.cxd5! Nxd5 14.Nc4 Qxa2 15.Nxd4 Nxd4 (15...Ndb4 16.Qc3 Nd5 17.Nb5!±) 16.Qxd4 b6 17.Nxb6 (Ravi pointed out that 17.Rd2!?! Qa6 18.Ne3 Bc5 19.Nxd5 exd5 20.Qxd5 0-0 21.Rd3 is all zeros to the engines but could be worth a punt. The rook swings across to the kingside and the dark squares will definitely be a little vulnerable.) 17...axb6 18.Ra1 Bc5! 19.Rxa2 Rxa2 20.Qc4 Ra5 21.Bd2 Ra7 22.Qb5+ Kf8 23.Rc1 Rc7 1/2-1/2 (46) Roques,P (2371)-Sharpe, S (2330) ICCF email 2017 and I don't think it's too early to claim that Black has a fortress.]

13...Qxa2 14.Ra1?!

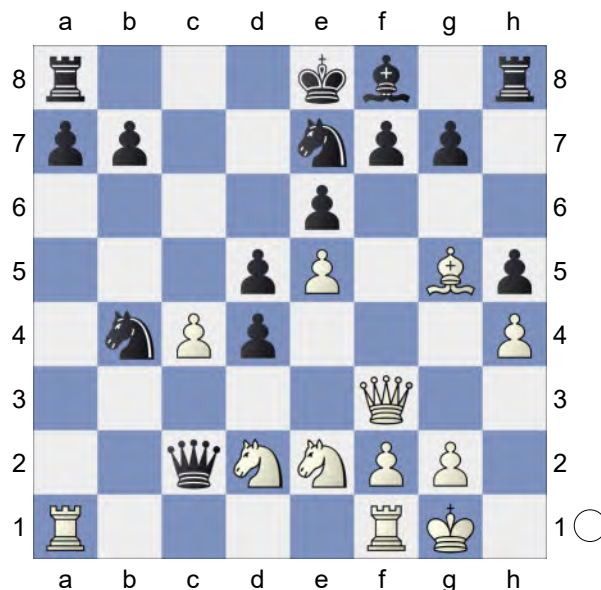
[14.Rxb7 was objectively best. Nxe5

A) 15.Qg3 Nf5!! sets up a shocking queen trap that I completely overlooked. (15...f6 16.Nxd4! Qa6 17.Rfb1±) 16.Qxe5 Bd6;

B) 15.Qxd4 N7c6 16.Qc3 Qa5∞ 17.cxd5 exd5 18.Qb3 Bd6 19.Ng3 I have to confess, I find such positions hard to understand. The engine gives the position as dead equal after 0-0 20.Nf5 Bb4 although to me, it looks like White is two pawns down... Again, it all comes down to concrete chess which is illustrated by the engine line 21.Nf3! d4 22.Nxg7!? Kxg7 23.Qe6 Kg8 24.Qh6 Nxf3+ 25.gxf3 Qf5 26.Bf6 Qg6+ 27.Qxg6+ fxf6 28.Rg7+ Kh8 29.Rf7+ Note that for most players, I think it's reasonable to be left with this slight confusion at about the point I was confused. Knowing the evaluation in those positions is probably adequate, rather than trying to memorise somewhat indigestible assemblages of engine draws.]

14...Nb4! 15.Qf3 Qc2

(Diagram)



16.Nxd4 Qd3 I was uncomfortable here, although White is certainly still in the game here. **17.Nb5?** A critical error.

[17.Be3! Nec6 (17...Ng6 18.Rfb1! is a smooth response. White threatens to win with Rb3 and on Nxe5 19.Qg3 White's queen will infiltrate into c7.) 18.Nb5

A) 18...Kd7 19.Rfd1 (19.Qxf7+?! Be7 is unnecessary.) 19...Nxe5 20.Qf4 f6 21.Bd4 with a strange situation in the centre of the board, but White does boast an initiative.;

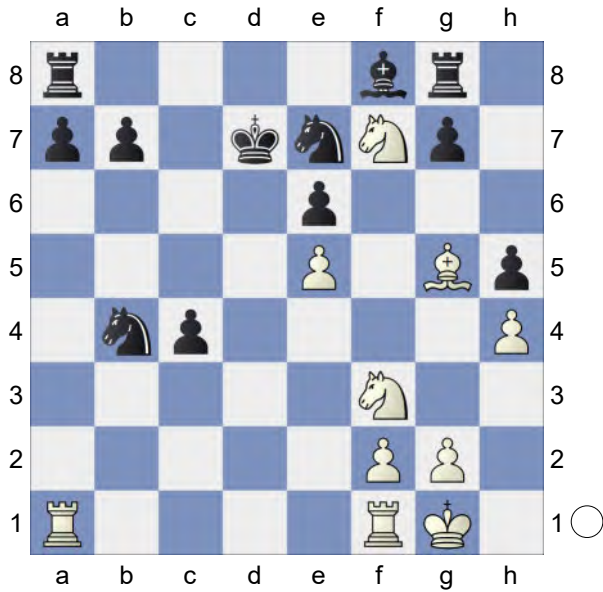
B) 18...Rc8 19.Nxa7 Rd8 with an unclear position.]

17...Qxf3 18.Nxf3 Kd7 If this were a one pawn deficit, White's position may have been playable. As it stood however, it was foolish to enter this. **19.Nd6 dxc4-+**

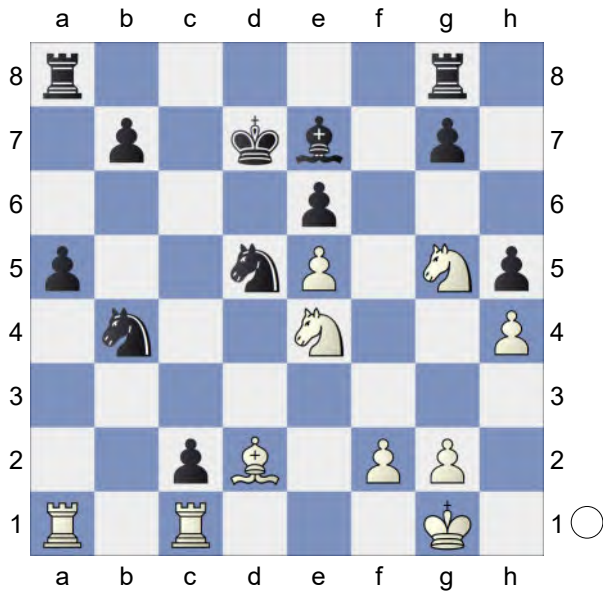
[19...f6 20.exf6 gxf6 21.Bxf6 Rh6 22.Bc3=]

20.Nxf7 Rg8

(Diagram)

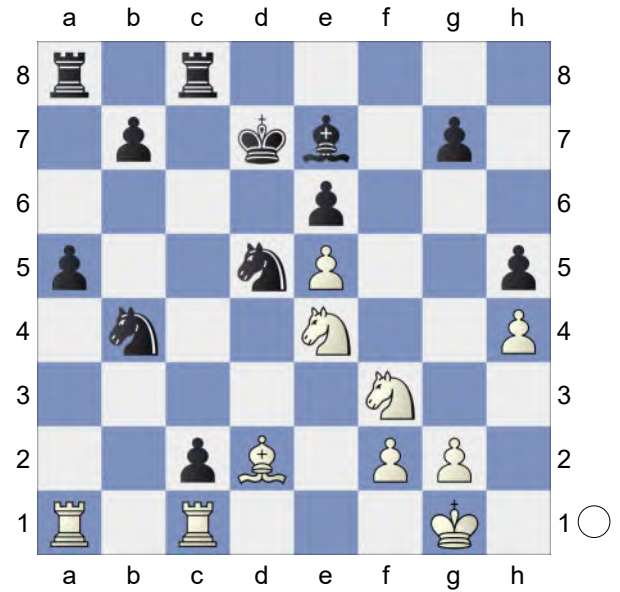


21.Nd2 c3 22.Ne4 Ned5 23.Rfc1 c2
24.Bd2 a5 25.Nfg5 Be7



26.Nf3 Rgc8

(Diagram)



White resigns.
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[Justin Tan]

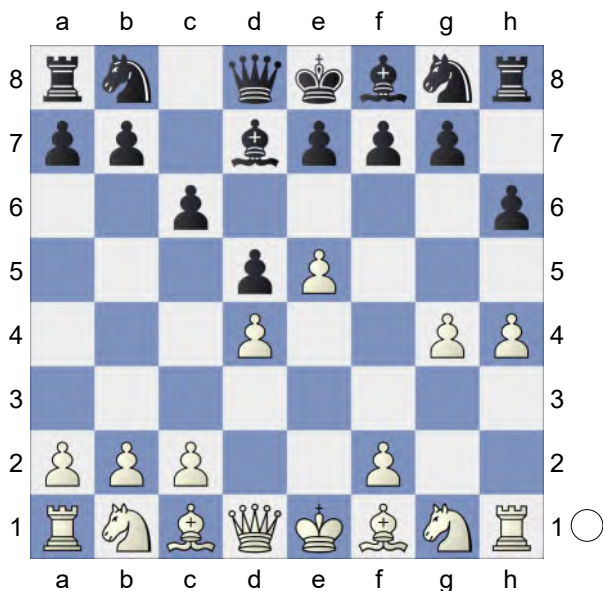
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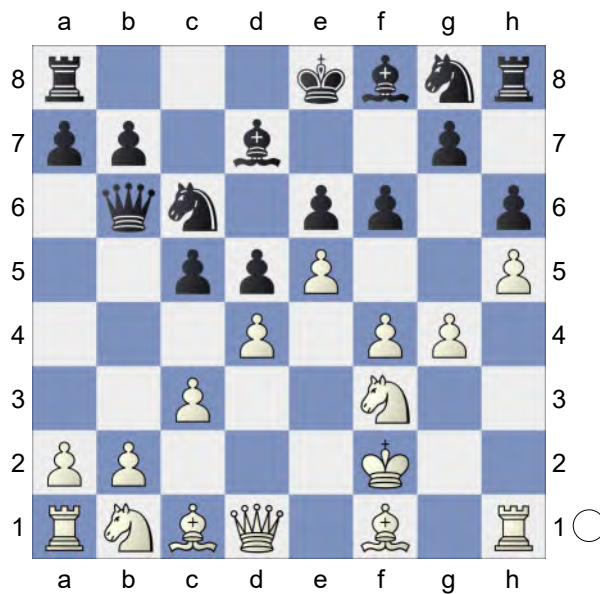
Rapid 15min+2sec

This was a training game based on Dan's notes to the correspondence game, Biedermann-Scheiba. To make things interesting, the training session consisted of 6 games where Black was assisted by an engine (either LeelaZero or Stockfish). 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6 5.g4 Bd7



6.h5 e6 7.f4 c5 8.c3 Qb6 9.Nf3 Nc6
10.Kf2 f6

(Diagram)



11.Kg2 It was at this point we decided Black can switch on his engine.

11...0-0-0

[The stunning 11...g5!? was recommended by Leela. 12.hxg6 fxe5 13.dxe5 Nge7 14.Na3!? This is a subtle move. White wants to force the queens off with Qb3, but the immediate 14.Qb3 is answered with 14...Qc7. After 14.Na3, that isn't really an option as the knight jumps into b5 with tempo. (14.Bd3 Rg8 15.Nh4 0-0-0↑ This may be a generous assessment for White, he has to be quite careful not to get crushed in the centre of the board.; 14.Qb3 Qc7!) 14...Nxc6 (14...0-0-0 15.Qb3) 15.Qb3 Qc7 16.Nb5 Qb8 17.c4!±]

12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.b4 Be3

[13...Be7 is discussed by Dan.]

14.b5

[I rejected 14.Bxe3 Qxe3 15.Qd2 as it seemed unnecessary to allow Qb6 This was the correct evaluation. For instance,

A) 16.b5 Na5 17.Qf2 Bxb5!? is incredibly risky, but I haven't been able to refute it. 18.Bxb5

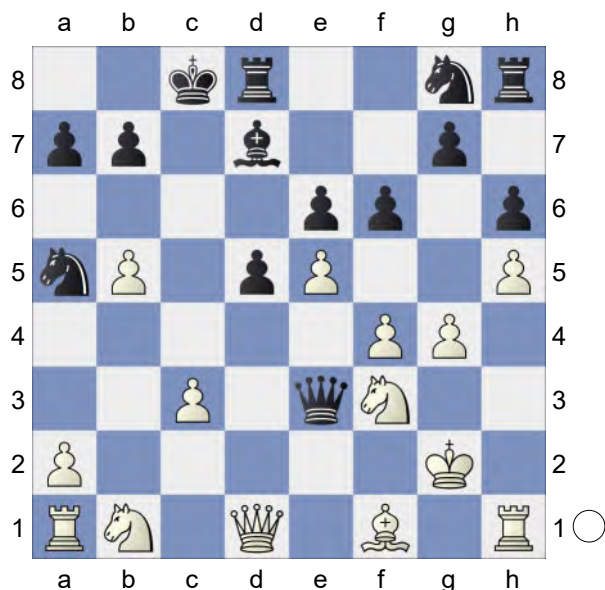
Qxb5 19.Na3

A1) 19...Qb6 20.Nd4 (20.Qxb6 axb6 21.Rhe1±);

A2) 19...Qa6;

B) 16.a4 fxe5 17.fxe5 Qc7]

14...Na5 15.Bxe3 Qxe3



16.Qd4 Qxd4 17.cxd4 Kb8 18.Nbd2

[Ravi told me the strongest move according to Leela was 18.Bd3!

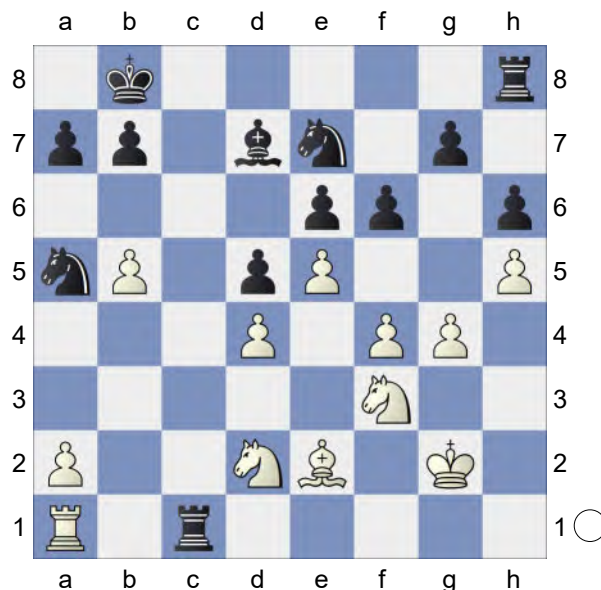
A) 18...Nc4 19.a4↑ (19.Bxc4 dxc4 20.Nc3 Ne7);

B) 18...Rc8 19.Re1 essentially ignoring the c-file and playing for f5. It's interesting that I didn't really consider this, probably because of the nagging (but admittedly human) fear about the undeveloped pieces.]

18...Rc8 19.Be2

[I rejected 19.a4 on the grounds that Black would have full control over the c-file after Rc3 20.Be2 Ne7 21.Rhc1 Rhc8 22.Rxc3 Rxc3 however, again I attached too much wait to the value of that file, where I should have valued the strength of my kingside space advantage: 23.exf6 gxf6 24.g5!±]

19...Ne7 20.Rhc1 Rxc1



21.Rxc1 f5! Unexpected but an important defensive resource to keep in mind. **22.g5 Nc4!** I started getting a bit concerned here. It took me a bit of time to adapt to the dynamics of Black's last two moves. **23.a4!**

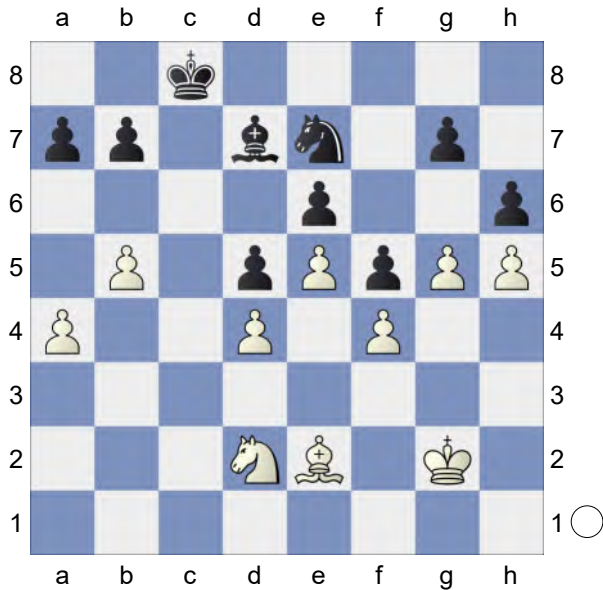
[23.Nxc4 Bxb5 24.Nd6!? Bxe2 25.Rg1! was pointed out by Ravi. The idea is an impressive one. Nc6 26.Kf2 Bxf3 27.Kxf3 Nxd4+? (Black is still fine after 27...hxc5 28.Rxc5 Kc7!? This is the kind of thing which impresses me. 29.Rxc7+ Kb6 30.Rxb7+ Ka6=) 28.Ke3 and Black is in serious trouble. For example Nc6 29.gxh6 Rxh6 30.Rxc7 Rxh5 31.Rxb7+ Note that if Black's king could jump to a6, he would be completely fine. Ka8 32.Rc7]

23...Nxd2 24.Nxd2 Rc8 25.Rxc8+

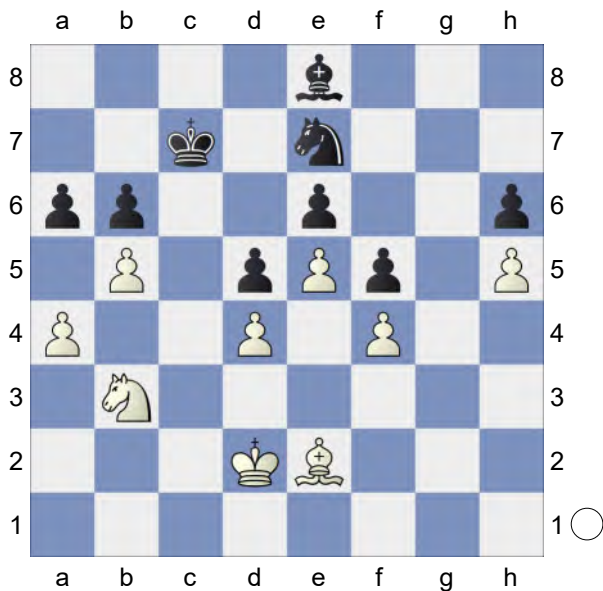
[25.Rg1!? Rc2 26.gxh6 gxh6 27.Kf2 Rxd2 28.Rg7 Be8 29.Ke3! (or 29.Ke1) 29...Rxe2+ 30.Kxe2 Bxh5+ 31.Ke3=]

25...Kxc8=

(Diagram)

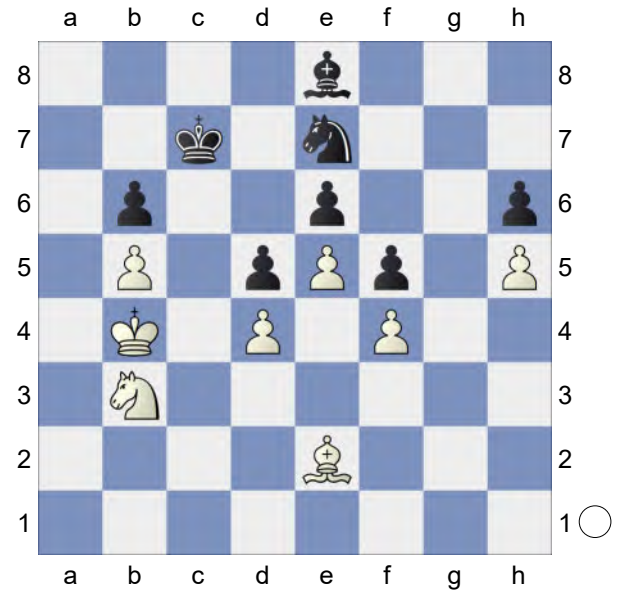


My engine says this is clearly better for White but this can be ignored, Black has a stable fortress here. **26.gxh6 gxh6 27.Kf2 Be8 28.Ke3 Kc7 29.Nb3 b6 30.Kd2 a6**

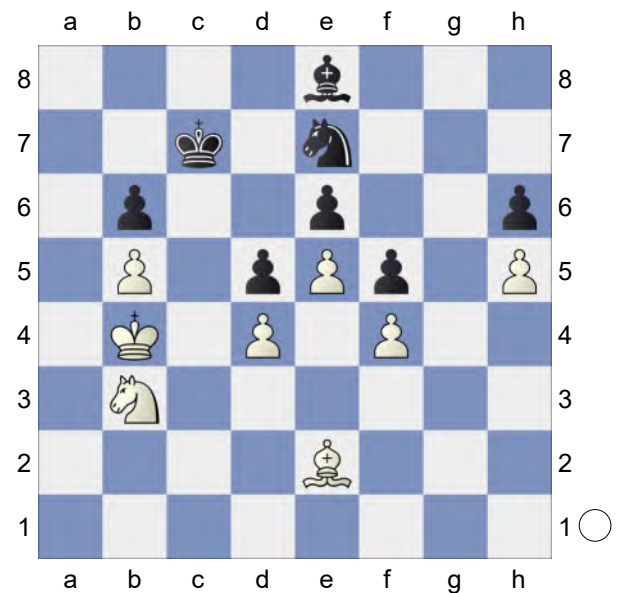


31.Kc3 axb5 32.axb5 Nc8 33.Kb4 Ne7 34.Nd2 Bf7 35.Nb3 Be8

(Diagram)



36.Nd2 Bf7 37.Nb3 Be8



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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation 1.e4

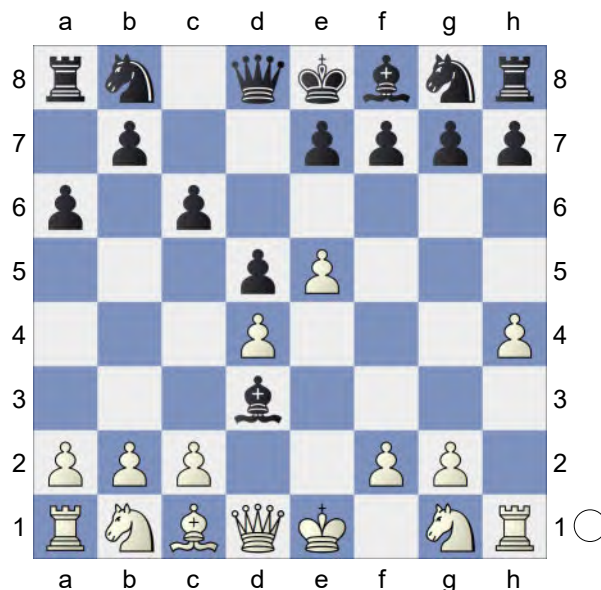
c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 a6 5.Bd3N

[5.g4 Bd7 6.Bg2 (6.h5 c5 7.c3 Nc6 8.Bh3 Qa5 9.Kf1 e6 10.f4 Qb6 11.Nf3 Nh6 12.g5 Nf5 13.Bxf5 exf5 14.Rh2 h6 15.Be3 hxc5 16.Nxc5 f6 17.Nf3 0-0-0 18.Kg1 Be8 19.h6 Rxh6 20.Rxh6 gxh6 1-0 Bedouin, X (2321)-Harutyunyan, S (1912) Sautron op qual 17th 2017 (2.3)) 6...e6 7.f4 h5 8.g5 Ne7 9.Nf3 c5 10.c3 Nf5 11.Kf2 Nc6 12.Bh3 Qb6 13.Bxf5 exf5 14.g6 fxg6 15.Rg1 Nd8 16.Qb3 Qc6 17.e6 Bxe6 18.Ne5 Qc7 19.Nxc6 c4 0-1 Schneider, I-Sakaev, K Bundesliga 0607 Germany 2007 (11)]

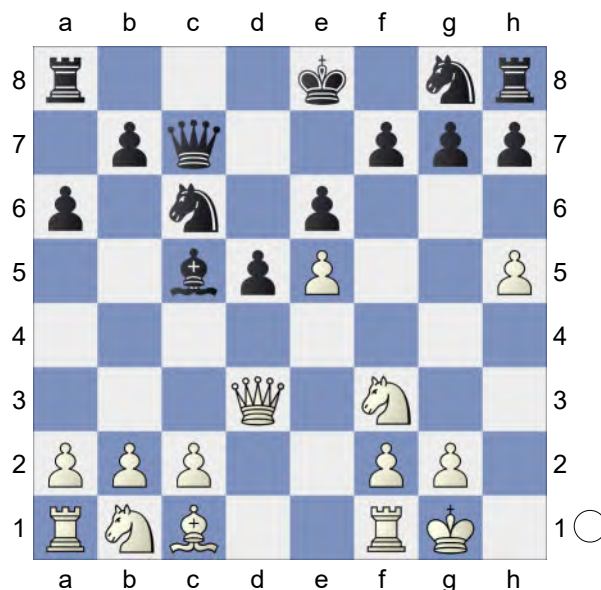
[5.h5 c5 6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.Qxd3 cxd4 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.Bf4 e6 10.Nbd2 h6 11.a3 Bc5 12.Nb3 Bb6 13.0-0-0 Nge7 14.Nfxd4 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Rc8 16.Kb1 Bxd4 17.Qxd4 Qc7 18.Qd2 Qc4 19.Rh4 Nf5 0-1 Abdusattorov, N (2651)-Caruana, F (2792) Chess.com Rapid Wk1 Swiss Chess.com INT 2022 (7)]

5...Bxd3

(Diagram)



6.Qxd3 e6 7.Nf3 c5 8.dxc5
White is slightly better. 8...Bxc5 9.h5
Nc6 10.0-0 Qc7



11.Re1 Nh6 0.22/18

[Black should play 11...Nge7
-0.55/21]

12.Be3? -1.45/21

[12.Bxh6!= 0.22/18 gxh6 13.c3]

12...Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Qxe5 14.Nd2
-1.95/23

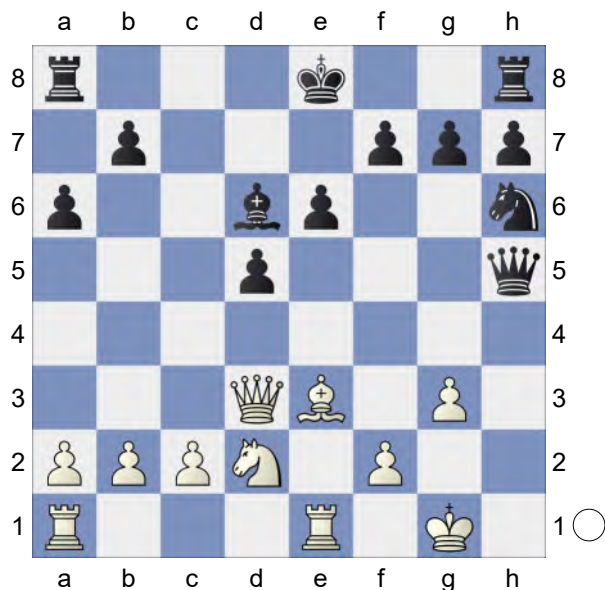
[14.Nc3 -1.45/21 Bd6 (14...Bxe3
15.Rxe3 Qxh5 16.Nxd5 15.g3
(15.Bxh6? Qh2+ 16.Kf1 Qh1+

17.Ke2 Qxh5+ 18.Kf1 Qh1+ 19.Ke2 Qxh6-+]

14...Bd6 15.g3

[15.Bxh6 Qh2+ (15...Qxb2? 16.Rab1+- Skewer) 16.Kf1 Qh1+ (16...gxh6 17.g3+) 17.Ke2 Qxh5+ 18.Nf3 Qxh6]

15...Qxh5



16.Bxh6 Qxh6

[16...gxh6 17.c4+]

17.Qxd5 Rd8 18.Nf3 Rd7 -0.65/20

[18...Bxg3+- -1.75/21 19.Qxb7 Bf4 20.Qc6+ Ke7 21.Qxa6 Qg6+ 22.Kf1 Qxc2]

19.Rad1 0-0

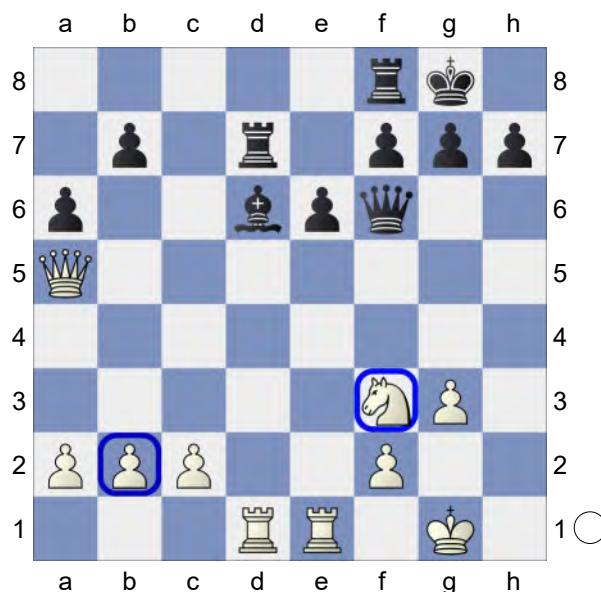
[19...Ke7 seems wilder. 20.Kg2 Rhd8 21.Qb3 Qf6]

20.Qa5 -1.09/22

[20.Qe4+ -0.38/20]

20...Qf6

(Diagram)



21.Ne5 -1.71/23

[21.Qa4+ -1.08/20 Rdd8 22.Qe4]

21...Rdd8-+ Threatens to win with ...b6!

22.Nc4 Qe7 -1.08/22

[22...Be7+- -1.69/20 And now ...Rxd1 would win. 23.b3 Qg5 24.Qxg5 Bxg5]

23.Qh5 -1.94/19

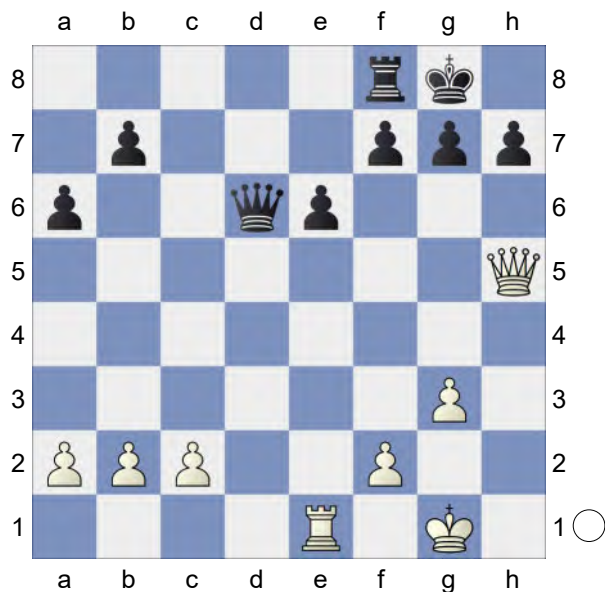
[23.Nxd6+ -1.08/22 Rxd6 24.Qc3]

23...Qc7 -0.81/25

[23...Bc5+- -1.94/19 has better winning chances. aiming for ...Qc7. 24.Kg2 g6]

24.Nxd6+ Rxd6 25.Rxd6 Qxd6

(Diagram)



End game. K Q R - K Q R 26.Rd1
Repels Qd2 26...Qc7 27.Rd2 Rd8
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[27...g6 ♖ -0.57/20 28.Qh6 Rd8]

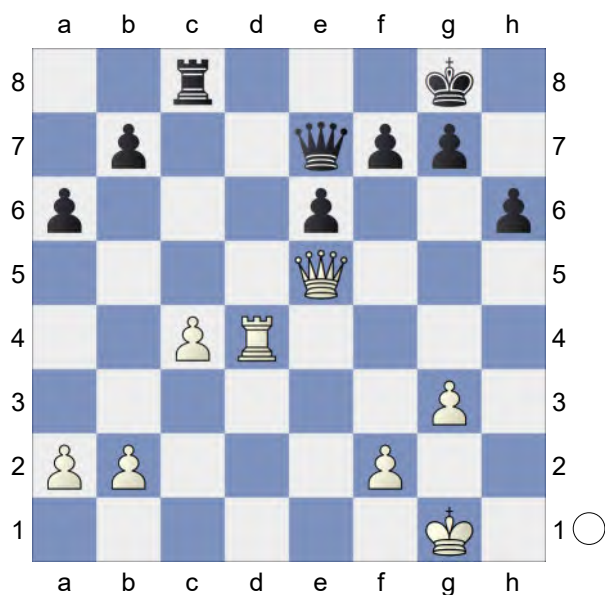
28.Qe5↑ Deflection, Back Rank. White
has good play. 28...Qe7

[28...Qxe5 29.Rxd8#]

29.Rd4 -0.38/21

[29.Rxd8+= 0.00/25 was preferable.
Qxd8 30.c4]

29...h6 30.c4 Rc8



31.Qe4 -0.72/24

[31.a4 ♗ -0.35/22]

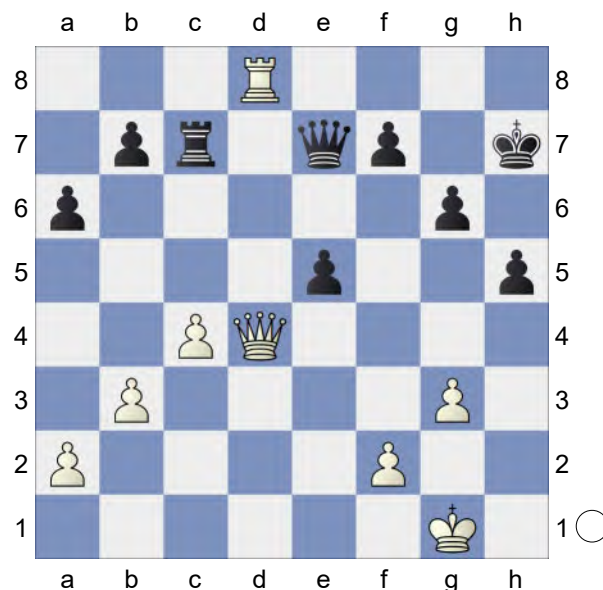
31...g6 32.b3 h5 33.Qd3 -0.80/20

[33.Qe5 ♗ -0.43/21
is more appropriate.]

33...Rc7 -0.15/22

[33...b5 ♗ -0.80/20]

34.Rd8+ Kh7 35.Qd4 e5



36.Qd5 Kg7

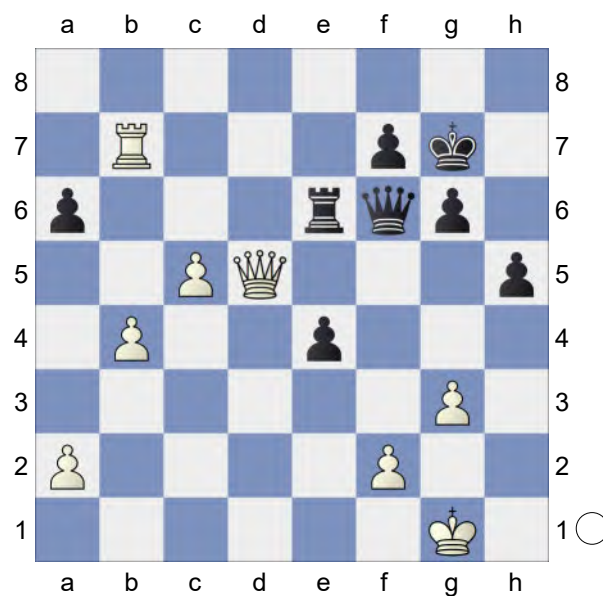
[36...b5! ?]

37.b4? -3.00/24 Qf6? 0.00/25

[37...Qxb4 38.Qxe5+ f6 39.Qxc7+]

[37...Rxc4!-+ -3.00/24 38.Qxc4
Qxd8]

38.c5 Re7 39.Rb8 e4 40.Rxb7 Re6



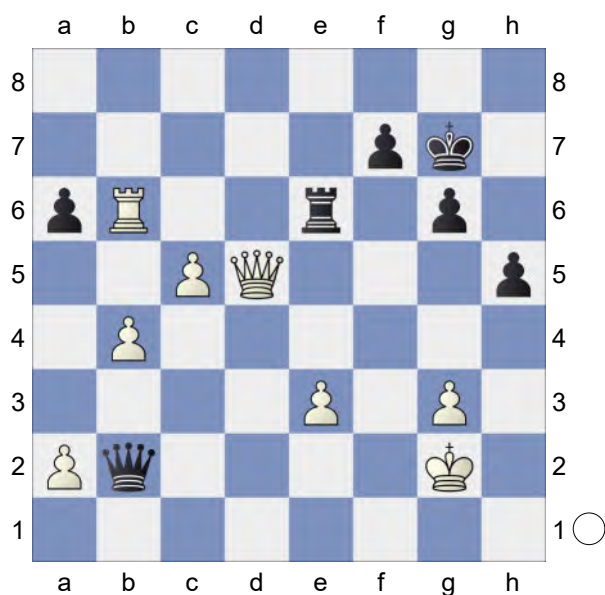
41.Rb6 e3 42.fxe3 Qd4 is the strong threat. **42...Qa1+ 43.Kf2** Active counter play! **43...Qb2+**

[43...Re5!? 44.Qd4□ Qxa2+ 45.Ke1 (45.Kf3 f6=) 45...Qb1+ 46.Kd2 Qa2+ 47.Kc1 Qa3+ 48.Kc2 f6 49.Rb7+ Kh6 50.Qf4+ Rg5=]

44.Kf3 Qb1 45.Kg2 Prevents Qf1+.

[45.Ke2 feels hotter. Re8 46.Rb7 Qb2+ 47.Qd2]

45...Qb2+

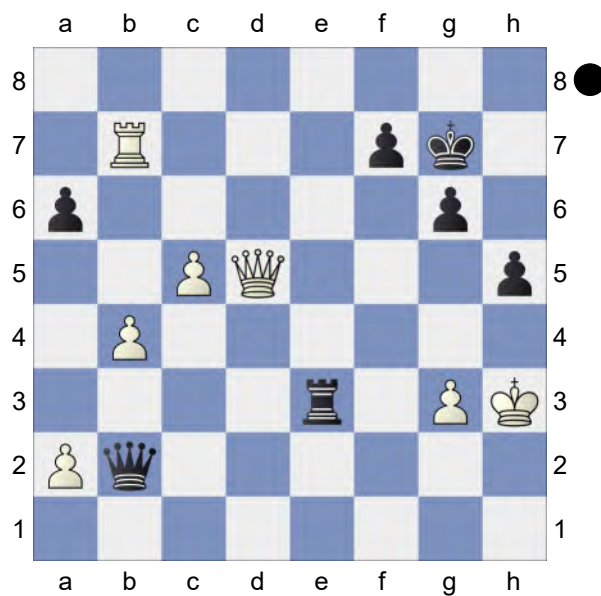


46.Kh3? -4.50/21

[46.Kf3= 0.05/17 and White has nothing to worry. Qf6+ 47.Ke2 Rxb6 48.cxb6]

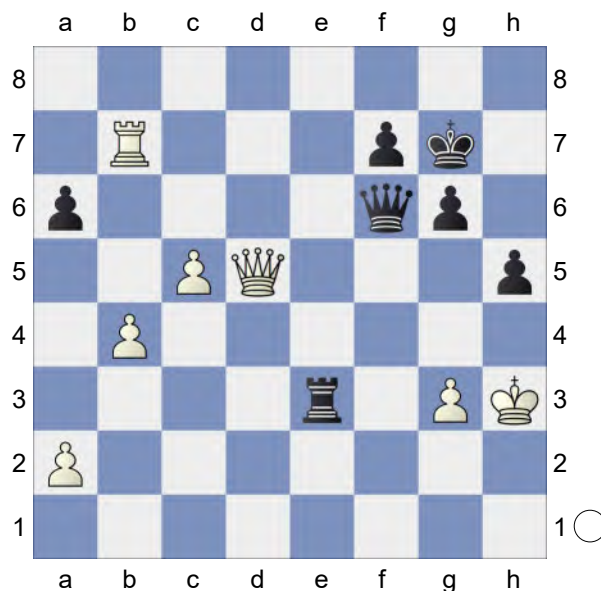
46...Rxe3+ 47.Rb7

(Diagram)



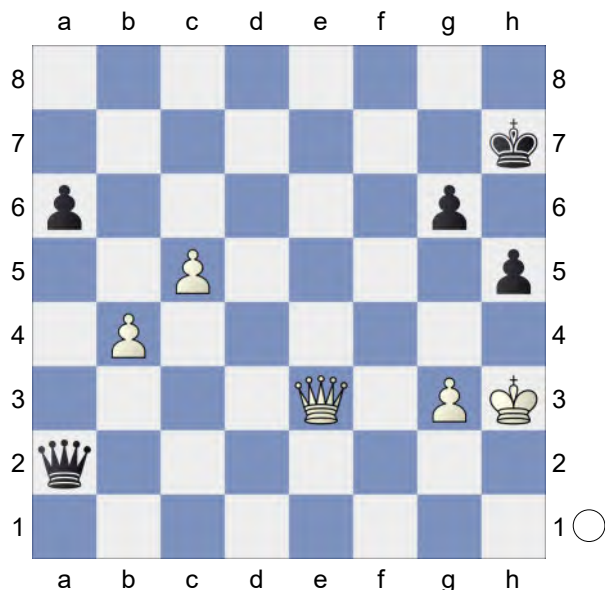
Qf6 0.01/15

[47...Kh6!-+ -2.95/27 (→ ...Re2) 48.Rxf7 (48.Qxf7? perishes. Qd4-+) 48...Re2]



48.Rxf7+!= Deflection 48...Qxf7
49.Qd4+ Kh7 50.Qxe3 Hoping for a3.
50...Qxa2

(Diagram)



KQ-KQ 51.c6 0.00/26

[White should try 51.Qe7+± 0.67/19
Kh6 52.Qf8+ Kh7 53.Qf1]

51...Qc4 1.05/28

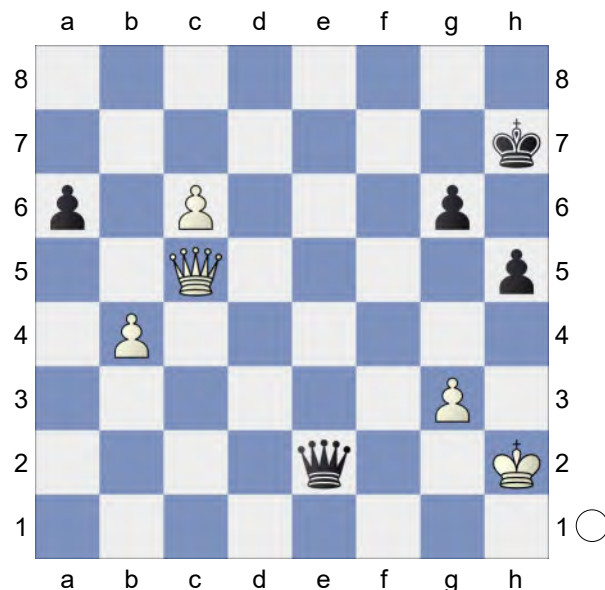
[51...Qd5= 0.00/26 52.Qc1 Qe6+
53.Kh2 Qe2+ 54.Kg1 h4 55.gxh4
Qg4+ 56.Kf1 Qf3+ 57.Ke1 Qe4+
58.Kd2 Qf4+ (58...Qxb4+ 59.Qc3+-)
59.Kc2 Qxb4]

52.Qc5 0.00/33

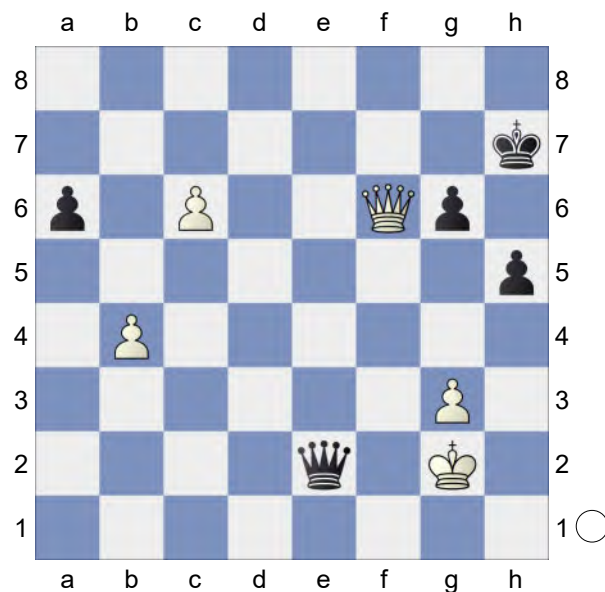
[White has to play 52.Qe7+± 1.05/28
Kh6 53.Qc5 Qf1+ 54.Kh2 Qe2+
55.Kg1 Qe1+ 56.Kg2 Qe2+ 57.Qf2
Qe4+ 58.Qf3 Qc2+ 59.Kh3]

**52...Qf1+ The position is equal. 53.Kh4
Qf6+ 54.Kh3 Qf1+ 55.Kh2 Strongly
threatening Qc2. 55...Qe2+**

(Diagram)

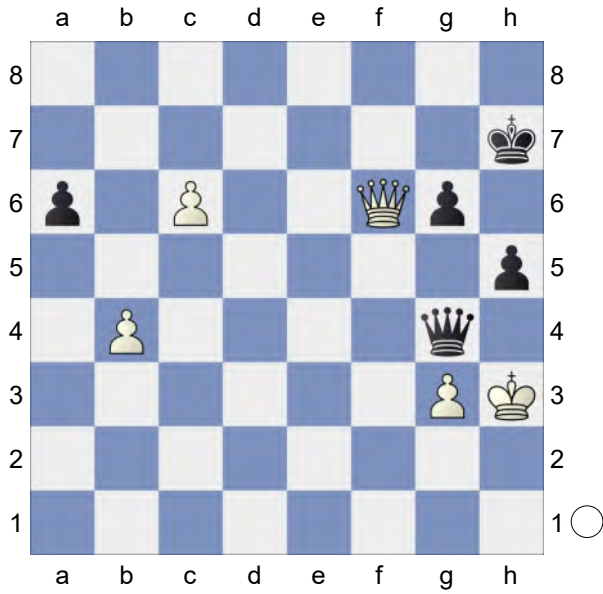


**56.Kg1 Qe1+ 57.Kg2 Qe2+ 58.Qf2
Qe4+ 59.Qf3 Qc4 60.Qf6 Kf2 would
now be deadly. 60...Qe2+**



61.Kh3 Qg4+

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/
Black=0.31
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□ Yip, Carissa

■ Paikidze, Nazi

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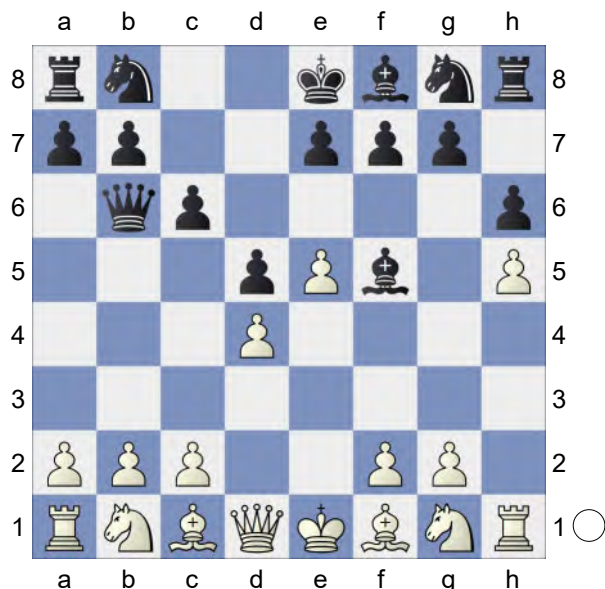
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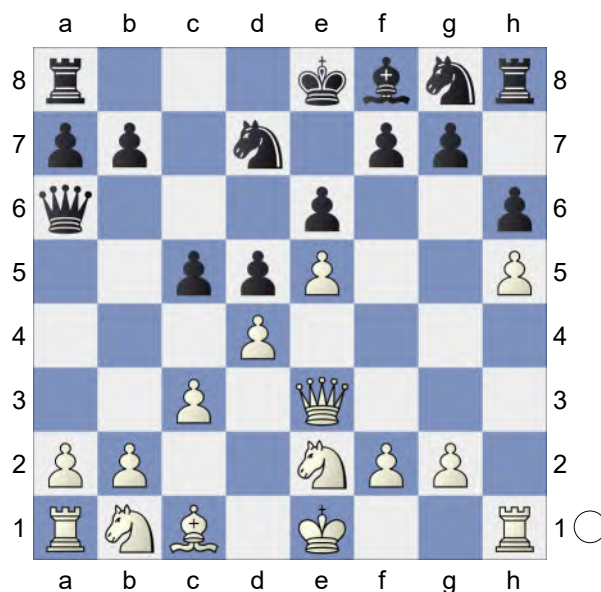
[5...Na6 6.g4 Bd7 7.Nc3 e6 8.Na4 Qc7 9.Bxa6 Qa5+ 10.c3 Qxa6 11.Nc5 Bxc5 12.dxc5 Qb5 13.Qb3 h6 14.Be3 Ne7 15.Nf3 0-0 16.Qc2 b6 17.g5 Nf5 18.gxh6 Nxe3 19.fxe3 Qxc5 20.Nd4 1-0 Schaaik (2652)-Zimmermann, K (2595) Match Bogoljubow-Euwe +2-1=7 Netherlands 1928 (11.2)]



6.c3N

[6.g4 Bh7 (6...Bd7 7.Nc3 e6 8.Na4 Qa5+ 9.c3 Na6 10.b4 Nxb4 11.cxb4 Qxb4+ 12.Bd2 Qxd4 13.Nf3 Qe4+ 14.Be2 Chapter 14: Caro Kann-3...Bf5, 4) 7.e6 fxe6 8.Bd3 Nf6 9.Bxh7 Rxh7 10.Qd3 Nbd7 (10...c5 11.Qg6+ Kd8 12.dxc5 Qxc5 13.Nf3 Nc6 14.g5 Ng4 15.0-0 Quickstarter Guide Part Ca-3...Bf5,4 Lifetime Repertoires: Sethuraman's 1. e) 11.Qg6+ Kd8 12.Nf3 Kc8 13.Nc3 c5 14.dxc5 Qxc5 15.g5 hxg5 16.Bxg5 d4 17.Ne2 Qd5 18.Rh3 e5 19.0-0-0 Qe4 20.Nfxd4 exd4 Caro Kann Annotated-Caro-Kann 21.Nxd4 Ne5 22.Rc3+ Kb8 23.Ne6 b5 24.Rc7 Nc6 25.Rb7+ Kc8 26.Qxe4 Nxe4 27.Rdd7 1-0 Winkler, T (2566)-Zamlutti Junior, R (2263) Leningrad Master Tournament 1930]

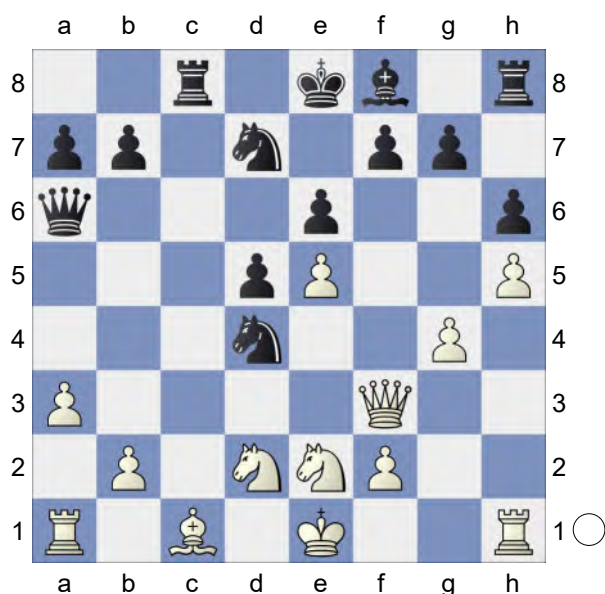
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11.Nd2 Ne7 12.a3 Nf5 13.Qf3 cxd4 14.cxd4 Rc8

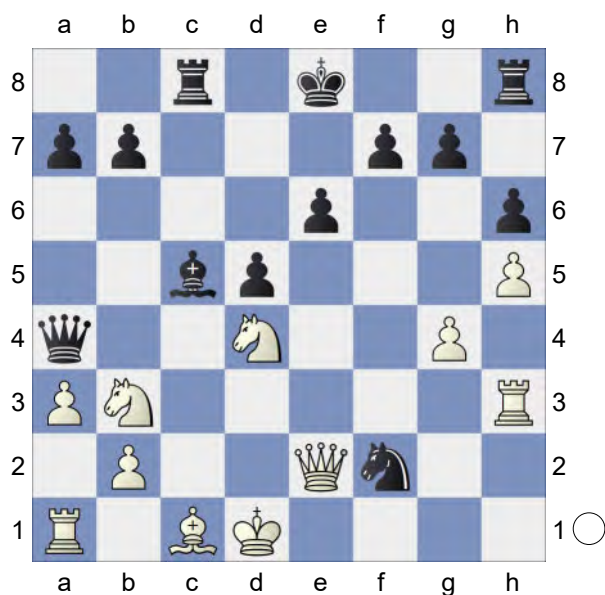
[14...Bc5!? 15.Nb3 (15.dxc5? Nxe5 16.Qc3 Nd3+ 17.Kf1 Nf4-+) 15...Bb6=]

15.g4 Nxd4 0.67/17



16.Nxd4± Strongly threatening Qe2.
Qe3 would now be deadly. 16...Nxe5
17.Qe2 Nd3+ 18.Kd1 Hoping for Rh3.
18...Bc5 19.Rh3! Qa4+! 20.N2b3
Nxf2+ 2.51/19

[Black should try 20...Bxd4± 0.61/22
was called for. 21.Rxd3 Bf6
(21...Rc4)]



A mistake that costs the game. [#] This costs Black the game. 21.Qxf2+-
And now Qf4 would win. Black must

now prevent Qf4. 21...e5 3.53/19

[21...Bb6 2.37/19 keeps fighting.
22.Qd2 e5]

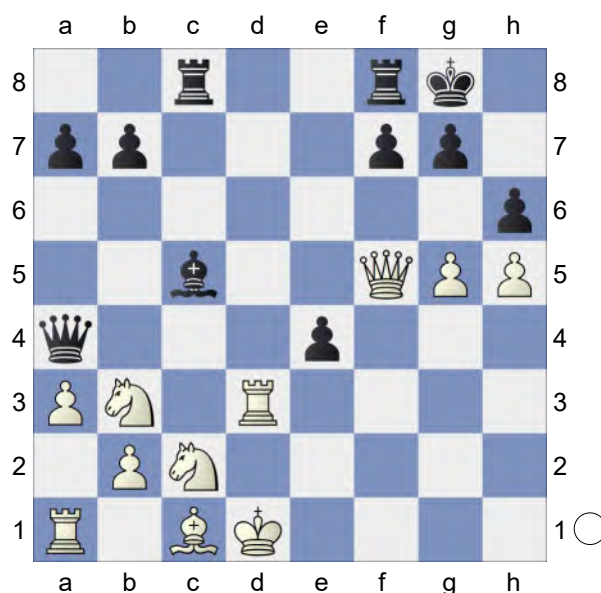
22.Qf5 0-0 23.Nc2

[23.Qxe5 Rce8 24.Qxd5 (24.Qf4
Re4=) 24...Bxd4±]

23...d4 24.g5

[Not 24.Qxe5 d3 25.Rxd3
(25.Nxc5? Qxc2+ 26.Ke1 Rfe8+
Pin Pin) 25...Qxg4+ 26.Qe2 Qg1+
27.Ne1 Rfe8=]

24...d3 25.Rxd3 e4



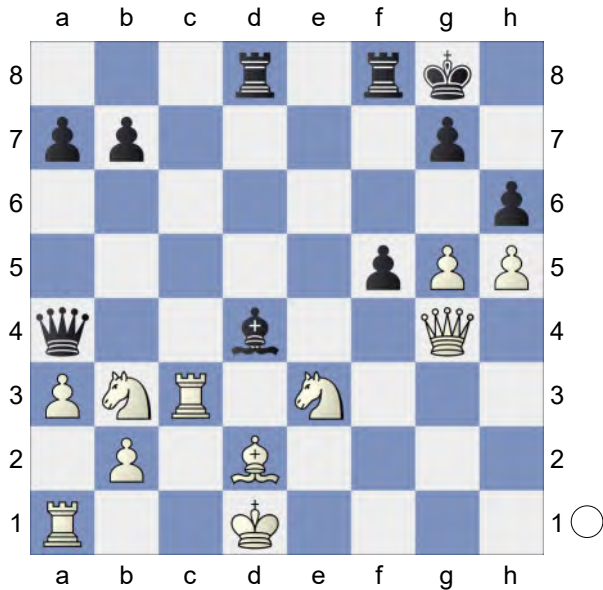
26.Rc3

[Less strong is 26.Nxc5 Rxc5
27.Qxc5 exd3=]

26...Rcd8+ 27.Bd2 e3 28.Nxe3 Bd4
29.Qg4 f5? 6.30/19

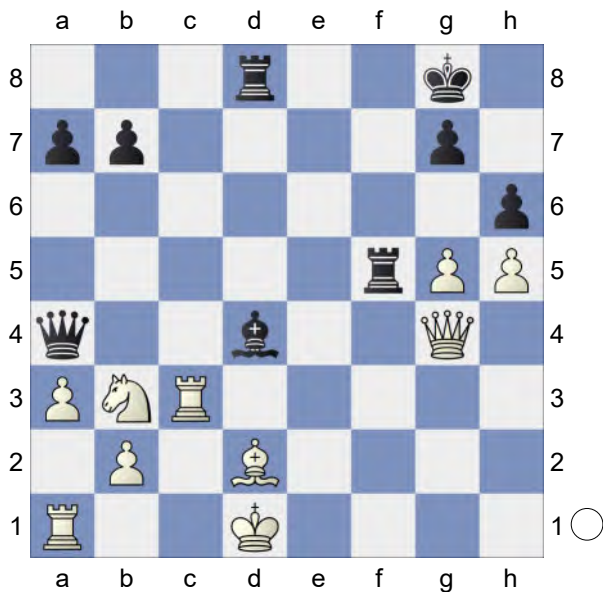
[29...b5 3.57/16 30.Kc2 Bxe3
31.Qxa4 bxa4 32.Bxe3 (32.Rxe3
axb3+ 33.Rxb3 hxg5+-) 32...axb3+
33.Kxb3 hxg5 34.Bxg5 (34.Bxa7
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(Diagram)



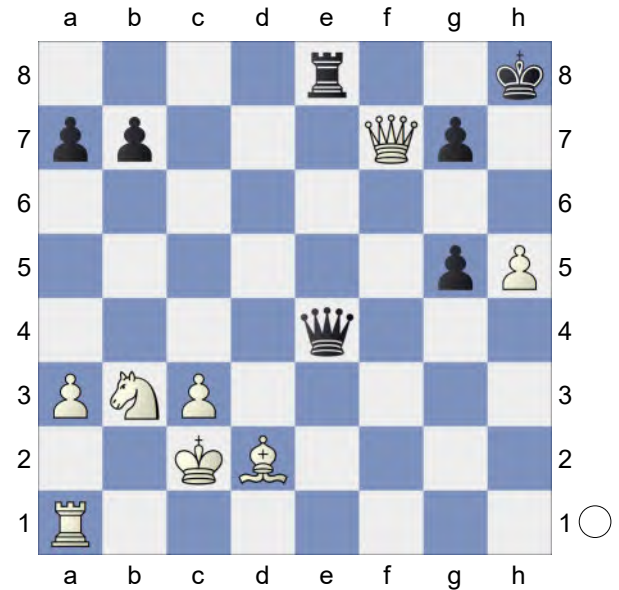
**30.Nxf5
30...Rxf5**

White is clearly winning.

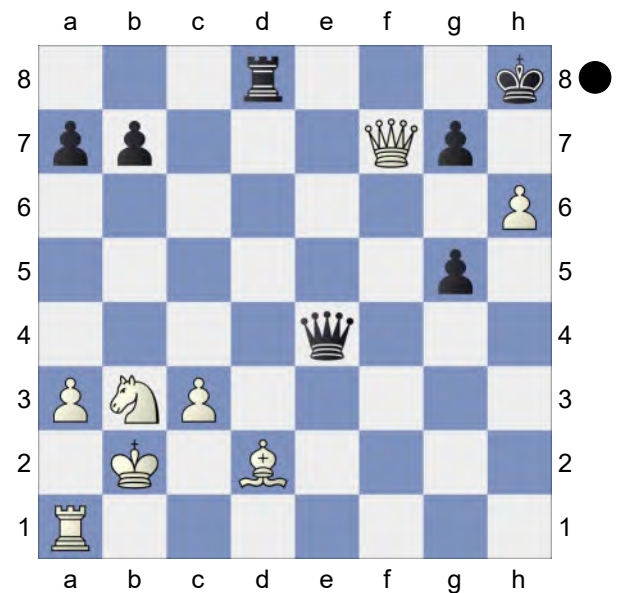


**31.Qxf5 Bxc3 32.Qe6+ Kh8 33.bxc3
Re8 34.Qf7 hxc5 35.Kc2 Qe4+**

(Diagram)



36.Kb2 Rd8 37.h6



Weighted Error Value: White=0.20
(precise) /Black=0.44

Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very
precise) /Black=0.44

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□ Bharadia Yash

■ Omar, Noaman

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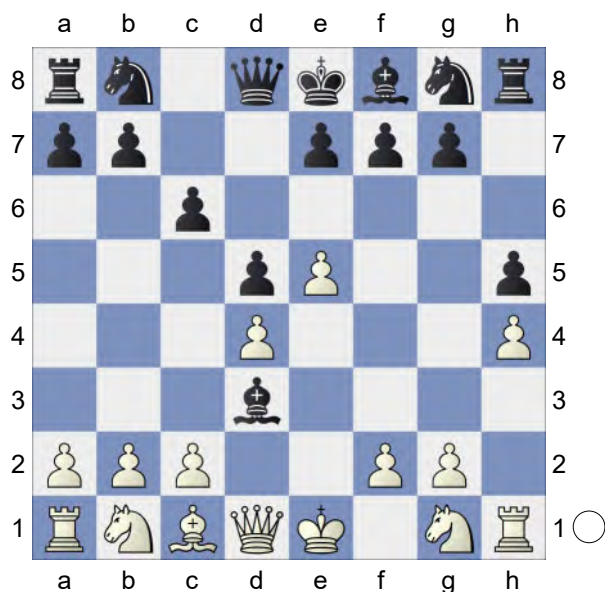
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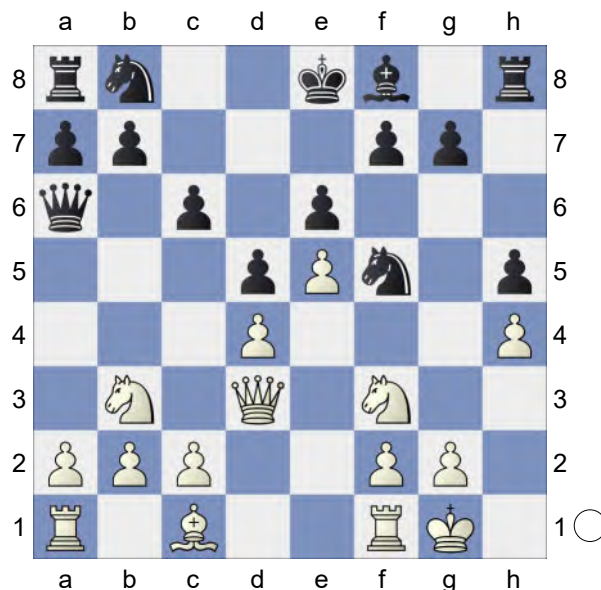
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation 1.e4
c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3
Bxd3



6.Qxd3 e6 6...Qa5+ is the fancy move.
6...Da5+ ist der angesagte Zug. 7.Nf3
Qa5+ 8.Nbd2 Nh6 9.0-0 Nf5
White is slightly better. 10.Nb3 Qa6

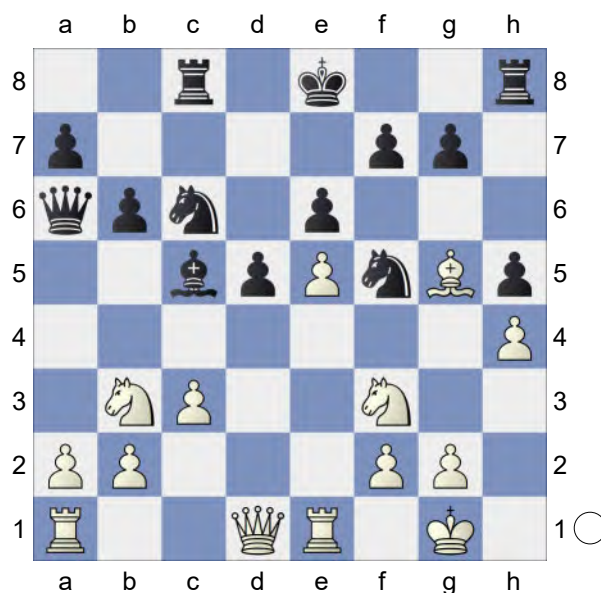
(Diagram)



11.Qd1 b6 12.Bg5

[12.Be3 simplifies Be7 13.Bg5 Bxg5
14.hxg5 g6 15.g3]

12...c5 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.Re1 Nc6!
15.c3 Rc8



16.Nxc5 bxc5 17.b3 Rc7 18.Qd2
Qb6N

[18...Rd7 19.Rad1 Qb7 20.Qc1 a5
21.Re2 0-0 22.Bf6 d4 23.c4 d3
24.Ree1 Ncd4 25.Rxd3 Ne2+
26.Rxe2 Rxd3 27.Qg5 a4 28.Qxh5
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31.Kh2 Qb1 32.Re4 Rd1 33.g4

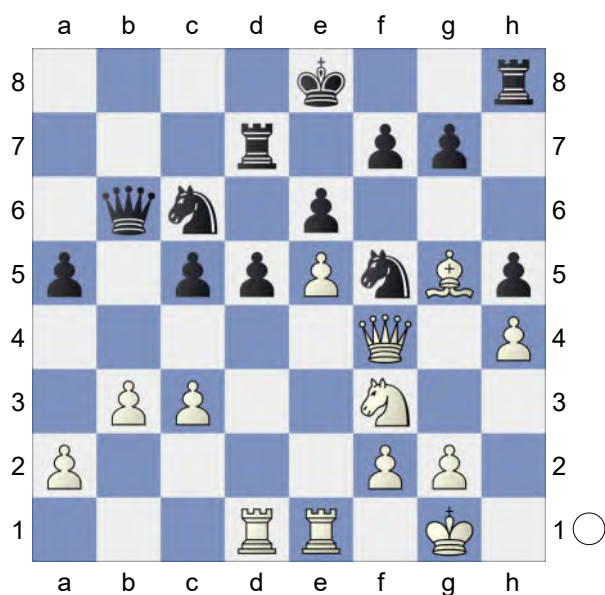
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19.Rad1 'N'

[19.Rab1 Rb7 20.Qe2 Qb5 21.Qd2
a5 22.Qd1 Qa6 23.Nd2 a4 24.Qf3
axb3 25.axb3 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (41) Papenfuss,I
(2404)-Kaczmarek,R (2220) W-ch WS/
M/857 email 2022]

19...a5 20.Qf4 Hoping for Rxd5!

20...Rd7



21.Rd2 Qa6 22.Qa4 0-0 0.49/21

[22...Rb7= 0.01/21]

23.g4± hxg4 24.Qxg4 Rb8? 1.95/21

A mistake that costs the game.

[Black should try 24...Qb7± 0.43/21]

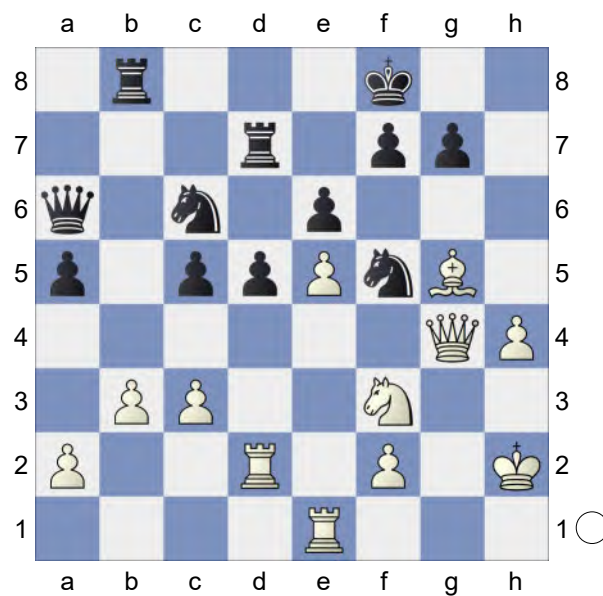
25.Kh2+- Black must now prevent Rg1.

25...Kf8? 4.08/20

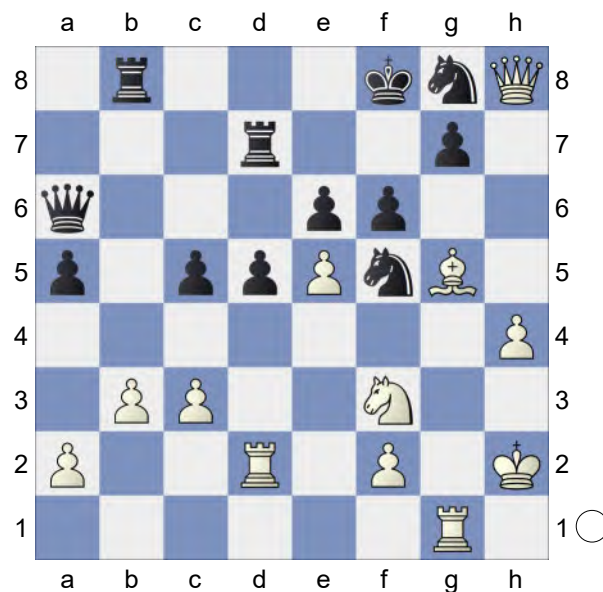
[25...a4 26.Rg1 Nce7 (26...axb3?
is the wrong capture. 27.Bf6+-)
27.Bxe7 Rxe7 28.h5±]

[25...Nce7 1.68/22 might work
better.]

(Diagram)



26.Qh5 Nce7 27.Qh8+ Black is weak
on the dark squares. White is clearly
winning. **27...Ng8 28.Rg1 f6**

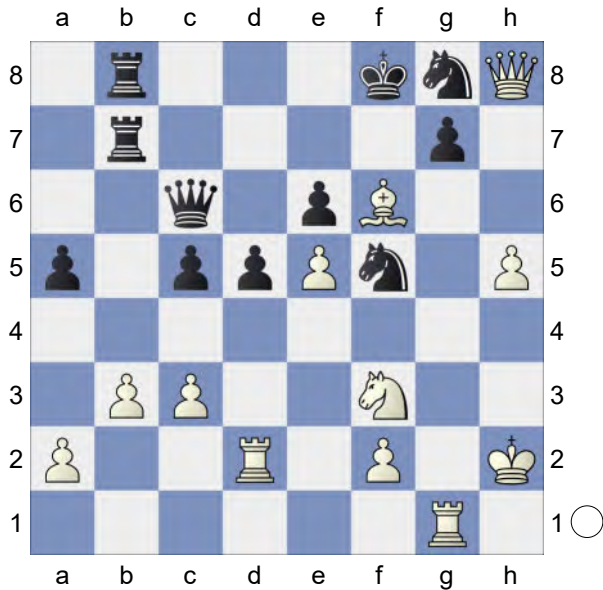


29.Bxf6 Rdb7

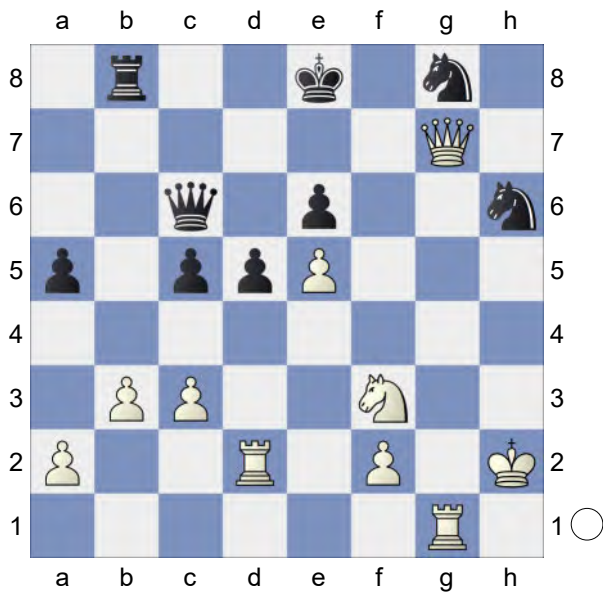
[29...Rf7 30.Ng5]

30.h5 Qc6

(Diagram)

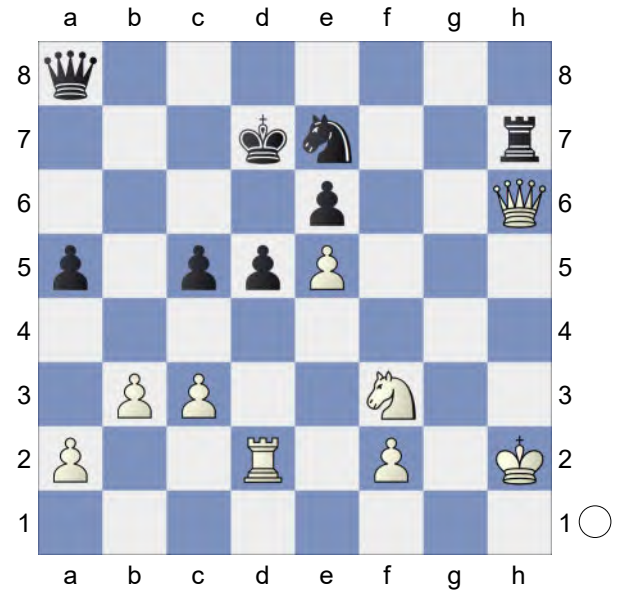


31.h6! Decoy 31...Nfxh6 32.Bxg7+ Rxg7 33.Qxg7+ Ke8 34.Qh7 Kf8 35.Qg7+ Ke8

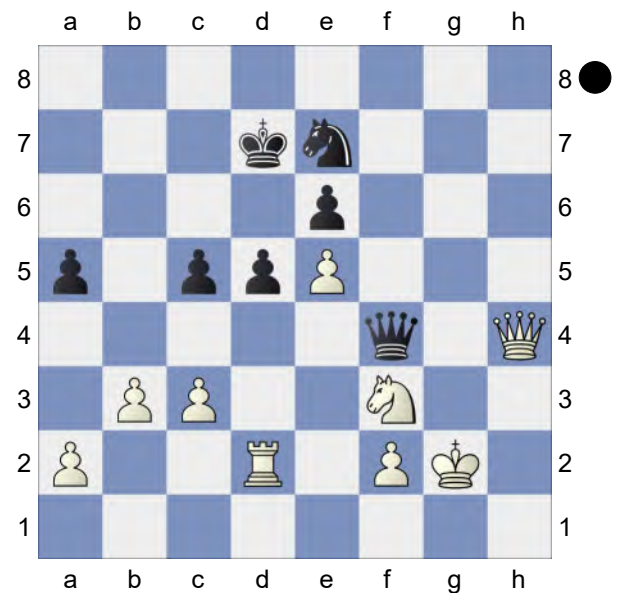


36.Qg6+ Kd7 37.Qh7+ Ne7 38.Qxh6 Qa8 39.Rg7 Rh8 40.Rh7 Rxh7

(Diagram)



41.Qxh7 Qf8 42.Kg2 Qf4 43.Qh4



Wards off Qg4+. Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.35
Wards off Qg4+. Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.35
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□ Vucinic, Gojko

■ Kobalia, Mihail

European Club Cup

[Daniel Fernandez]

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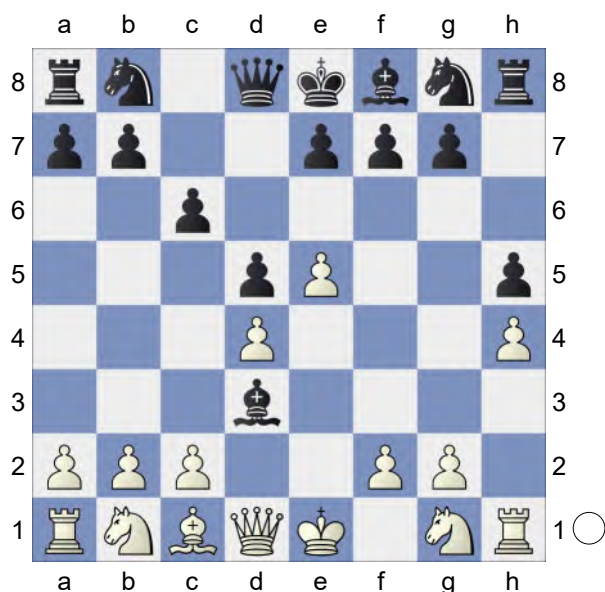
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5

[I (DF) am still waiting for an excuse to analyse 4...h6 !]

5.Bd3 This is a variation I've had some problems with as Black. I think the principled answer is in fact the one demonstrated by Mikhail Kobalia in this tournament. Meanwhile, a more accurate way to try and get to roughly the same place is 5.Bg5, as in the next game.

5...Bxd3

6.Qxd3 Qa5+ This is a more accurate order than 6...e6, 'punishing' White for not having developed the bishop to g5 earlier. **7.Nd2**

[I gave extensive details on the then-fashionable line 7.Bd2 Qa6 8.e6 in my book *The Modernized Caro-Kann*, but suffice it to say that Black is generally considered to be fine here. Qxd3 9.exf7+ (9.cxd3 f6!?)=]

9...Kxf7 10.cxd3 Nd7=]

7...e6

[7...Qa6?! is a clearly inferior version of 7 Bd2. 8.e6!± and White is getting much further with his knights in all the endgame lines.]

8.Ngf3 Nh6! Observe the point: if White is going to play c4 and b3 anyway, why should Black play ...Qa6? It is more wishful thinking than anything else to offer the queen trade unless Black really plans on playing ...dxc4 and accepts a dynamic disadvantage in return for some long-term chances. And on a5, the queen directly supports a future break with ...c5.

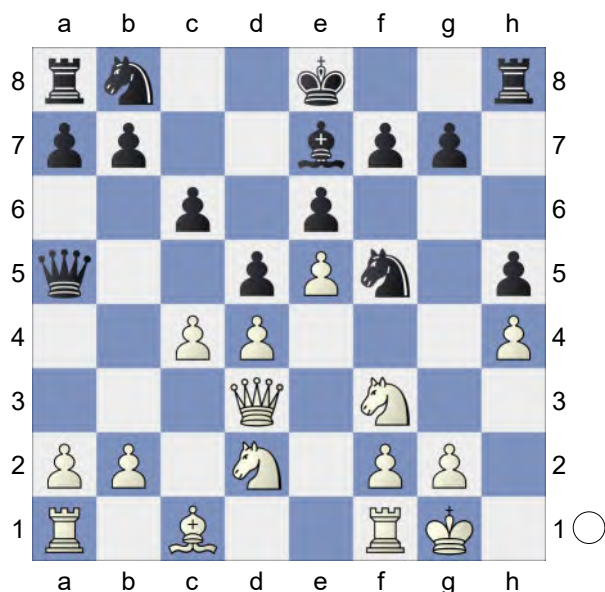
[8...Qa6 is the most common move, but Justin (in his analysis of Sutovsky-Anton) was disparaging about it, and I am inclined to agree. Black lacks space and cannot arrange ... c5 especially easily. 9.c4 Nh6 10.0-0 Nf5 11.b3 Be7 12.a4 Bxh4 13.Ba3 Be7 14.Bxe7 Nxe7 15.a5 Nd7 16.Rfc1± White had a significant advantage in Sutovsky, E- Anton Guijarro, D Poikovsky 2017. What is especially noteworthy is that the engine takes an extremely long time to recognise this advantage.]

9.0-0 Nf5 10.c4

[If White commits to not playing c4, then ...Qa6 is on the cards: 10.c3 Be7 11.g3 Qa6 12.Qc2 c5=]

10...Be7

(Diagram)



11.g3 0-0! Neither of the two moves leads to a better, or worse position. But I think this is practically better as by leaving the option of ...Nc6 open Black has some chances of an edge in the end. We reach a critical position for determining the verdict on Black's idea of avoiding ...Qa6, and the initial signs are very good.

[In a predecessor game Black chose 11...Nd7 but I suspect this doesn't work so well with ...c5 in the end. It is now White fighting for an edge and not Black. 12.b3 Rd8 13.Qc2 0-0 14.a3!? Weakening the queenside light squares but forcing Black to initiate complications somehow. (After 14.Bb2 it isn't so clear to me what Black would have done: his pieces are all great but it is very hard to arrange ...c5 while the knight on d7 blocks the protection of the d5-pawn. Play will most likely develop just like after 14.Bb2 Qa6.) 14...dxc4! (14...f6 15.b4! Qa6 16.exf6 Bxf6 17.Bb2±; 14...Bb4 is not stupid here too, but it does lose some time (since the Black rooks will be wanted on the queenside

and the bishop has spent two moves rather than one getting to b4.); 14...Qa6 15.c5 b6 16.b4 Rb8 17.Bb2↑ Black might come to regret having spent so long manoeuvring his major pieces, and not having played ...c5 earlier.) 15.bxc4 (15.Nxc4 Qd5±) 15...Nb6 Black intends ...Qa4 and (somewhat) threatens the d4-pawn.

A) 16.a4!N Forcing Black to seek out compensation in one of two exchange-down scenarios. Luckily, they are working out for him and he will not stand worse. Rxd4! (16...Nxd4 17.Nxd4 Rxd4 18.Nb3 Qxe5 19.Nxd4 Qxd4 20.Rb1 Qg4± is also possible, but White might have something here with especially precise play.) 17.Nb3 Rxc4 18.Qxf5 (18.Qxc4 Nxc4 19.Nxa5 Nxa5±) 18...Qd5! 19.Qxh5 g6 20.Qh6 Qxf3 21.Nd2 Qe2 22.Nxc4 Nxc4 23.Be3 Nxe5 24.Qf4 (24.Bxa7 g5!±) 24...Bd6 25.Kg2 Nc4 26.Qf3 Qxf3+ 27.Kxf3 a5= Black has achieved a good construction of protected pieces on the queenside, which can be cemented in place by means of ...Bb4 and ...b5.;

B) 16.c5?! Qa4! 17.Ra2 Qxc2 18.Rxc2 Na4 (18...Nd5!?±) 19.Nb3 b6 20.Rc4 b5 21.Rc2 Rd7= Ponkratov,P-Dreev,A Sochi 2017]

12.b3?!

[One possible disadvantage of both the strategy and of avoiding ...Nd7 last move would be if White was really ready to play 12.c5 followed by a3 and b4. However it seems that isn't the case and after b6 13.Nb3 Qa6

14.Qc2 bxc5 15.Nxc5 Qb6 the pawn thrust looks more like a waste of time.]

[12.a3 makes sense (and threatens b4 to some extent) but now is probably the time for Black to make tracks with his queen, having gained some kind of concession. This is probably the best move, though White can't claim an advantage. Qa6 13.Qc3 (13.b3 c5! The cleanest equaliser, and maybe Black can go on to play for more. Another option might be ...Bb4 along the lines of the Jones-Fernandez game in the archives.

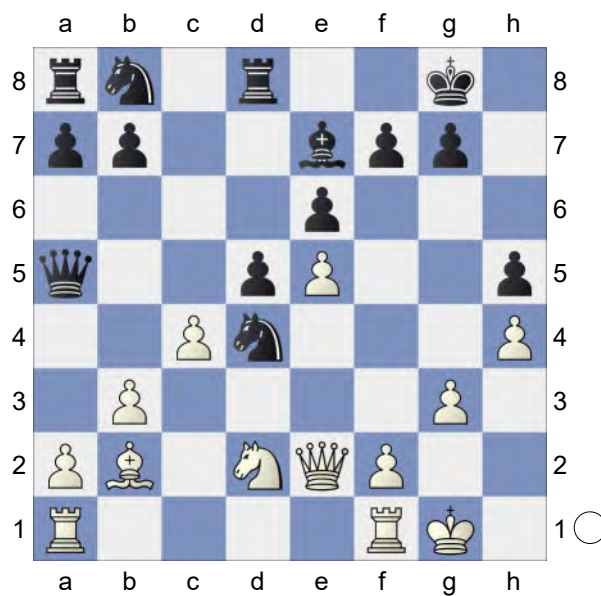
14.Bb2 Nc6 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.b4 dxc4 17.Qxc4 Qxc4 18.Nxc4 b5=) 13...dxc4 14.Nxc4 c5=]

12...Rd8 13.Bb2 c5! This is Black's idea. In theory, White should still be okay since all he has done is just develop his pieces. But I think there is a significant risk he is objectively worse already. **14.Qe2** Both sides play this phase of the game relatively well, so I think the note 21...d2 is the objective test of how the position should be evaluated.

[It seems like Black might have one or two tactical vulnerabilities, but White has no way to exploit them. Trying to do so with 14.cxd5 Rxd5 15.Nc4 Qa6 16.Qe4 (intending Ne3) is best met by simply cxd4! 17.Nxd4 Nxd4 18.Bxd4 Nc6 19.Bb2 Rad8 as in Kadric,D-Shimanov,A Columbus 2017.]

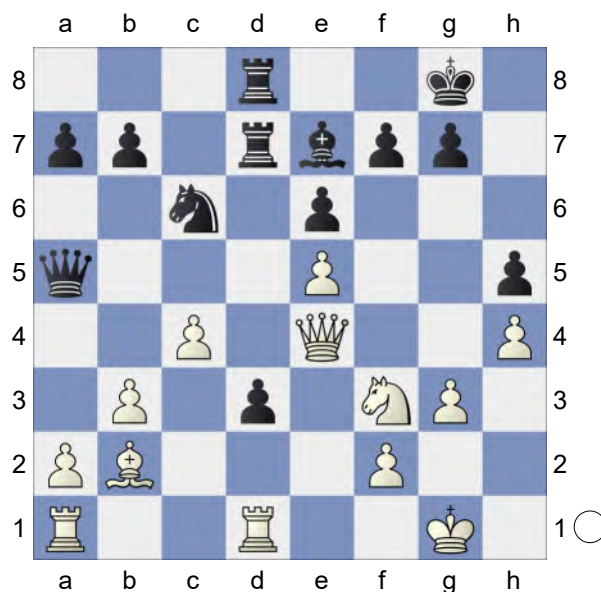
14...cxd4 15.Nxd4 Nxd4

(Diagram)



16.Bxd4 Nc6 17.Bb2 d4 18.Nf3 d3 19.Qe4 By a curious coincidence, the game now resembles not only my own game from the Modern section of this update, but also the Bodnaruk-Girya encounter from last month. Here, too, Black does not handle the situation well.

19...Rd7 20.Rfd1 Rad8



21.a3 Qa6?! This move loses Black's advantage, but he still will not stand worse.

[21...d2! limits White's space considerably and cues up a future ...

Rd3. Most likely Black thought the pawn would just be lost after 22.Qc2 Rd3 23.Kg2 with the idea of Bc3 or b4. However, the silicon helper now shows the way: Qc7! Black threatens ...Nb4 followed by ...Qc6, and forces White into an unfavourable exchange that highlights the similarity with Bodnaruk-Girya. (23...b5!? 24.b4 Nxb4 25.axb4 Qxb4[∞]) 24.Rxd2 Rxd2 25.Nxd2 Nxe5 26.Bxe5 Qxe5 27.Ra2 Qe2[±] Black has a slight edge in the endgame that is almost certainly coming, with the bishop versus knight and pawns on both sides of the board.]

22.b4

[I suspect Black's other intention was 22.Rac1 Na5 23.b4 Qc6= reaching a somewhat double-edged endgame.]

22...Qa4 23.Rd2 a5?! An inaccuracy.

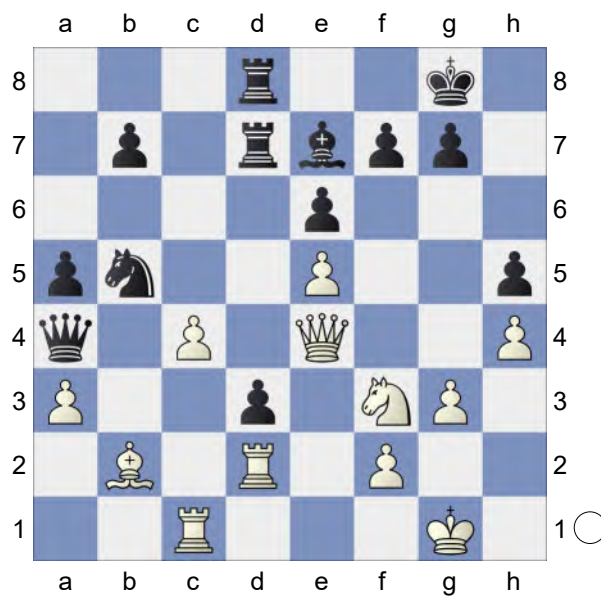
[The position is somewhat hard to play for Black, but a logical plan is 23...g6= with the idea of ...Bf8-g7 or ...Bf8-h6, highlighting the similarities with Sorensen-Fernandez above!]

24.b5 Na7 25.Rc1? After this pawn blunder, the evaluation flips 180 degrees. White will not recover from it.

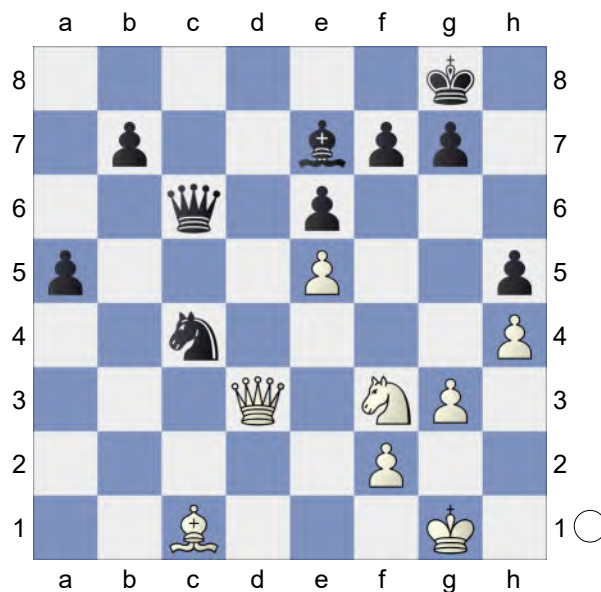
[25.Qe3 Nc8 26.Rc1[±] followed by Rc3 would have left the queen on a4 isolated and the d3-pawn in imminent danger.]

25...Nxb5

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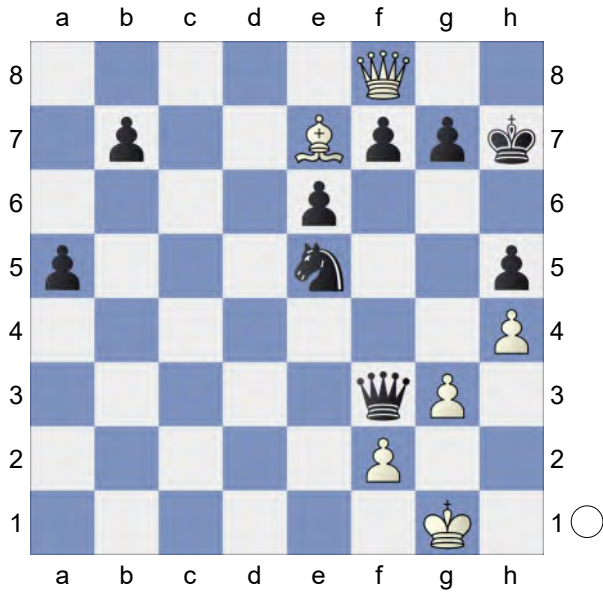


**26.Rcd1 Nxa3 27.Rxd3 Rxd3
28.Rxd3 Rxd3 29.Qxd3 Nxc4 30.Bc1
Qc6**



**31.Bg5 Bf8 32.Qd8 Qxf3 33.Be7 Kh7
34.Qxf8 Nxe5**

(Diagram)



White threw in the towel without even waiting for the time-control.

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□ Gavrilescu, David

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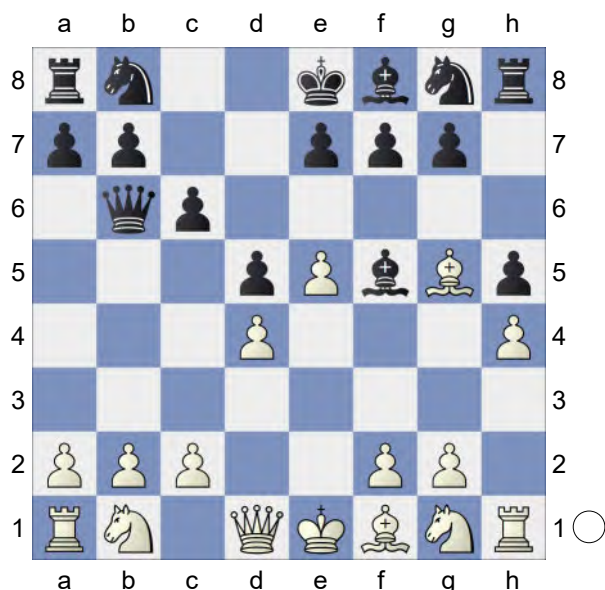
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bg5 Qb6!



6.Bd3 Bxd3 6...Qxd4 is more advanced technology. 6...Dxd4 ist hochmodern.

7.Qxd3 -1.14/19

[7.cxd3 -0.77/21 Qxb2 8.Qb3
Qxb3 (8...Qxa1? 9.Qxb7 Kd8
10.Nf3+-) 9.axb3]

7...Qa6 0.32/22

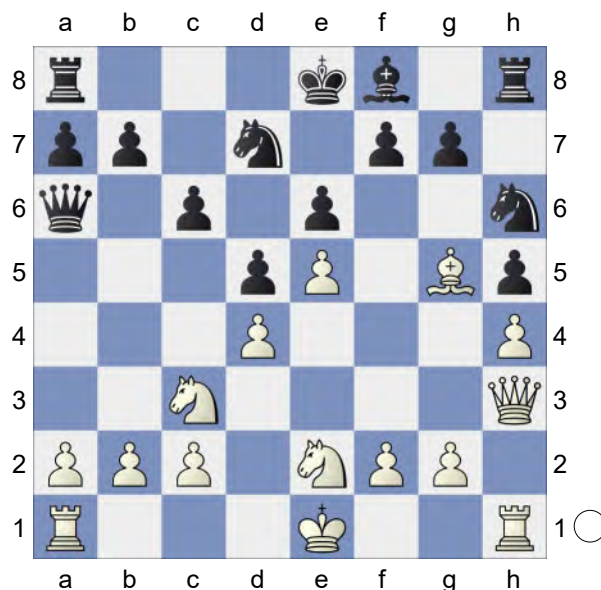
[7...Qxb2? -1.14/19 8.Qc3 Qxc3+
9.Nxc3 e6]

8.Qh3 White is slightly better. 8...e6

9.Nc3 Nd7 10.Nge2 Nh6N

[Vorgänger: 10...Ne7 11.0-0 c5
1.66/18 (11...Nf5± 0.42/17 12.Rfd1
Be7 13.Ng3 Bxg5 14.Nxf5 exf5
15.hxg5 g6 16.Qe3 Nf8 17.Ne2 Ne6
18.Nf4 3) Caro-Kann-Caro-Kann with
4...h5 & 6...B) 12.a4!+- And now Nb5
would win. cxd4? 4.28/19 (12...Nf5±

1.40/23) 13.Nb5+- 0-0-0 14.Nd6+
Kb8 15.Nxf7 Qxe2 16.Nxd8 Nf5
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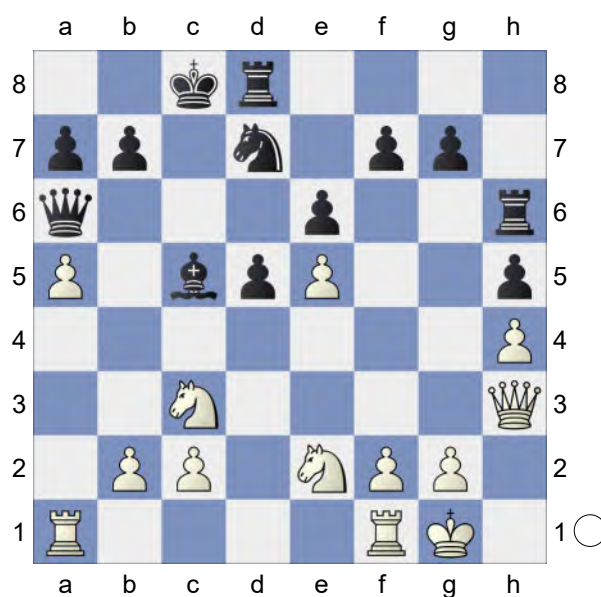


11.Bxh6N -0.13/19

[11.0-0± 0.46/19]

11...Rxb6= 12.0-0 Be7 13.a4 0-0-0

14.a5 c5 15.dxc5 b4 is the strong
threat. 15...Bxc5



16.Ra4 -1.37/18

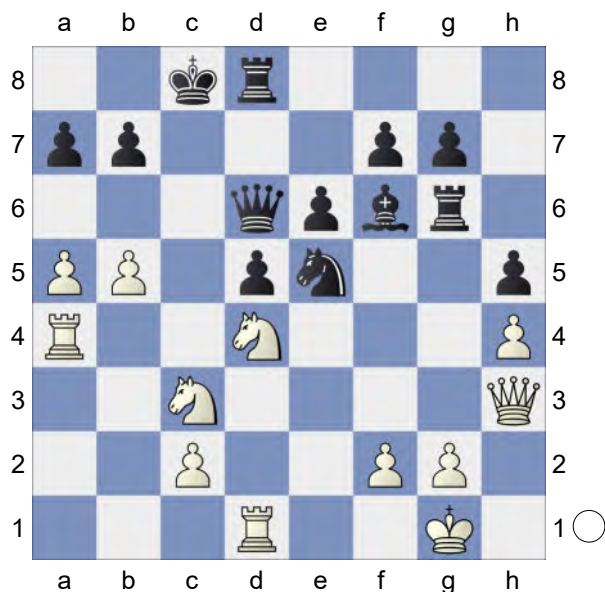
[White should play 16.Nf4? -0.41/19]

16...Nxe5 17.b4 Be7 18.Nd4 Bf6

19.Rd1 Rg6 -0.11/17

[19...Rd7 1-1.14/19 ...Ng4 would now be deadly. 20.b5 Qd6]

20.b5= Qd6



21.a6 Black must now prevent b6!

21...b6! 22.Nc6! Rd7↑ aiming for ...Qc7.

Black has some pressure.

[22...Nxc6?! 23.Rxd5 Qxd5 (23...Qc7 24.Rc4± Pin) 24.Nxd5 Rxd5 25.Rc4± (25.bxc6 Rd1+ 26.Kh2 Be5+ 27.f4 Bd6=)]

23.Ne4 Excellent horsemanship.

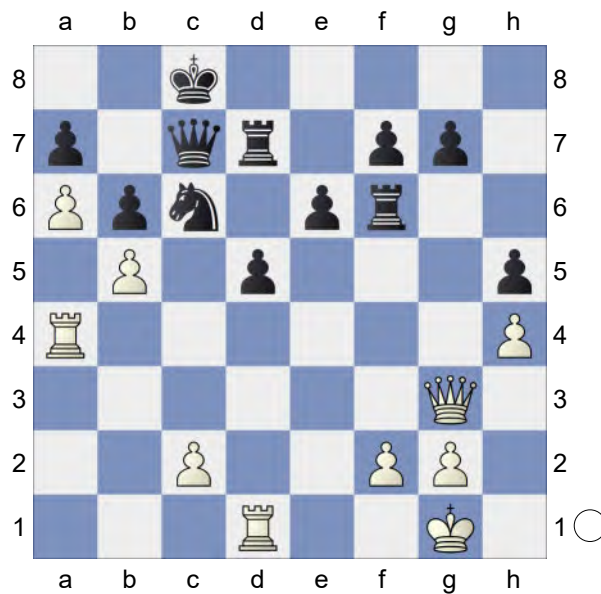
23...Qc7 24.Nxf6 Rxf6 25.Qg3

-1.59/26

[25.Nxe5= -0.13/25 remains equal. Qxe5 26.Rad4]

25...Nxc6

(Diagram)



26.bxc6 Rd8 -1.23/22

[Better is 26...Qxc6+ -1.69/22 27.Rad4 Rg6 (27...Qxc2 28.R4d2 1/2-1/2)]

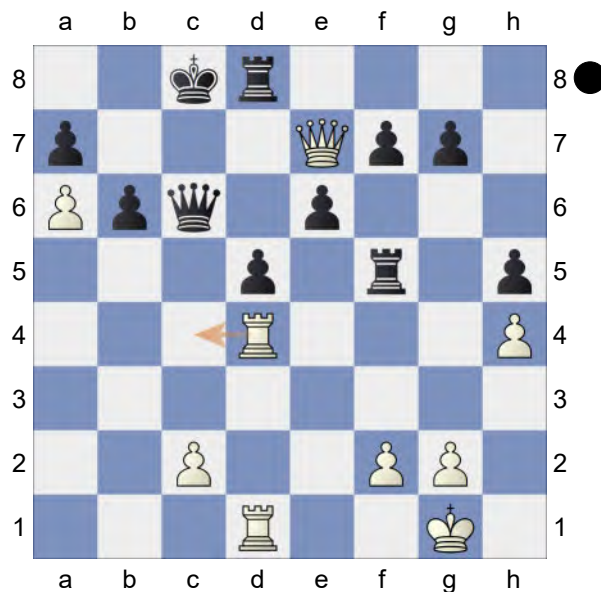
27.Qg5

[27.Qxg7? Rg6 28.Qc3 Rdg8+]

27...Qxc6 28.Rad4 Rf5

[28...Qxc2? 29.Rc1+- (29.Qxh5? too greedy. Qxf2+ 30.Kh2 Rg6+-; 29.Qxh5? Qxf2+ 30.Kh2 Rg6+-)]

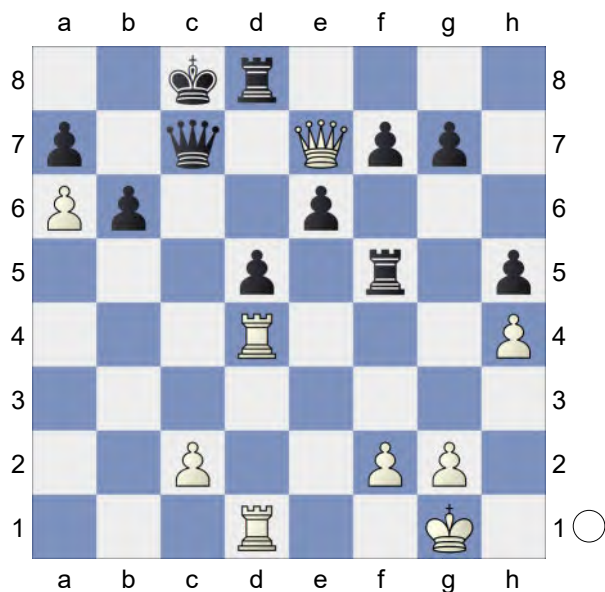
29.Qe7



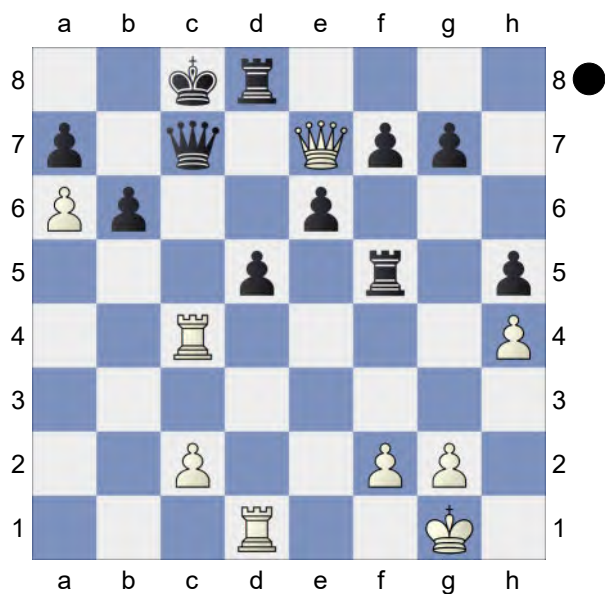
Threatens to win with Rc4! 29...Qc7 5.05/22

[Stronger than 29...Qxc2 30.Qb7#]

[29...Qd7! ♣ -1.29/26 stays on course.
 30.Qa3 Qd6 31.Rc4+ Kb8
 (31...dxc4? is the wrong capture.
 32.Rxd6 Rc5 33.Rxd8+ Kxd8
 34.Qf3+-)]



30.Rc4!!



Pin. Both players deserved the win here.
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.22
 (precise) /Black=0.40

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□ Galstyan, David

■ Pham, Le Thao Nguyen

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[Kitty Kat]

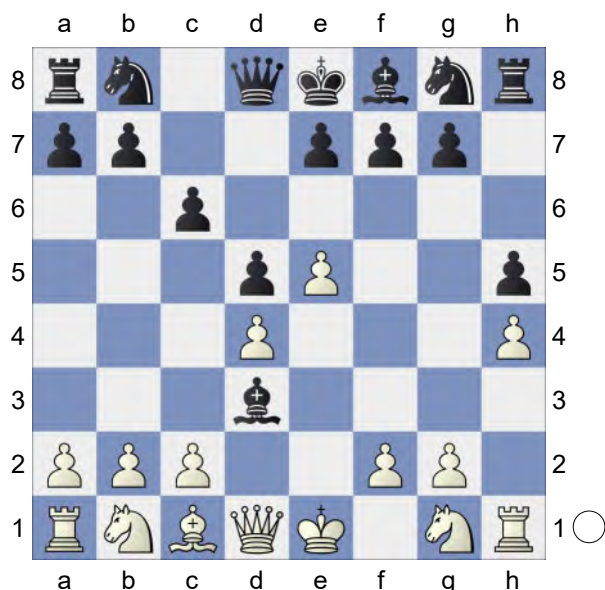
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 Qa5+! now scores much better than the old 6...e6.punktet besser als das ältere 6...e6. 7.Nd2 Threatens to win with e6! 7...e6 8.c4 0.08/22

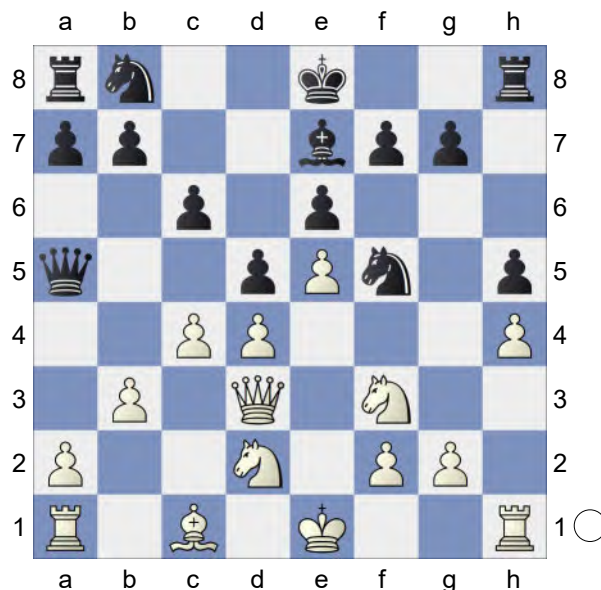
[8.Ngf3± 0.49/19]

8...Ne7 9.b3 -0.17/20

[♖9.b4 0.24/20 Qa6 (9...Qxb4 10.Rb1±) 10.Ngf3]

9...Nf5 10.Ngf3 Be7

(Diagram)



11.a4N

[11.g3 Nd7 12.0-0 0-0 13.a4 Rfd8 14.Bb2 dxc4 15.Nxc4 Qd5 16.Qe2 Nf8 17.Rfd1 Ng6 18.Rd3 b5 19.Ne3 Nxe3 20.Qxe3 bxa4 21.Rxa4 c5 22.Rc4 Rab8 23.Ne1 Rxb3 24.Rxc5 Bxc5 25.Rxb3 Bxd4 ½-½ (104) Arat, U (2389)-Samunenkov, I (2501) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Early blitz 2023 (4)]

11...Na6N

[11...0-0 12.Ba3 -0.70/18 (12.Bb2=-0.10/20) 12...Bxa3♞ 13.Rxa3 Rd8 Strongly threatening ...dxc4. 14.c5 -1.29/23 (14.0-0♞ -0.70/20) 14...b6♞ 15.cxb6 axb6 16.0-0 c5 17.dxc5 bxc5 1-0 (38) Xu, Y (2507)-Svane, R (2637) Titled Tuesday intern op 08th Mar Late blitz 2022 (11)]

12.Ba3 -0.99/23

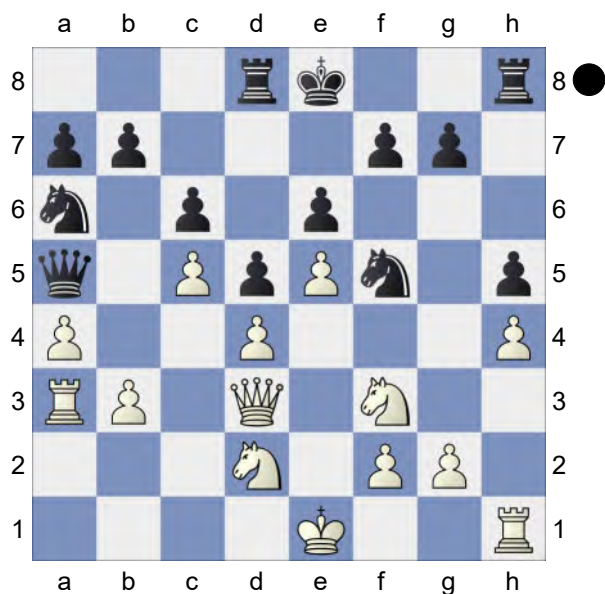
[12.0-0♞ -0.34/20]

12...Bxa3♞ 13.Rxa3 Rd8 And now ...dxc4 would win. Black is more active.

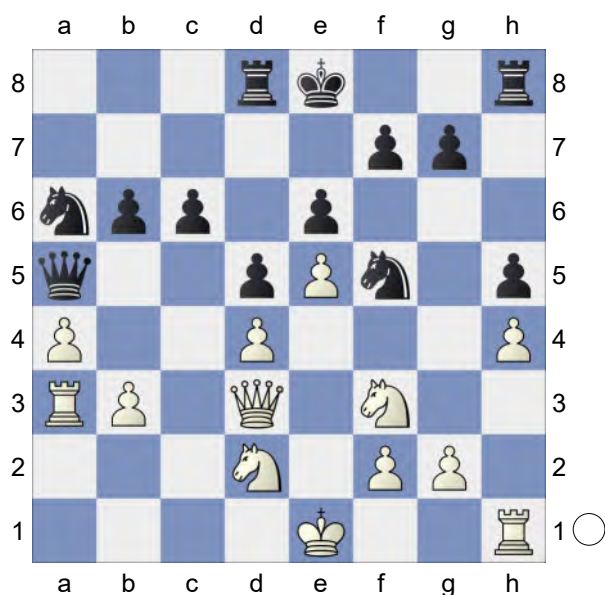
14.c5 -1.30/20

[♖14.0-0 -0.75/18]

(Diagram)



14...b6! 15.cxb6 axb6



16.0-0 0-0 -0.36/21

[Black should play 16...Nb4+ -1.10/20
17.Qb1 Rc8]

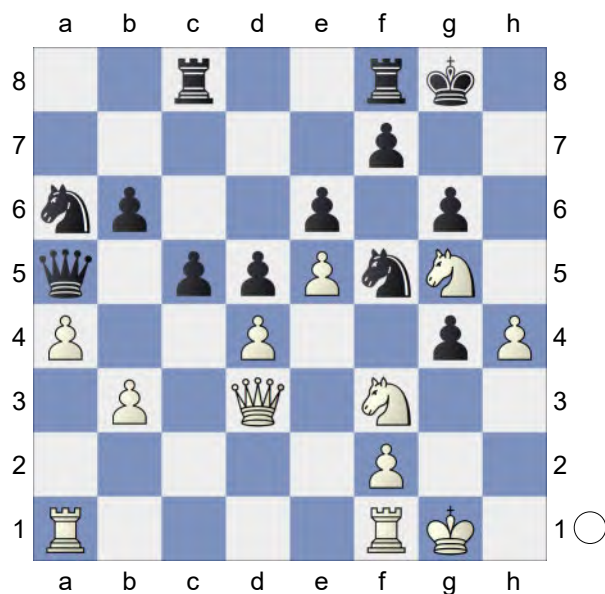
17.Ng5 -1.12/18

[17.b4!+ -0.36/21 Nxb4 18.Qc3]

17...c5 18.Ndf3 Rc8 19.Raa1 g6

20.g4? -2.84/20 hxg4+-

(Diagram)



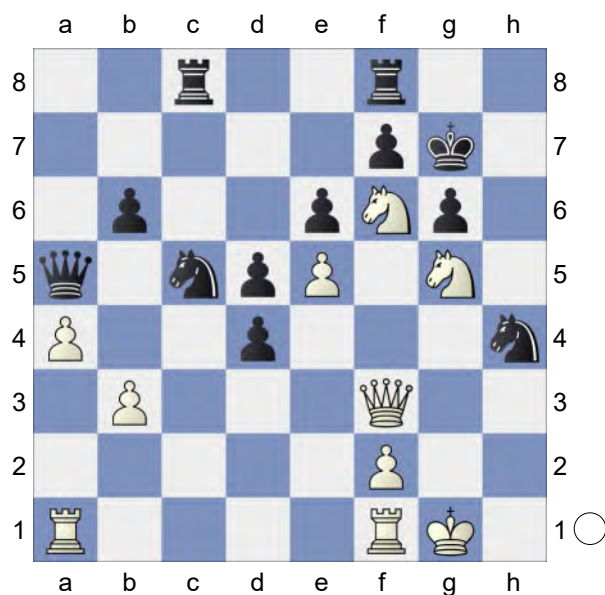
21.Nh2 cxd4 ...Kg7 is the strong threat.

22.Nxg4 Nc5

[22...Nxh4? 23.Qh3 (23.Qxd4?
Nf5+) 23...f6 24.Nxf6+ (24.Nxe6
Nc5+-; 24.exf6 Rxf6
Remove Defender 25.Nxf6+ Kf8+-)
24...Rxf6 25.exf6+-]

23.Nf6+ Kg7 24.Qf3 Nxh4 1.07/18

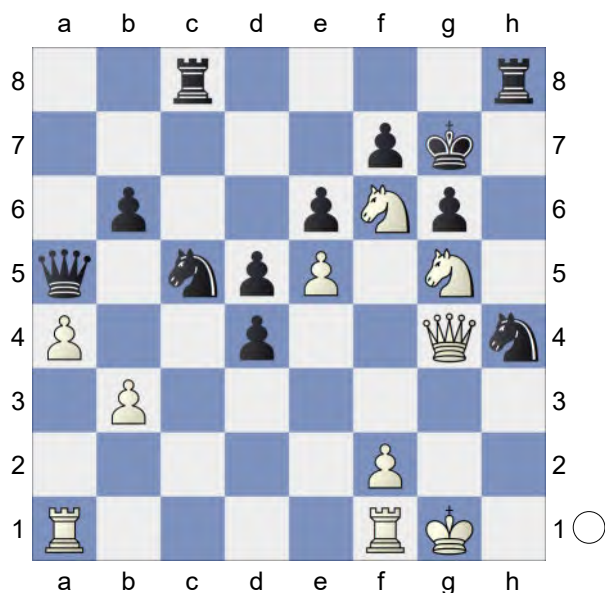
[24...Rh8+- -2.85/19 25.h5 Qc3]



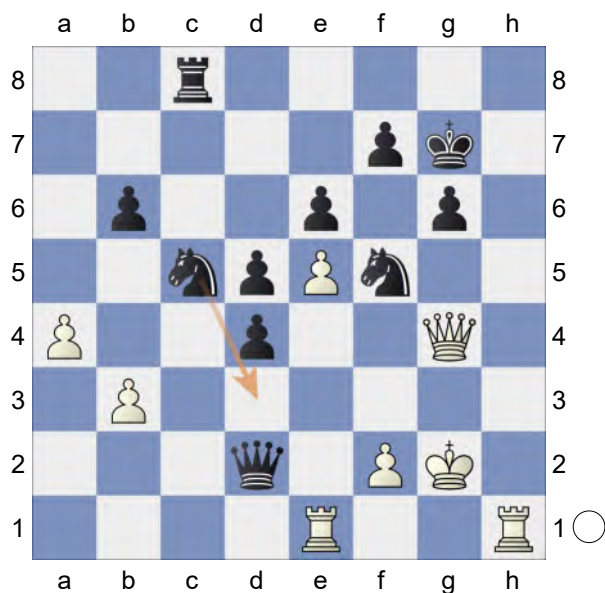
25.Qg4 -3.69/25

[25.Nh5+!± 1.07/18 is forced if you
want to stay better. Kg8 (25...gxh5

26.Qf6+ Kg8 27.Qh6) 26.Qh3 gxh5
27.Qxh4]
25...Rh8

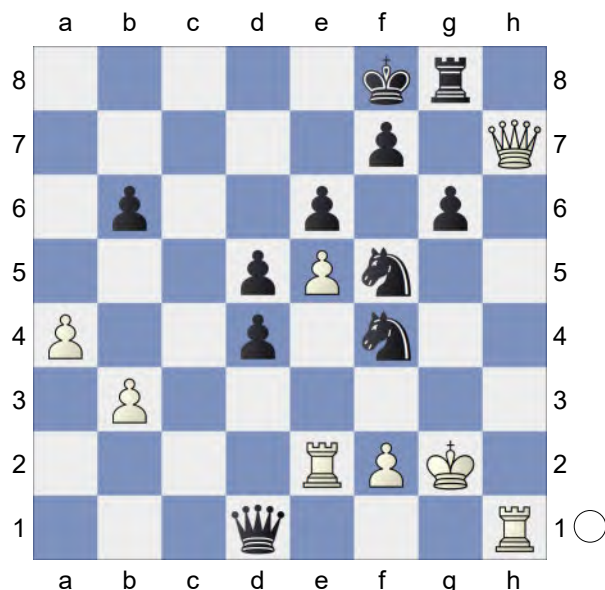


26.Ngh7 Nf5
[Don't play 26...Rxh7 27.Nxh7 Nf5
28.Nf6]
27.Kg2 Qd2 Hoping for ...Ne3+.
28.Rae1 Rxh7 29.Nxh7 Kxh7
30.Rh1+ Kg7

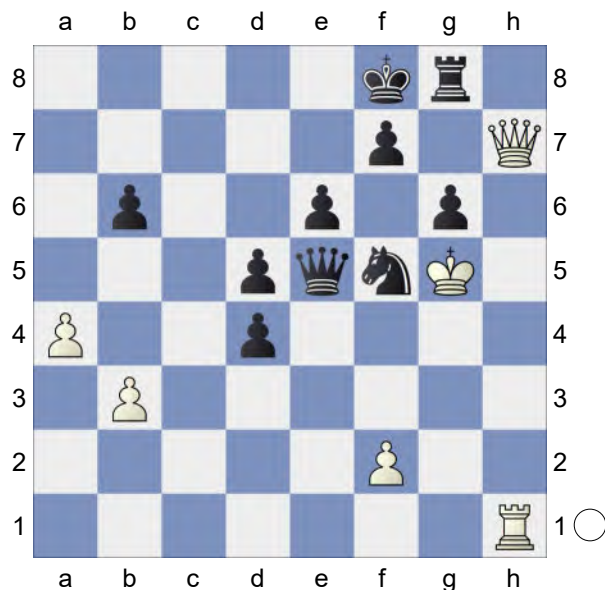


aiming for ...Nd3! **31.Qh3 -7.91/19**
[31.Re2 -4.63/18 Qc3 32.Qh3
Qxh3+ (32...Qxb3? loses. 33.Qh7+
Kf8 34.Qh8+ Ke7 35.Qxc8+-)

33.Rxh3]
31...Rg8 32.Qh7+ Kf8 (-> ...Nd3!)
33.Kf1 Nd3 Black mates. 34.Re2 Qd1+
35.Kg2 Nf4+



36.Kf3 Qxe2+ 37.Kxf4 Qe4+ 38.Kg5
Qxe5



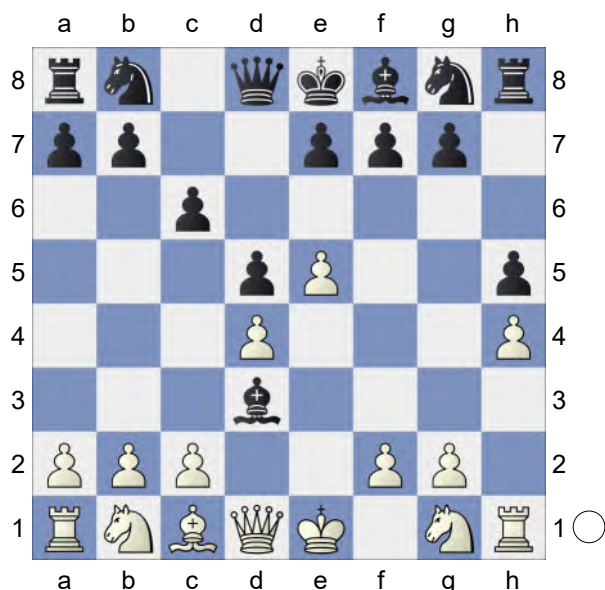
Weighted Error Value: White=1.08/
Black=0.29 (precise)

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 □ **Atabayev, Saparmyrat** **2506**
 ■ **Sadubayev, Airat** **2290**
 Agzamov Memorial 17th (2) 28.03.2024
 [Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 e6 7.Bg5 Qb6 8.Nd2
 Active counter play! **8...Ne7 0.68/20**

[Black should try **8...c5!= 0.18/19**]

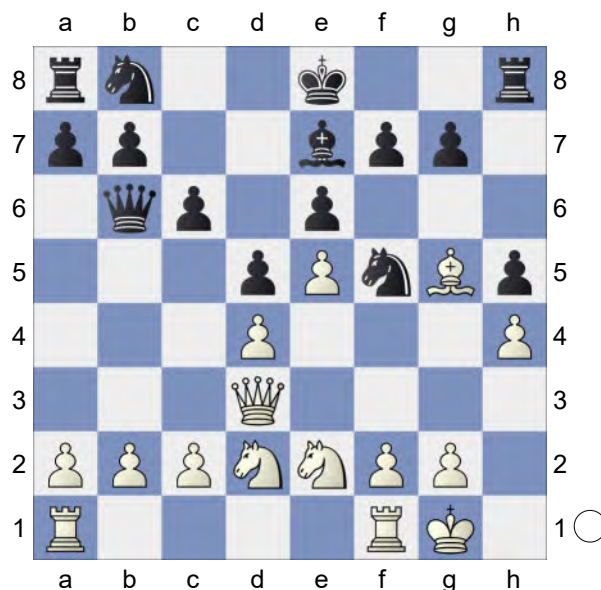
9.Ne2! White is slightly better.
 now scores much better than the old 9.
 Ngf3. punktet besser als das ältere 9.
 Sgf3. **9...Nf5 0.91/18**

[**9...c5± 0.47/19** feels stronger. 10.c4
 Nbc6 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Nc4 Qc7
 13.0-0 f6 14.Bf4 Nxf4 15.Nxf4 Nxd4
 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.exd6 Qd7 18.b4
 b6 19.bxc5 bxc5 20.Qg6+ Kf8
 21.Qe4 Kf7 22.Qg6+ Kg8 23.Rab1
 Rh6 24.Qe4 Rd8 **0-1 (37)**
 Navrotescu,A (2356)-Fandi,M (2278)
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10.0-0± Be7N

[10...Nd7 11.c4 Be7 (11...Bb4

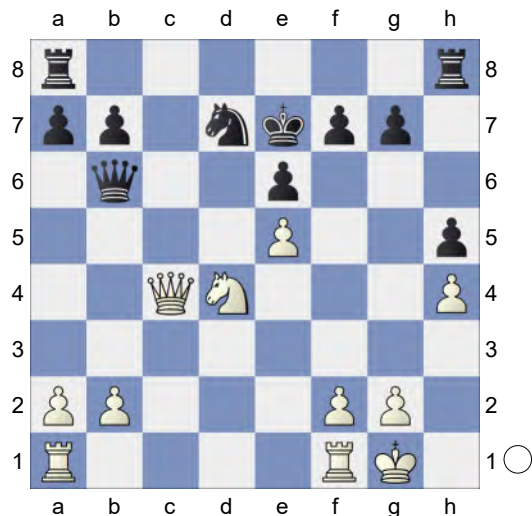
12.cxd5 cxd5 13.Nf3 0-0 14.a3 Be7
 15.Ng3 Nng3 16.fxg3 Rfe8 17.Bxe7
 Rxe7 18.Rf2 The Caveman Declined
Mainlin-46. The Caveman Declined:
8..) 12.Bxe7 Nxe7 13.Nf4 (13.b4
Nf5 14.g3 Qd8 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.Nf4
g6 17.Rfc1 Rc8 18.Nf1 Rc4
19.Rxc4 dxc4 20.Qxc4 0-0 21.Ne3
Nb6 22.Qf1 Nxd4 23.Rd1 Qd7
24.Qg2 Rd8 25.Qe4 Nc4 26.Ned5
exd5 27.Qxd4 Nb6 **1-0 (40) Burry,S**
(2607)-De Almeida,C (2554) Akopian-
Kramnik 2004) 13...Nf5 14.cxd5
Qxd4 15.dxc6 bxc6 16.Qxd4 Nxd4
17.Nc4 The Caveman Declined
Mainlin-47. The Caveman Declined:
8..]



11.Bxe7 Nxe7N

[Vorgänger: 11...Kxe7 12.Nf3 c5
 13.c4 dxc4 14.Qxc4 **0.37/19**
 (14.Qd2!± **0.74/23**) 14...cxd4!±
 15.Nexd4 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 **Strongly**
threatening Nf3. Nd7? 2.16/19
 (16...Rd8!= **0.29/19** and Black is
 okay. 17.Nf3 Nc6)

(Diagram)



17.Nf3!+- a5 1-0 Najer,E (2648)-
Petrosyan,M (2628) Titled Arena Mar
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12.c4 Nf5 13.Rac1 aiming for cxd5.

13...0-0 1.24/21

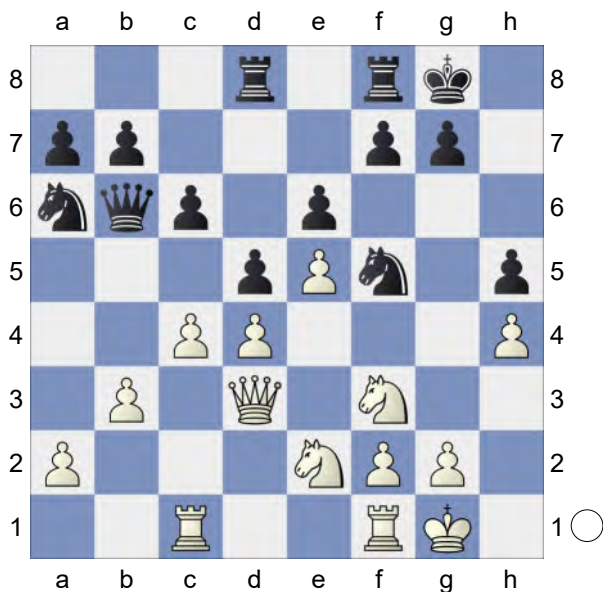
[13...Na6 0.76/17]

14.b3 Na6 1.40/19

[14...Qd8 0.93/19]

15.Nf3± Rad8 1.68/19

[15...Qd8± 1.29/17 is a better
defense.]



16.Rfd1 1.14/21

[16.Qd2+- 1.68/19]

16...g6 1.58/19

[Better is 16...c5 1.14/21]

17.Nf4 1.08/17

[17.Ng3 1.58/19]

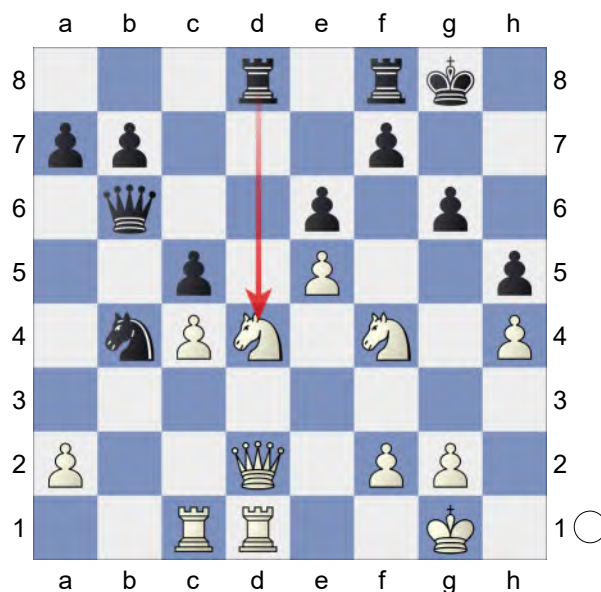
17...Nb4 2.50/20 A mistake that costs
the game.

[17...dxc4± 1.08/17 might work better.

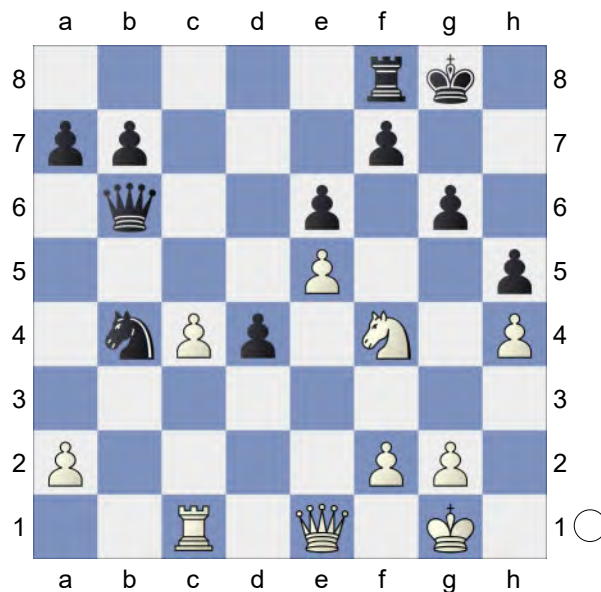
18.bxc4 Nb4]

18.Qd2+- dxc4 19.bxc4 Nxd4

20.Nxd4 c5



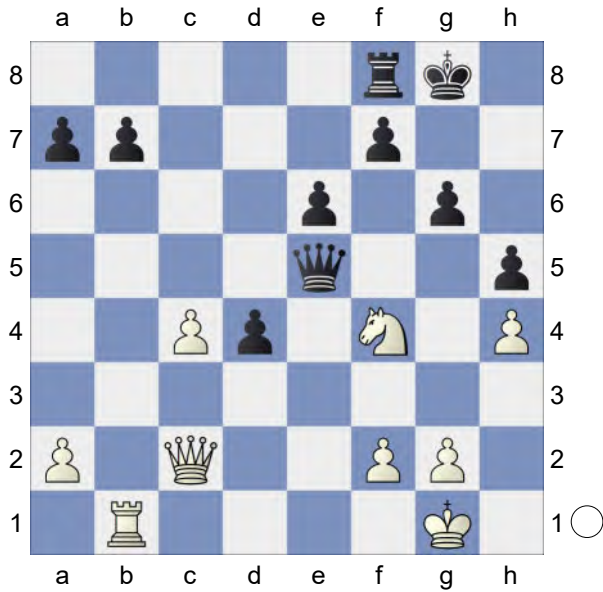
21.Qe1! Rxd4 22.Rxd4 cxd4



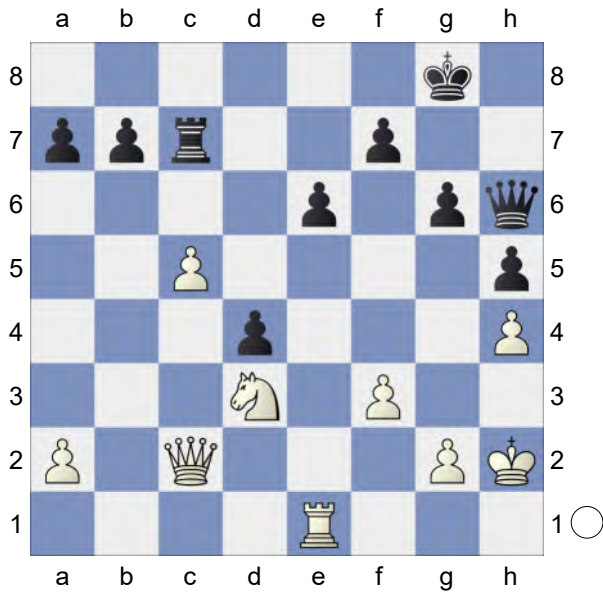
23.Rb1! Nc2 24.Qd1 Qc5 25.Qxc2

And now Nxe6! would win. 25...Qxe5

(Diagram)

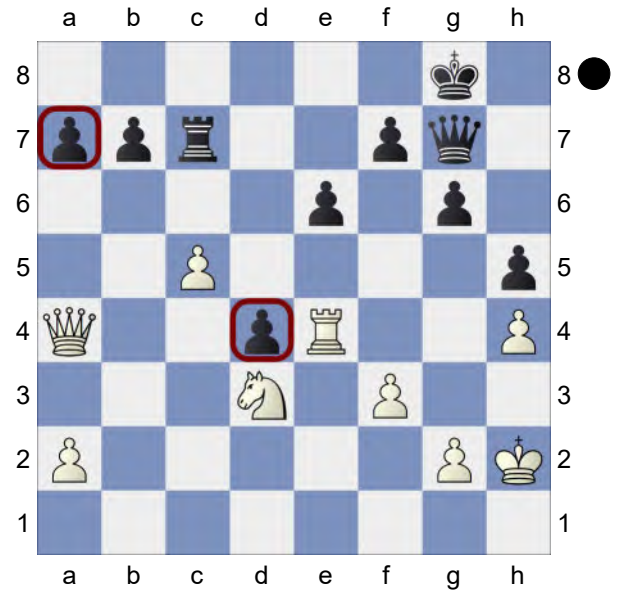


**26.Nd3 Qe4 27.c5 Rc8 28.f3 Qe3+
29.Kh2 Rc7 30.Re1 Qh6**



31.Re4 Qg7 32.Qa4

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.30
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□ Mamatov, Melis

■ Murzin, Volodar

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[Kitty Kat]

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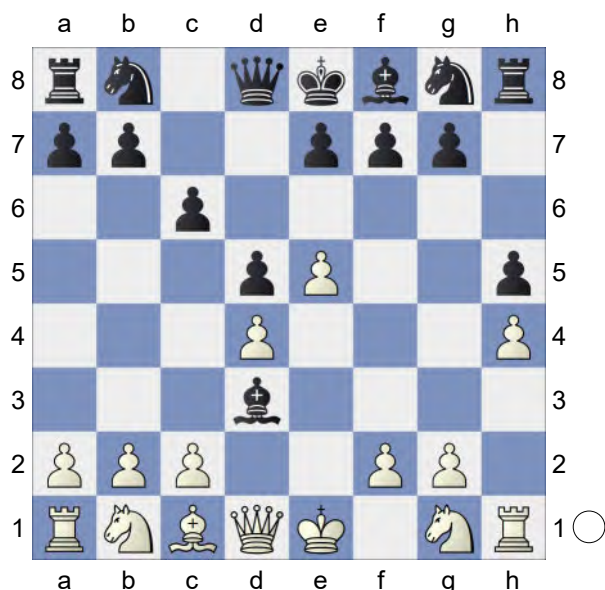
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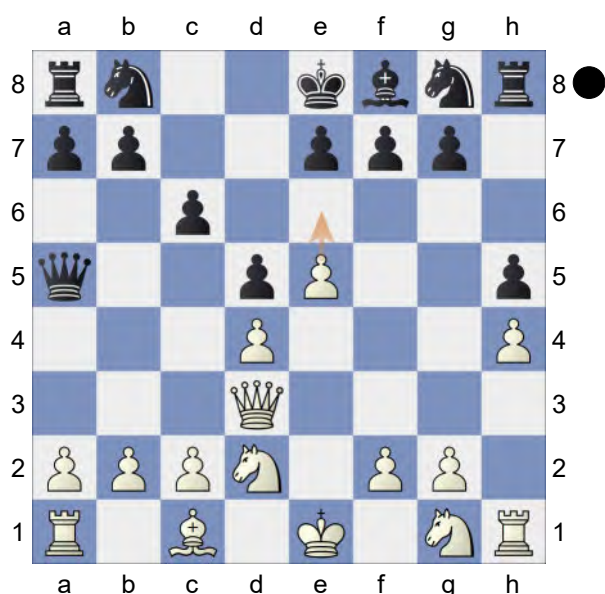
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

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5.Bd3 Bxd3

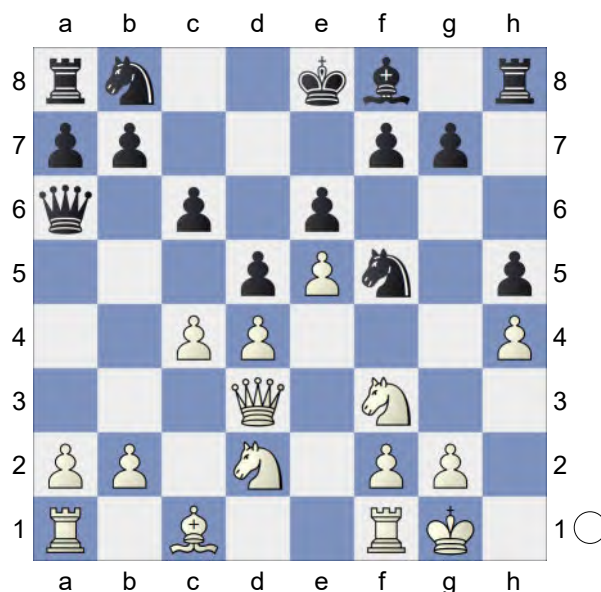


6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.Nd2



Threatens to win with e6! 7...e6 8.Ngf3
White is slightly better. 8...Nh6 9.0-0

Qa6 10.c4 Nf5



11.b3 Be7 12.a4

[12.g3 0-0 13.Rd1 Nd7 14.Nf1
Rfe8 15.Ne3 Nxe3 16.Bxe3 Nb6
17.Rac1 Rac8 18.c5 Qxd3 19.Rxd3
Nd7 20.b4 a6 21.a4 Ra8 22.Rb3
Rec8 23.Kg2 g6 24.Bg5 Kf8
25.Bxe7+ Kxe7 26.Ng5 Rf8
1-0 (67) Gabrielian, A (2472)-Sargsyan,
A (2378) Titled Tuesday intern op 27th
Sep Late blitz 2022 (9)]

12...0-0!? Exploring less charted
territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes
Terrain.

[12...Nd7 13.a5 c5 14.Ba3 cxd4
15.Bxe7 Nxe7 16.Nxd4 Rd8 17.Qg3
dxc4 18.Nxc4 0-0 19.Qg5 Ng6
20.Nf3 Nc5 21.Qxh5 Nf4 22.Qg4
Ne2+ 23.Kh2 Nxb3 24.Rae1 Ned4
25.Nd6 Nxf3+ 26.gxf3 Rxd6
27.Rg1 1-0 (56) Sinz, B (2308)-Seo, J
(2130) Rilton Cup 52nd 2024 (8)]

13.g3N -0.07/23

[White should try 13.Ba3± 0.57/19
Bxa3 14.Rxa3 Qb6 15.a5 Qd8
16.g3 Chapter 14: Caro Kann-
Mainline 4...h5,6]

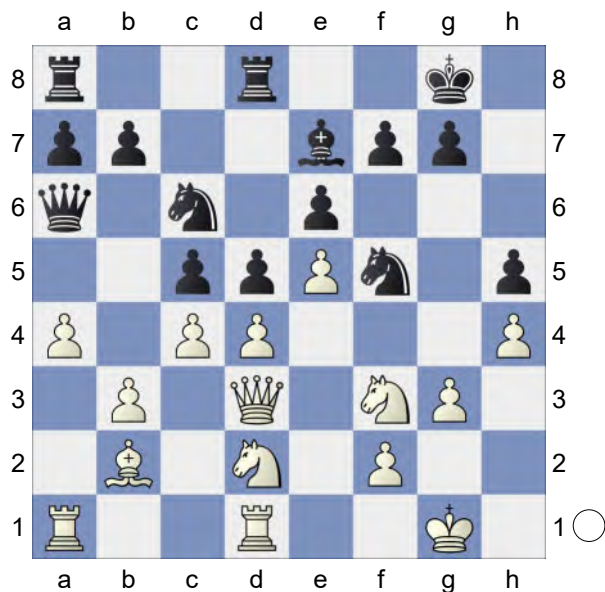
13...Rd8=

[Data server:: 13...c5 14.dxc5 Bxc5
15.Ba3 Bxa3 16.Rxa3 Nc6 17.Qb1
Rfd8 18.Rd1 -0.76/19 (18.b4!=
-0.16/18 Qb6 19.a5 Qxb4 20.Qxb4
Nxb4 21.Rb1) 18...Nb4 -0.30/22
(18...Qa5 -0.76/19 19.Ra2 Rac8)
19.Ra1 Qb6 20.cxd5 Nxd5
0-1 (57) Dauletova,G (2285)-Nomin
Erdene,D (2382) Chess.com INT
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14.Bb2 c5 15.Rfd1 -0.89/19

[15.dxc5 -0.48/19 Nc6 16.Ba3]

15...Nc6



White is now going downhill. **16.Kg2**
-1.73/18

[White should play 16.dxc5 -0.63/19
Bxc5 17.Ng5]

16...cxd4+ 17.Nxd4? -4.03/20

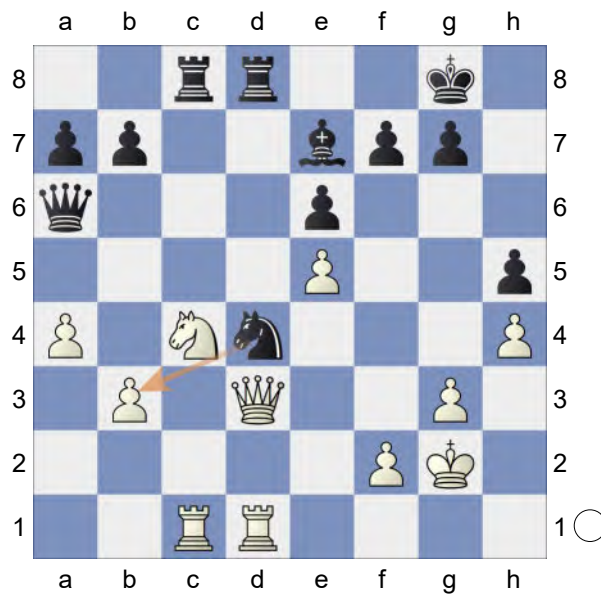
[17.Qf1 -1.84/17]

17...Nfxd4

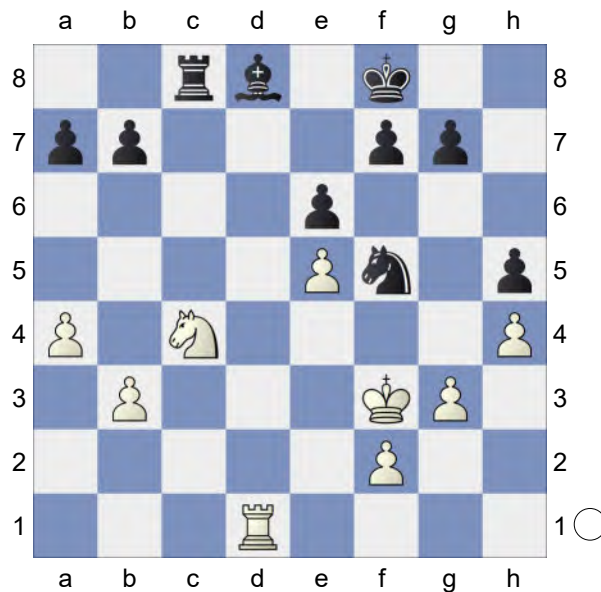
[17...Nxe5? 18.Qb1 Nh6 (18...dxc4
19.Nxf5 Bf6 20.Ne7+ Deflection
Bxe7 21.Bxe5±) 19.Re1+]

**18.Bxd4 dxc4 19.Nxc4 Nxd4 20.Rac1
Rac8**

(Diagram)

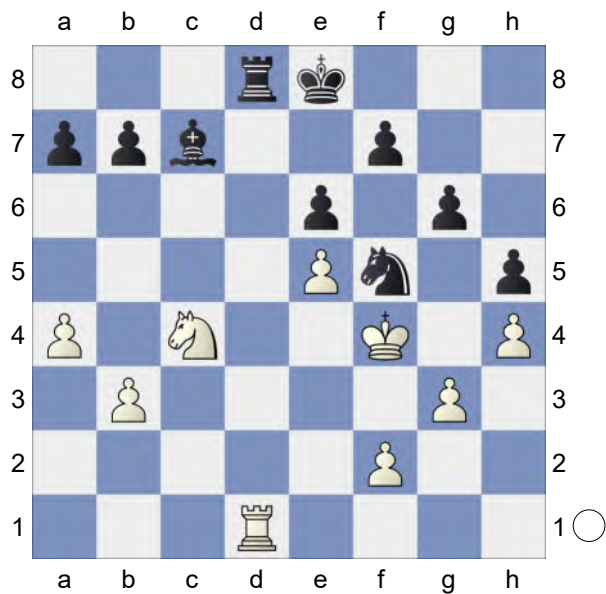


**21.Qe3 Nf5 22.Qf3 Qc6 23.Rxd8+
Bxd8 24.Rd1 Qxf3+ 25.Kxf3 Kf8**

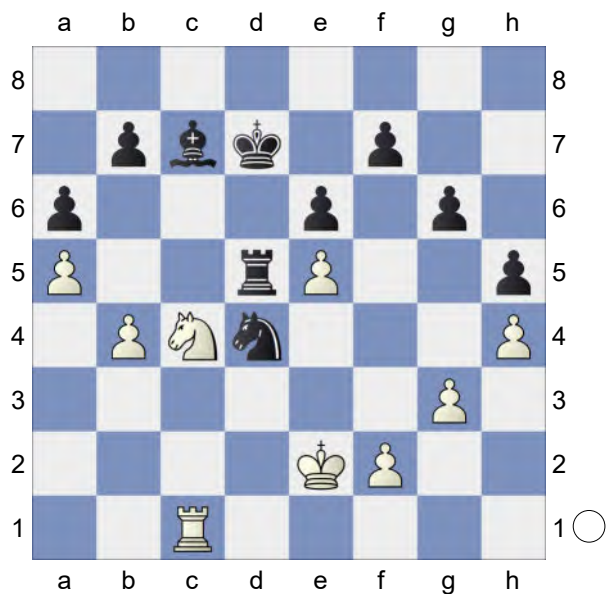


**26.Rd7 Rb8 Black is clearly winning.
27.Kf4 Ke8 28.Rd1 Bc7 29.Kg5 g6
30.Kf4 Rd8**

(Diagram)

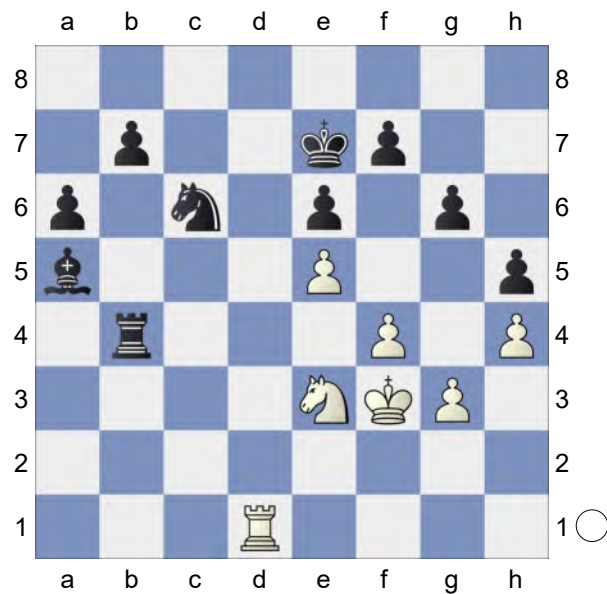


**31.Rc1 Rd4+ 32.Kf3 Kd7 33.Ke2 a6
34.a5 Rd5 35.b4 Nd4+**

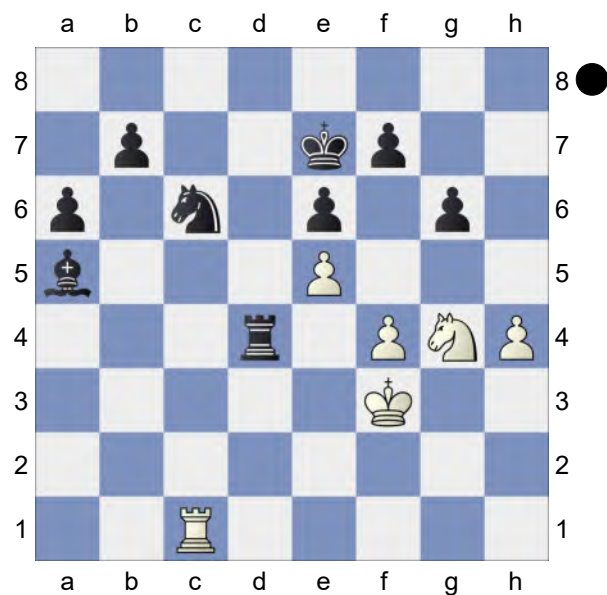


36.Ke3 Nc6
[36...Bxe5 37.Nxe5+ Rxe5+
38.Kxd4-+]
**37.f4 Rb5 38.Rd1+ Ke7 39.Kf3 Rxb4
40.Ne3 Bxa5**

(Diagram)

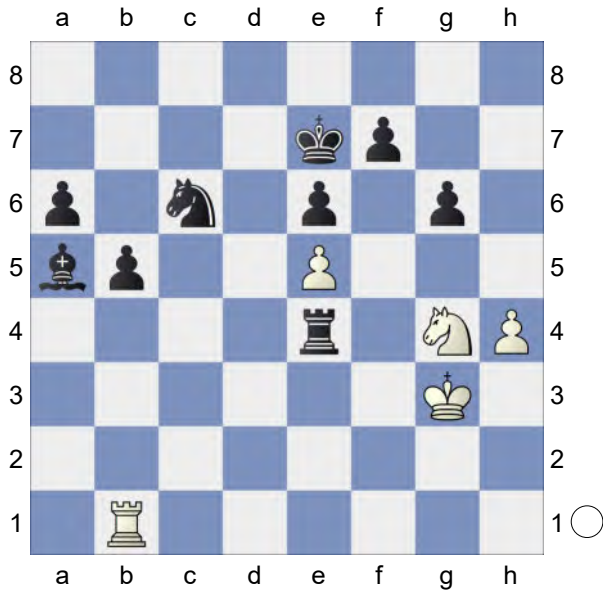


41.g4 hxg4+ 42.Nxg4 Rd4 43.Rc1

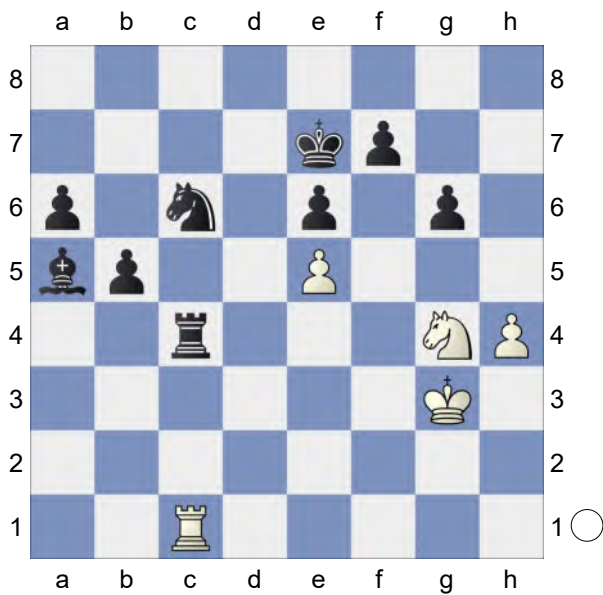


Rxf4+!! 44.Kg3 Re4 45.Rb1 b5

(Diagram)



46.Ra1 Ra4 47.Rc1 Rc4



Weighted Error Value: White=0.27
(precise) /Black=0.05 (flawless)

0-1

178 **B12**
 □ **Vucinic,Gojko** **2349**
 ■ **Miladinovic,Igor** **2536**
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 [Daniel Fernandez]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 c5

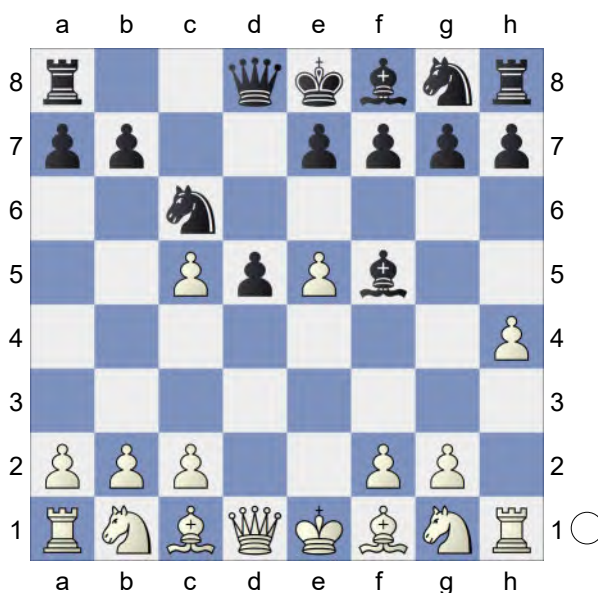
[The comparison should be drawn with the line 4...h6 5.g4 Bd7 6.h5 c5 and here I have perhaps been unjustly critical of Black's chances: 7.dxc5 (7.c3 Nc6 8.Na3 Qa5 9.dxc5 e6= Perunovic,M-Dimitrov,R Skopje 2018) 7...e6 This is better than ...Qc7 forcing White's bishop to f4 is not always worth the effort. 8.Be3 (8.a3!? works great in the Arkell-Khenkin, but White has spent too long on kingside pawn moves for it to be threatening here. Nc6 9.Nf3 Bxc5 10.b4 Bb6 11.Bb2 f6!∞) 8...Qc7 9.f4 Bxc5 10.Bxc5 Qxc5 11.Qd2 f6 The jury is still out on positions like this one. My feeling is that Black should be OK with French-like plays like ...Nc6, ...Nge7, ...fxe5 and ...0-0. However, the machine quite stubbornly continues to offer +0.3. Corrales Jimenez,F-Nyzhnyk,I Las Vegas 2019]

5.dxc5!

[The adventurous 5.Nc3 can be seen in Pavlovic's archive coverage of the game Predojevic-Nilsen, Norwegian Team Ch. 2015. cxd4! 6.Nb5 (6.Qxd4 is met not by ...Nc6, transposing into Pavlovic's comments, but a6! 7.Qxd5 Nc6∞ with adequate compensation for the pawn.) 6...d3! 7.Bxd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 e6 Black has exchanged off their 'problem piece' and so while the computer continues

to declare some advantage (about 0.4) it wouldn't be clear to me in a practical game how to make anything tangible come of it. Black is just playing normal plans like ... a6, ...Nd7, ...Ne7-c6.]

5...Nc6



6.Bb5 Qc7 Regarding this position it has become impossible to dispute that White has some kind of advantage, but the routes vary quite significantly from here in terms of the size and tractability of that advantage. **7.Bf4** The most common response, and the reason for this could be some kind of mental crossover from the 4...h6 lines mentioned above. However, both 7.Nc3 and 7.Qxd5 seem better.

[McDonald commented on the following encounter for the archives some 7 years ago: 7.Ne2 Definitely not the best way of keeping an advantage, but good for shorter time controls. Qxe5? (7...e6! 8.Be3 Nge7 9.Nd4 0-0-0 This position has a very substantial number of 'Let's Check' visits, indicating that possibly some illuminating correspondence game is

underway. All the lines I followed from here saw White's advantage being chipped away, but it's still conceivable that it could be kept somehow.) 8.Bf4!? (8.Nbc3

is also playable, transposing below, but Giri's move is still more incisive.) 8...Qxb2 9.Nbc3± Giri,A-Oleksienko, M Doha 2014]

[The cloud engine choice is the unnatural-looking 7.Nc3! , essentially conceding that the e5-pawn was toast anyway and that trying to give it any kind of palliative care would have just been a concession. 0-0-0! (7...e6 8.g4 d4 9.Qxd4 Bxc2 10.Qd2 Qxe5+?! 11.Nge2 Bg6 12.h5 Rd8 13.Qg5+- Onischuk,V-Patuzzo,F Bastia 2016; 7...Qxe5+ 8.Nge2 e6 9.Bf4 Qf6 10.Nd4±) 8.Bxc6□ Qxc6 9.Nf3 d4 10.Ne2± The position remains complicated, but Black doesn't have enough activity to justify the loud preceding moves.]

[7.Nf3 can hardly be a bad move, but gives Black more of the kind of strategic fight he's after: e6 8.b4 Bg4 9.Bf4 Nge7 10.Nbd2 a6 11.Ba4 Nf5 12.c3 Be7 Here, in Navara,D-Howell, D INT 2020, the computer opines that to keep a proper advantage White should have played 13.Qb1!± (with the second choice being 13.Qc1) and so this doesn't bode well for the practicality of the line overall.]

[7.Qxd5!? A good human solution. e6 (7...Rd8 8.Qb3 e6 9.Be3±) 8.Bxc6+! (8.Qf3 Qxe5+ 9.Ne2 Be4 10.Qg3 McShane,L-Howell,D London 2017 0-0-0∞) 8...bxc6 9.Qd4 Rd8 10.Qc3 Ne7 11.Nf3 Nd5 12.Qa3± It is also possible to claim +/- here. White has really strong dark squares

(Bd2-a5, Nbd2-c4-d6) while Black is mostly looking for tricks.]

7...e6 Somehow White should try and include g4 over the coming few moves in order to make the most of having played h4, but there are as usual many ways to do this. **8.b4** One of three plausible continuations. In all cases Black has ways to avoid really severe damage and so probably White's most punishing continuation could have come on the previous move.

[8.g4!? Qa5+! (8...Bxg4?? 9.Qxg4 Qa5+ 10.Nc3 d4 is a mistaken order due to 11.b4 Qxb4 12.Bd2 and the piece will not be won back, Harutjunyan,G-Mortazavi,A INT 2021.) 9.Nc3 Qb4 10.gxf5 (10.Nh3 is an attempt to save on some complexity, but ultimately it backfires, e.g. Be4 11.f3!? d4! 12.a3 Qxc5 13.Nxe4 Qxb5∞) 10...Qxf4 11.fxe6 fxe6 12.Qe2 Bxc5 13.Nh3! Qxh4 14.0-0-0± Black has an extra pawn and central majority, but the pressure White will get after imminent moves like Rdg1 and Ng5 doesn't really bear thinking about.]

[8.Nd2 This move more directly prepares g4 (and Black doesn't have the time to prevent it) but great damage can be avoided by more or less the same deus ex machina as in the game. Bxc5 (There is really no time for 8...h5 9.b4 followed by a3 and Ngf3, and White keeps all the food.) 9.g4 g5 10.hxg5 Bg6 11.Nb3 Nge7! The move that makes this line relatively palatable for Black. The tempo that would have been needed for ...Bb6 can be used for ...Qb6, but only after ensuring another piece can take the role of recapturing on c6. By

lining up a knight for this, Black indirectly makes ...d4 happen at least one move faster. (11...Qb6? 12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.Nxc5 Qxc5 14.c3 Black gets killed on the dark squares.; 11...Bb6 12.Nf3 Nge7 13.a3 0-0 14.Bd3± Black has lost too much time to be able to try and claim full compensation.) 12.Kf1!? I wasn't able to find a line that fully consolidated the extra pawn for White. Perhaps this is unsurprising, since the pawn in question is doubled. This move threatens Nxc5. (12.c3 Bb6 13.Nf3 a6 14.Bd3 d4!?±) 12...Qb6 13.Qe2 a6 14.Bxc6+ (14.Bd3 Nd4 15.Nxd4 Bxd4 16.Bc1 Bxd3 17.cxd3 Rc8 18.Nf3 Ng6±) 14...Nxc6 15.Nf3 (15.c3 d4!) 15...Nb4 16.Ne1 d4±]

8...a5!?

[My feeling is that, now that c5 can't realistically be taken any more, Black should take the time to play 8...Nge7 and try to develop alternate means of counterplay. Often it is worth giving up the g-pawn (or even two kingside pawns) to win the e5-pawn and get something going in the centre. 9.Nd2 (9.a3 a6 10.Ba4 0-0-0 likely transposes) 9...a6 (9...0-0-0 10.a3 h6 11.Ngf3± assures White a much larger advantage since Black will now need to prepare ...g5 even further.) 10.Ba4 0-0-0 (10...h6 11.g4! Be4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.c4± Followed by Qc2, Ne2, etc. White's pieces finally have the space to rearrange at leisure.) 11.a3 h6 12.Ngf3 g5 13.hxg5 Bg7 (13...Ng6 14.Bg3 Nce7 15.Qe2 is also possible and might give a couple of minor extra options like Bg4!?) 14.gxh6□ Ng6 15.Bg3 (15.Bg5 Ncxe5!

16.Bxd8 Qxd8 The power of the central majority set free is definitely not less than that of the exchange and pawn.) 15...Nce7! 16.Qe2 Bxh6 17.Nd4 (17.0-0-0 is similar: Bg4 18.Kb1 Nf5 19.c4 Nxc3 20.fxc3 Bg7± with decent counterplay.) 17...Nf4 18.Bxf4 Bxf4 19.0-0-0 Rxh1 20.Rxh1 Be4± Followed by ...Qxe5 and Black at long last recovers one of the sacrificed pawns.]

9.g4?! Wasn't this what White was preparing? Yes, but now comes... a silver bullet!

[9.c3 Nge7 10.Nd2 leads to slightly altered versions of the last (8...Nge7) note. On the one hand Black didn't drive White's bishop back to a4, but on the other hand the b4-pawn isn't supported in an optimal way. On balance, the difference seems marginally in White's favour.]

9...g5! A useful resource to remember in all these h4-lines. Black claims equality!

[9...Be4 10.f3 doesn't help Black at all.]

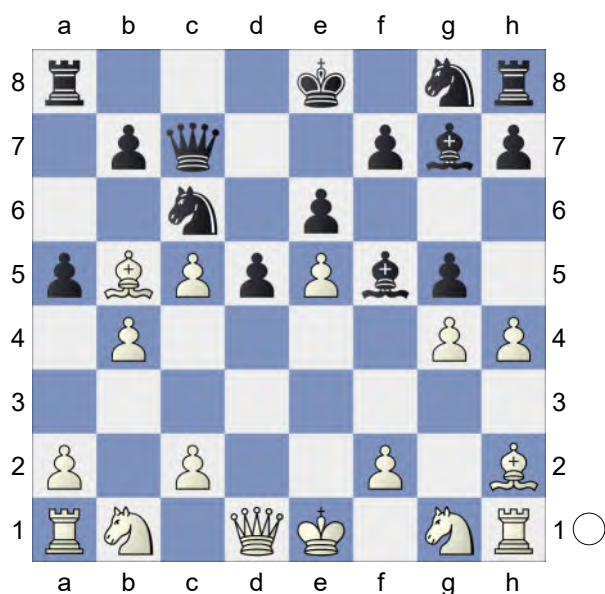
10.Bh2

[The following line is noteworthy: 10.hxg5 Be4! 11.f3 Bg6 12.c3?! Nge7 For now there is no real way to besiege the e5- or c5-pawns any further, but White's position is full of contradictions and a follow-up like ...Bg7 and ...0-0-0 will draw them into sharp focus.]

10...Bg7?

[It had to be more cleverly sacrificed: 10...Be4! 11.f3 0-0-0!∞ with the idea of ...h5, and all White's pawn fortifications on both sides seem to be failing. The engine continuation is 12.fxe4 dxe4 13.Qc1 h5!? 14.Nd2 Nxb4 15.Nxe4 Bxc5 16.Rb1!? hxg4

17.Ne2 Rxh4 18.c3 g3 19.N2xg3 Nd5 and we are still some distance from a discernable perpetual check. I feel it is somewhat beyond my pay grade to enumerate all the draws in a messy line like this hopefully the one I have given is enough to show that Black gets good play!]



A 'clever' move that ends up simply losing a piece. 11.gxf5 Bxe5 12.fxe6+- 0-0-0

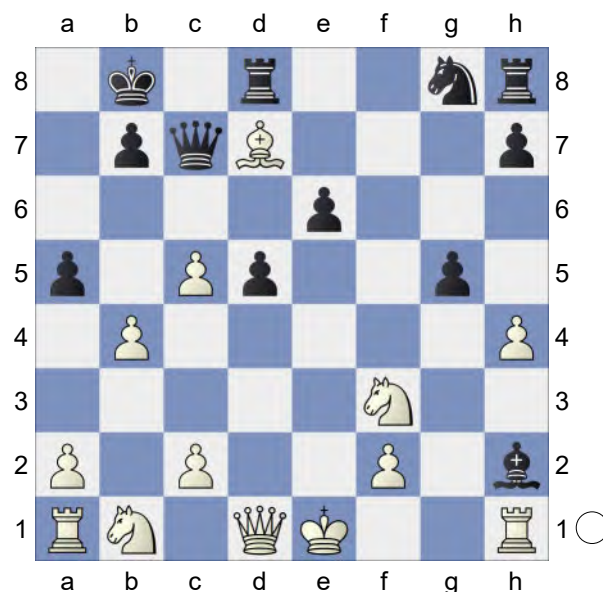
[In case of recapturing the pawn with 12...fxe6 White can even opt for 13.Bxc6+ bxc6 14.Qh5+ Kf8 15.hxg5+- as Black's pieces are all completely hog-tied.]

13.Bxc6 White is simply up a piece. Depending on circumstances, it can be sacrificed for an attack or just used as a decisive advantage in itself. **13...Bxh2**

[13...bxc6 14.Qe2 Bxh2 15.Qa6+ Kb8 16.bxa5 and a big check follows on the b-file.]

14.Bd7+ Kb8 15.Nf3 fxe6

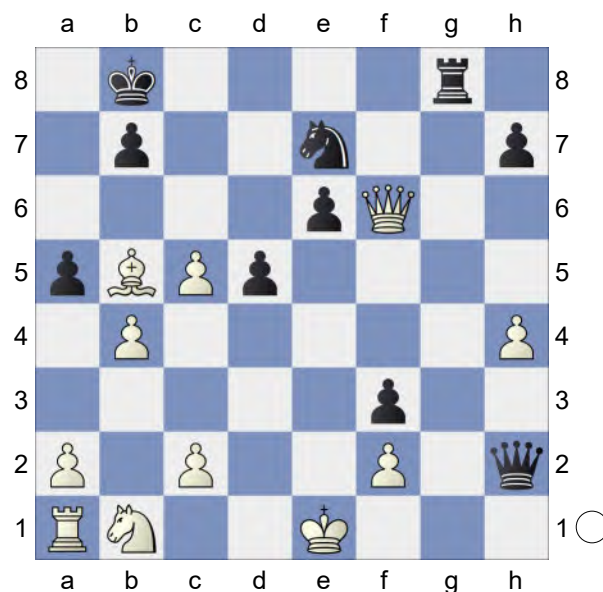
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16.Rxh2 g4 17.Qd4 gxf3 18.Qxh8 Ne7

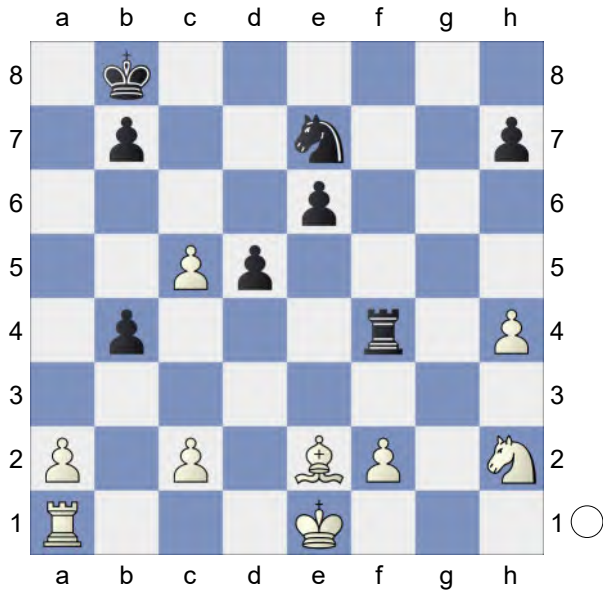
[The best chance of making a mess was perhaps 18...Nh6 although White is still winning everywhere.]

19.Qf6 Qxh2 20.Bb5 Rg8

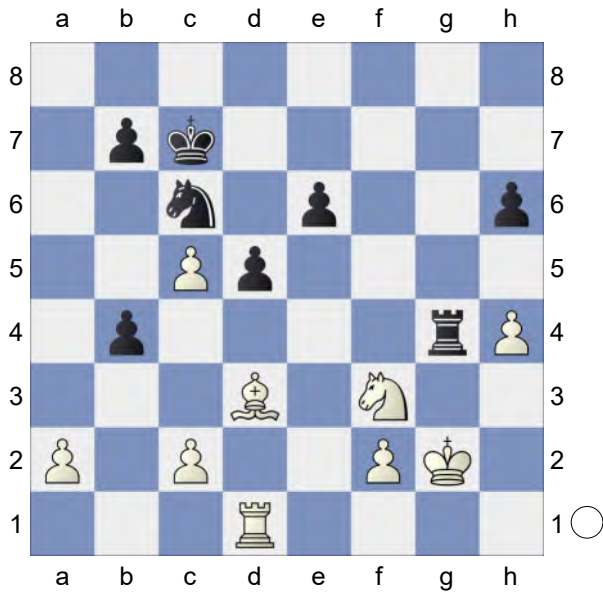


21.Nd2 Rg1+ 22.Bf1 Rg6 23.Nxf3 Rxf6 24.Nxh2 axb4 25.Be2 Rf4

(Diagram)

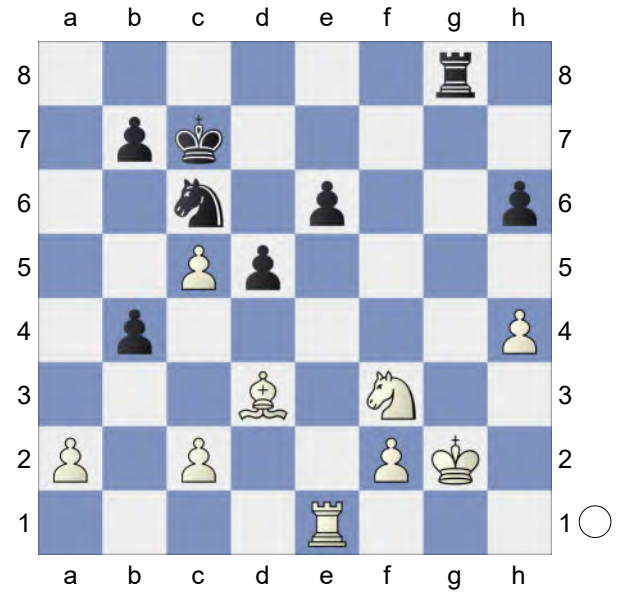


**26.Nf3 Nc6 27.Rd1 h6 28.Kf1 Kc7
29.Kg2 Re4 30.Bd3 Rg4+**

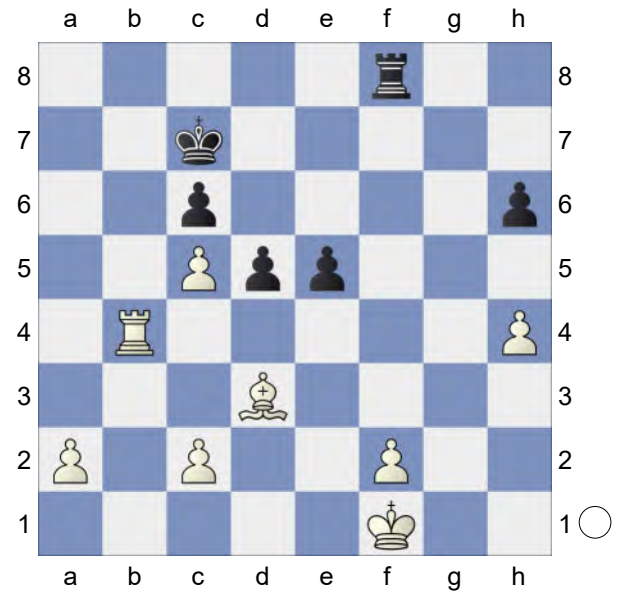


**31.Kh3 Rf4 32.Kg3 Rf8 33.Re1 Rg8+
34.Kh3 Rf8 35.Kg2 Rg8+**

(Diagram)

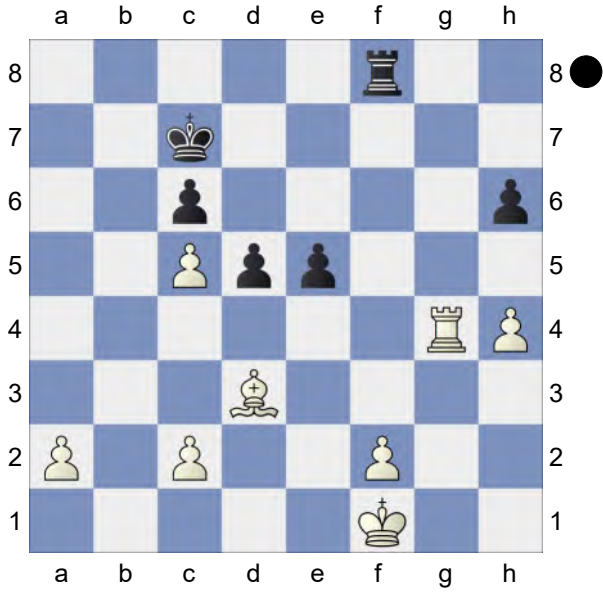


**36.Kf1 Rf8 37.Ne5 Nd4 38.Rb1 Nc6
39.Nxc6 bxc6 40.Rxb4 e5**



41.Rg4

(Diagram)



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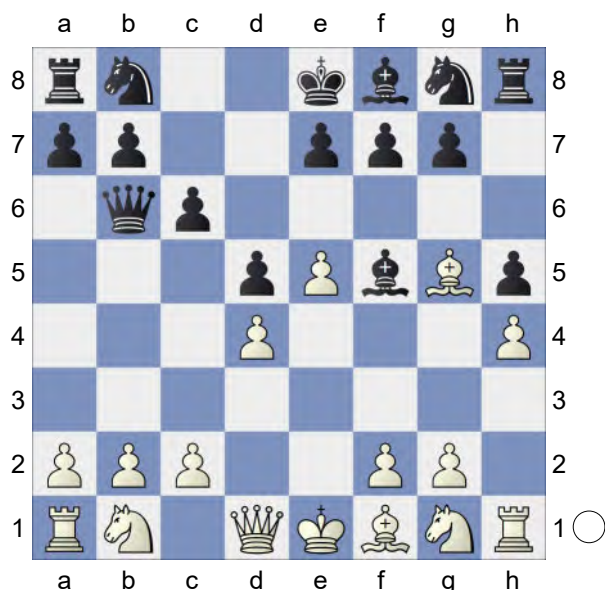
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bg5 Qb6!



6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.Qxd3 e6 0.18/23

[Black should try 7...Qxb2+ -1.23/21

8.Qb3 Qxb3 (8...Qxa1? 9.Qxb7 Kd8
10.Nf3+-) 9.axb3 Nd7]

8.Nd2= The position is equal. 8...Ne7
0.83/21

[8...c5= 0.25/20]

9.Ne2 is currently scoring better than 9.
Ngf3. wohl besser als 9.Sgf3.

[9.Ngf3 Qa6 10.c4 Nf5 11.0-0 Nd7
12.Qc3 Be7 13.Bxe7 Nxe7 14.c5 b6
15.a4 bxc5 16.dxc5 Qc8 17.b4 a5
18.bxa5 Qc7 19.Nb3 Ng6 20.Rfe1
0-0 21.Rac1 f6 22.Nbd4 Nf4 23.Qc2
Nxe5 ½-½ Sergeev (2720)-Perez
Bartolome,A (2654) 85/422 Bled 2002
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Bartolome,A (2654) 85/422 Bled 2002

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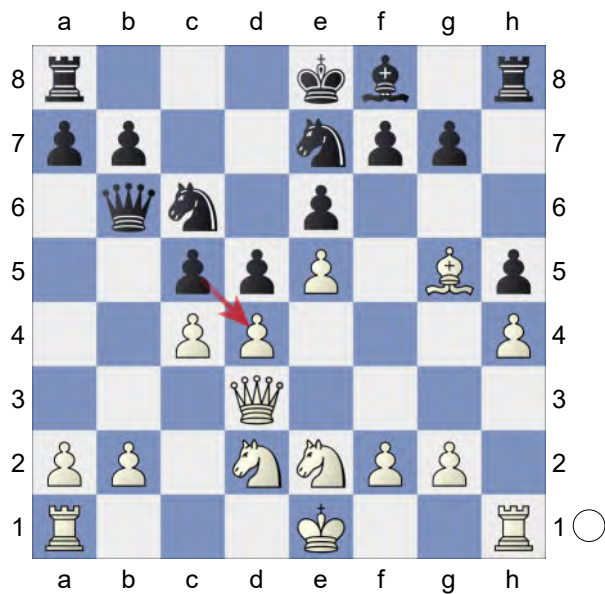
9...c5N

[9...Nd7 10.0-0 (10.c4 Qa6 11.b3
Nf5 12.Ng3 Nxc3 13.Qxc3 dxc4
14.0-0 Nb6 15.Rfc1 c3 16.Rxc3
Bb4 17.Rd3 Bxd2 18.Rxd2 Nd5
19.Qf3 Rc8 20.Rc1 Rc7 21.Rc5
Rd7 22.Qe4 Qb6 23.Kh2 Qc7
24.Kh3 a6 1-0 Liu,A (2141)-Holis,H
(2294) Vienna Wien 1922 (5.45)
1-0 (56) Liu,A (2141)-Holis,H (2294)
Vienna Wien 1922 (5.45))

A) 10...c5 11.c3 Nf5 12.Nf3 Be7
(12...Qa6 13.Qd2 Nb6 14.Ng3
Nc4 15.Qe2 Nxc3 16.fxc3 Rc8
17.Kh2 Rc7 18.Qf2 cxd4 19.cxd4
Na5 20.a3 Korneev,O (2481)-
Korpa,B (2516) 156/(38) Hastings
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(2516) 156/(38) Hastings 2022)
13.Bxe7 Nxe7 14.Rab1 0-0-0
15.Nf4 Kb8 16.a4 g6 17.Rfe1
Rc8 18.g3 Nf5 19.b3 Rhe8
20.Ng2 cxd4 21.cxd4 Qb4
22.Rec1 f6 23.Nf4 fxe5 24.Nxe5
Nxe5 25.dxe5 0-1 Seder,M (2116)-
Ammar,S (2226) Olympiad-45
Budapest 2024 (5.48) 0-1 (32)
Seder,M (2116)-Ammar,S (2226)
Olympiad-45 Budapest 2024 (5.
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B) 10...Nf5 11.c4 dxc4 12.Nxc4
Qa6 13.Ng3 Nb6 14.b3 Nxc3
15.fxc3 Nxc4 16.bxc4 Be7
17.Bxe7 Kxe7 18.a4 Rad8 19.Rf4
Rd7 20.Raf1 Ke8 21.Rxf7 Rxf7
22.Qg6 Qxc4 23.Qxf7+ Kd8
24.Qxb7 1-0 Nebolsina,V (2285)-
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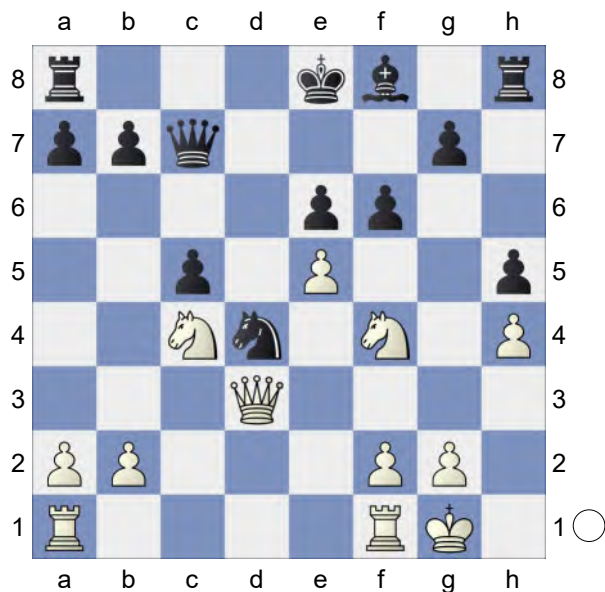
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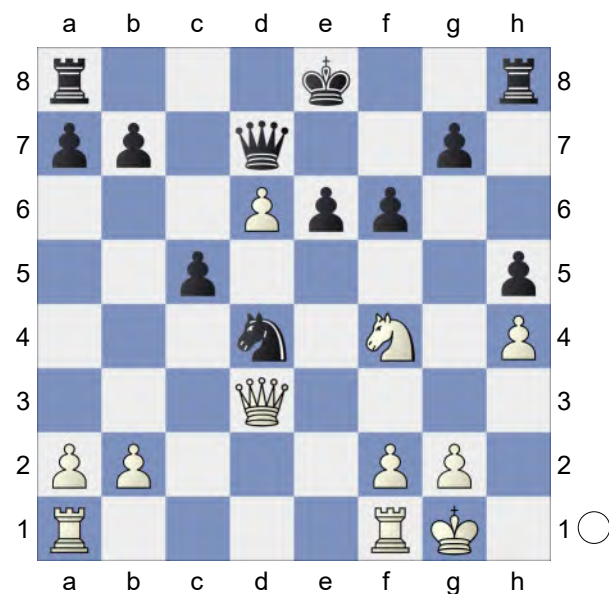
11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Nc4 Qc7 13.0-0 'N'
 [13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.0-0 0-0 15.Rac1
 Be7 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.Qg3 g6
 18.Nd6 Rfd8 19.Ne4 0-1 (45) Barbot,
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13...f6 14.Bf4 0.07/22
 [14.Bd2± 0.45/20]

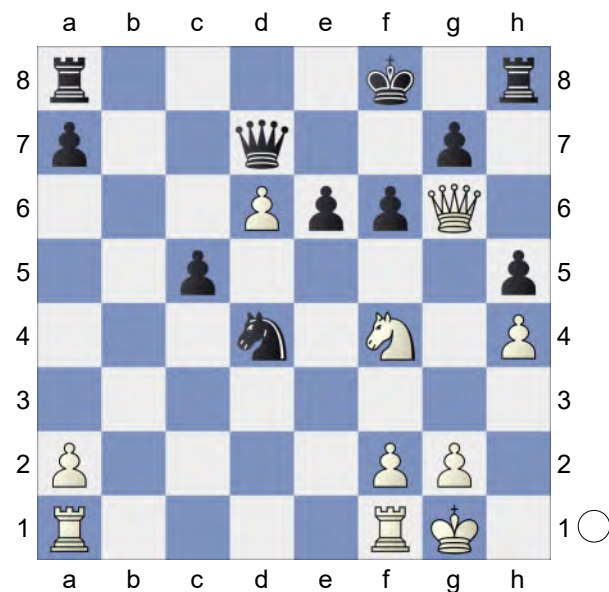
14...Nxf4 15.Nxf4 Nxd4



16.Nd6+! Bxd6 17.exd6 Qd7 0.45/21
 [17...Qxd6= -0.18/24 18.Nxe6 Pin
 Kf7 (18...Qxe6? 19.Rae1+- Pin)]



**18.b4!± b6 19.bxc5 bxc5 20.Qg6+!
 Kf8**

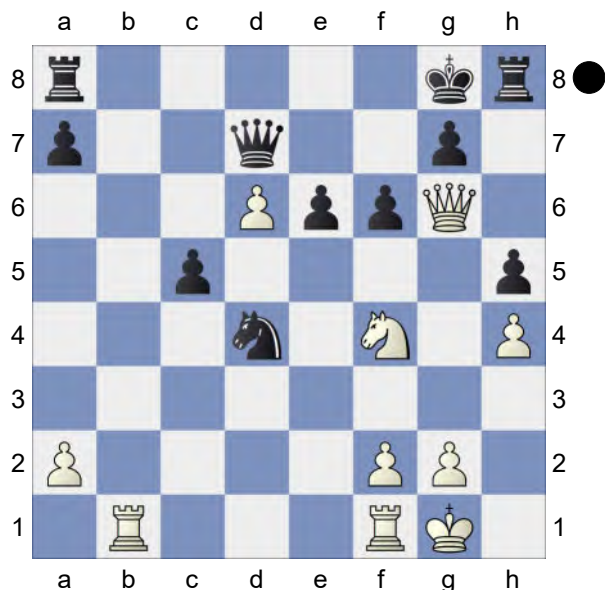


21.Qe4! White has compensation.
 [21.Nxh5? Rd8 22.Rab1 Rh6+
 (22...Qxd6 23.Qxg7+ Ke8
 24.Nxf6#)]

21...Kf7 22.Qg6+? -1.03/27
 [22.Rab1± 0.63/24 Rhb8
 (22...Qxd6? too greedy. 23.Rb7+
 Kg8 24.Qg6+-) 23.Nxh5]

**22...Kg8± Black keeps a firm grip on the
 game. 23.Rab1 -1.77/23**

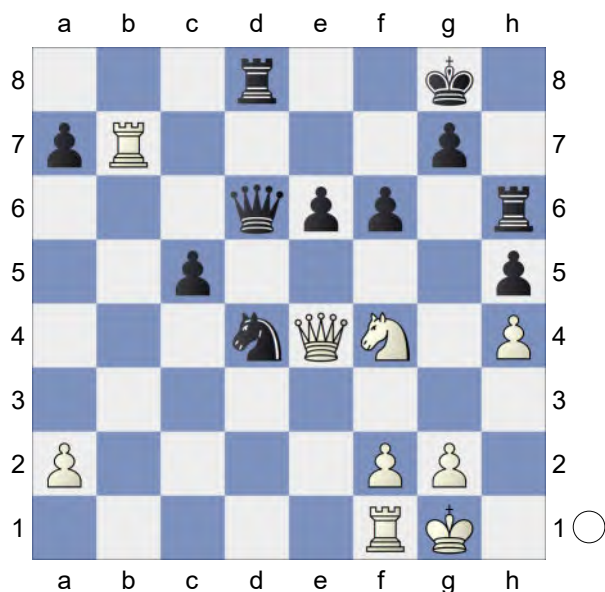
[23.Qe4 $\mp$ -0.90/24 Rd8 24.Kh1]



23...Rh6!-+ 24.Qe4 Rd8 25.Rb7
-2.10/24

[Δ 25.Rfe1 -1.62/21]

25...Qxd6



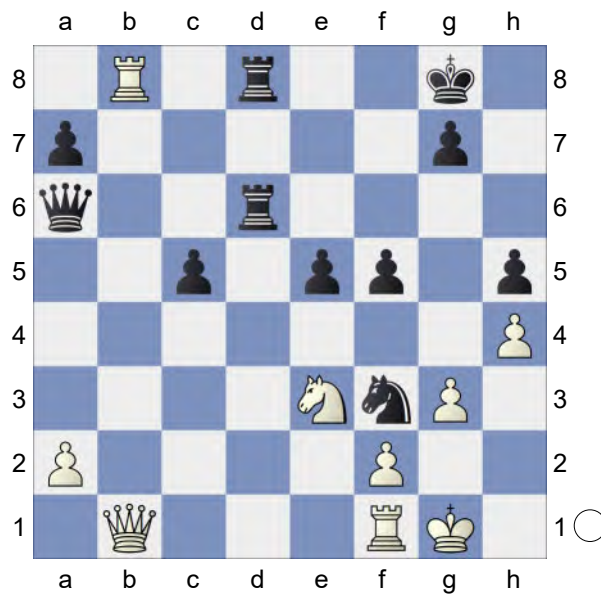
And now ...f5 would win. **26.g3?** -4.07/23

[26.Kh1 -2.35/23 might work better.]

26...e5 27.Ng2 -5.00/23

[27.Nh3 -3.34/19 keeps fighting.]

27...f5 Black is clearly winning. **28.Qb1**
Qa6 29.Rb8 Rhd6 aiming for ...Nf3+.
30.Ne3 Nf3+



31.Kg2 Nd2

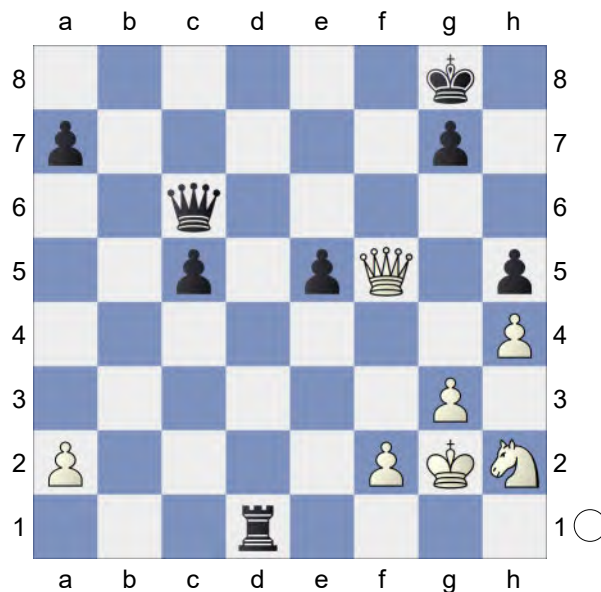
[31...Qc6 32.Kh3 Rxb8 33.Qxb8+
Kh7 34.Nc4-+]

32.Rxd8+ Rxd8 33.Qxf5 Nxf1

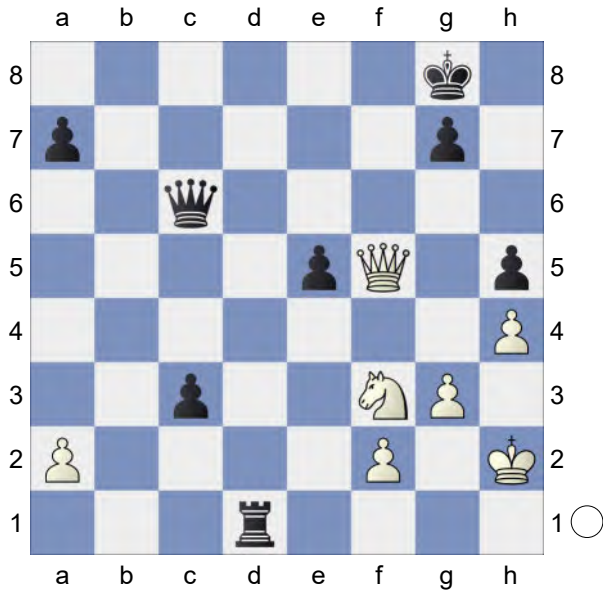
[Less strong is 33...Qxa2 34.Rc1 $\mp$]

34.Nxf1 KQR-KQN 34...Rd1 35.Nh2
Qc6+

[35...Qxa2? 36.Qc8+ Kh7 37.Qf5+
Kg8 (37...g6? 38.Qf6-+) 38.Qc8+
Kh7 39.Qf5+ Kg8-+ (39...g6
40.Qf6 $\mp$)]



36.Nf3 c4 37.Kh2 c3



Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/
Black=0.21 (precise)

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□ Simacek,Pavel

■ Chernyshov,Konstantin

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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7[5...Bd7 6.h5 c5 (6...e6 7.f4 c5
8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Kf2 0-0-0
11.Kg3 Kb8 12.a4 cxd4 13.a5 Nxa5
14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Nxc6+
Bxc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qd4 Qxd4
19.cxd4 Ne7 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Bd3
0-1 Grünfeld 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 (2470)-

Theis,B (2613) (m/4-rapid) 101/(249)

2007 (5)) 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.Qxd5 Bxg4

9.Nc3 e6 10.Qg2 Bf5 11.Bb5 Qc7

12.Be3 0-0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nf3

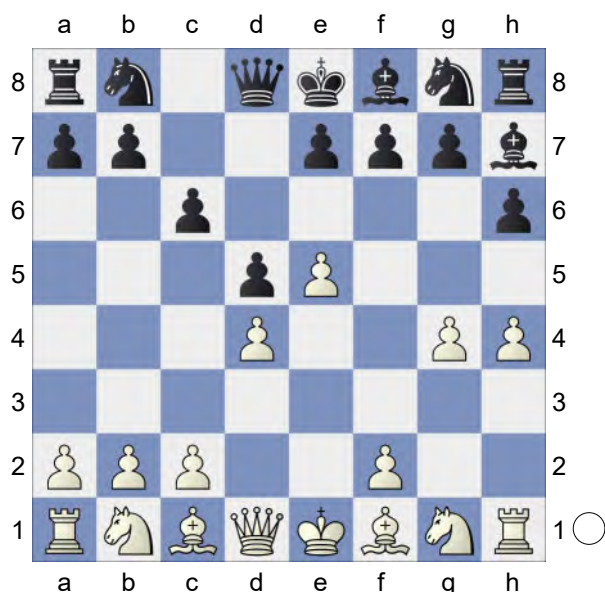
Ne7 15.Nd4 Bh7 16.0-0-0 Nd5

17.Nxd5 Rxd5 18.f4 Rxc5 19.Rd2

Rg8 20.Rhd1 1-0 Vachier Lagrave,M

(2710)-Grischuk,A (2752) Sportaccord

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6.e6! Qd6 0.85/21

[6...fxe6± 0.39/20 7.Bd3 g6]

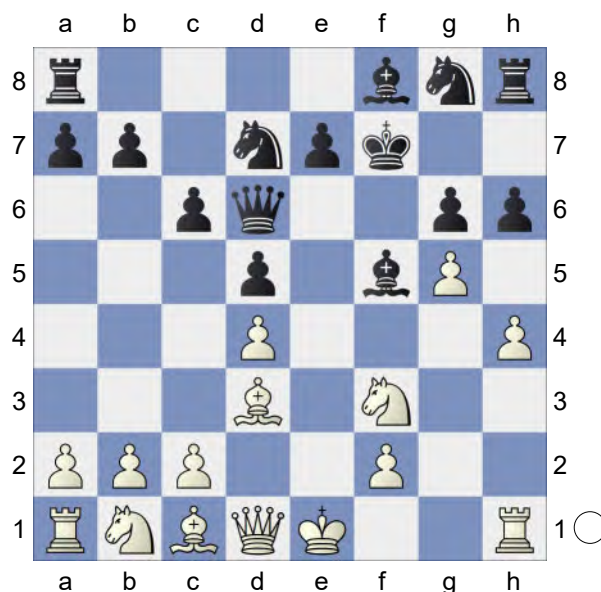
7.exf7+± Kxf7 8.Nf3N

[8.Nc3 e5 9.Qf3+ Nf6 10.g5 hxg5
11.hxg5 Be4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qb3+
Nd5 14.Rxh8 exd4 15.Ne2 Nd7
16.Nxd4 Qe5 17.Qxb7 Bb4+ 18.c3
Rxh8 19.Qxd7+ Kg6 20.Nxc6 Bxc3+
21.Kd1 Qf5 22.Qxf5+ 1-0 Moeller,J
(2550)-Goldsmith,J (2580) (ol) 86/177
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8...Nd7 White is slightly better. 9.g5 Bf5

10.Bd3 g6 1.15/20

[10...Bg4= 0.27/20]



11.Nc3 -0.04/20

[11.h5± 1.15/20]

11...Bxd3 0.57/20

[11...Bg4!= -0.04/20]

12.Qxd3 -0.35/21

[12.cxd3± 0.57/20 Bg7 13.Ne2]

12...h5? 1.48/22

[12...e5± -0.35/21 stays ahead.

13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5+ Qxe5+

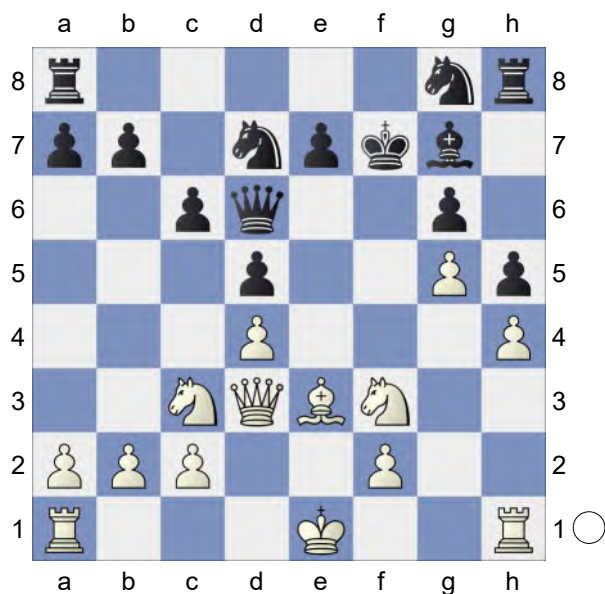
15.Kf1 Ne7]

13.Be3 0.58/21 White is more active.

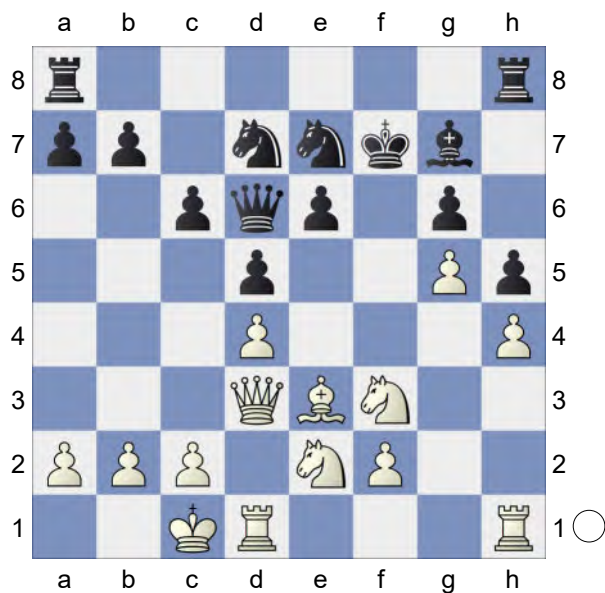
[13.Ne2!± 1.48/22]

13...Bg7 1.11/22

[13...Qc7± 0.58/21]

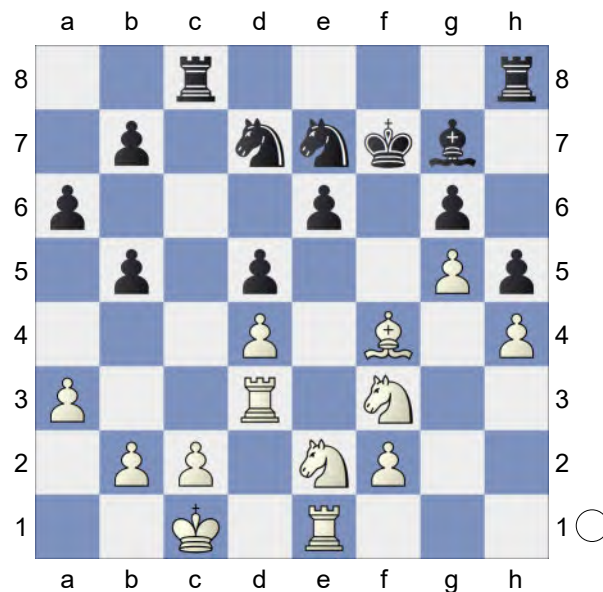


14.0-0-0 0.58/21
 [14.Ne2!± 1.11/22]
14...e6± 15.Ne2 Ne7

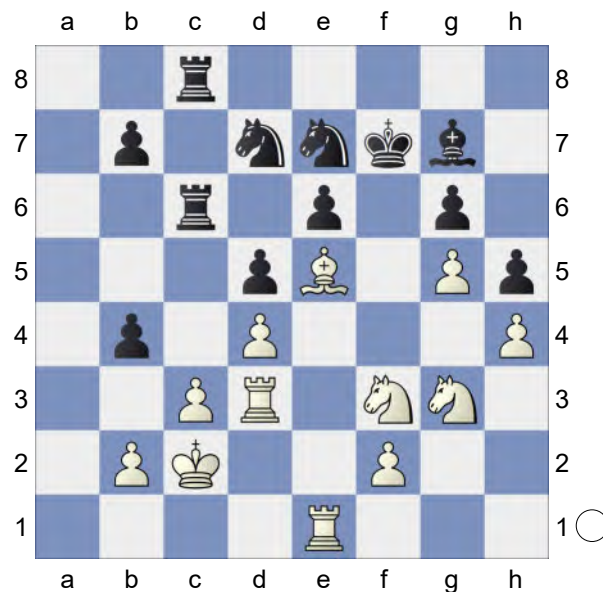


16.Bf4 Qb4 17.a3 0.29/22
 [White should play 17.Ng3± 0.82/20]
17...Qb5 18.Qxb5 cxb5 19.Rd3 a6
20.Re1 Rac8

(Diagram)



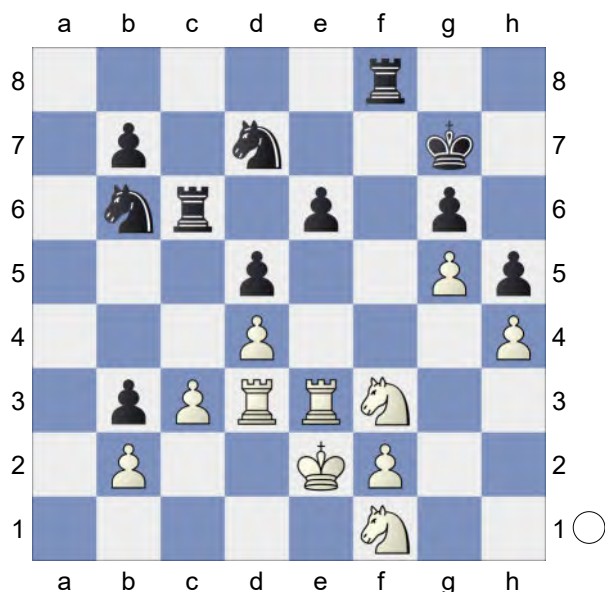
21.Ng3 Rc6 22.Be5 Rhc8
 [22...Rf8 simplifies 23.Bxg7 Kxg7
 24.Kb1 Nc8]
23.c3 0.05/26
 [23.Bxg7± 0.54/25 was preferable.
 Rxc2+ 24.Kb1 Kxg7 25.Rxe6]
23...a5
 [23...Nxe5 simplifies 24.Nxe5+ Bxe5
 25.Rxe5 a5]
24.Kc2 b4 25.axb4 axb4



26.Bxg7 Kxg7 27.Ree3 Rf8 28.Kd1
b3 aiming for ...Nd7-b6. 29.Ke2 Nc8
30.Nf1 -1.49/25

[30.Rd1!= -0.01/24]

30...Ncb6

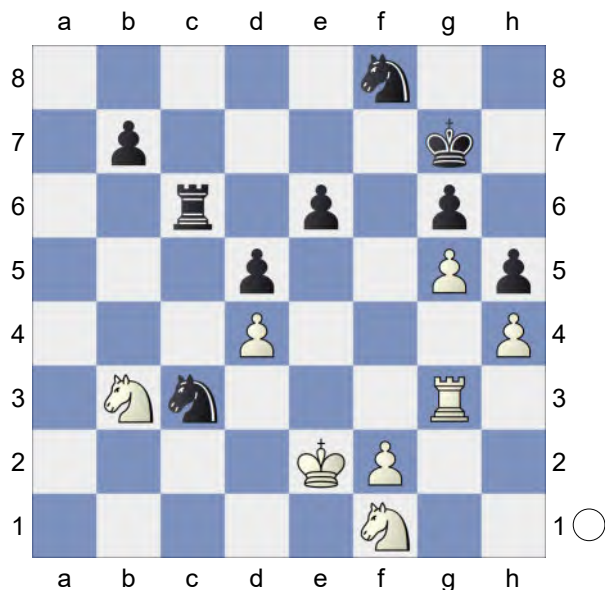


31.N3d2 Na4 32.Rf3 Nxb2 33.Rxf8 Nxf8

[33...Kxf8 34.Rf3+ Ke8 35.Nxb3=]

34.Rg3 Na4 35.Nxb3 Nxc3+

[35...Rxc3 36.Kd2 Rc7 37.Rf3



36.Ke1 Ne4 37.Re3 -1.72/24

[37.Rd3 -1.27/23]

37...Nd6+ 38.Ng3 Nc4 -1.17/22

[Black should try 38...Rc4+ -1.66/22

39.Nc5 Kf7 (39...Rxd4 40.Nxe6+

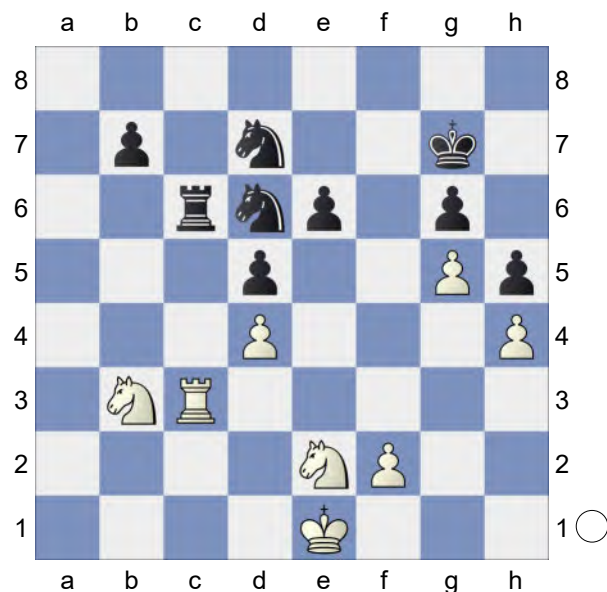
Nxe6 41.Rxe6

39.Rc3 Nd7 -0.90/23

[39...Kf7 -1.27/22 40.Nc5 Rb6

41.Rf3+ Ke7]

40.Ne2 Nd6



41.Rxc6 bxc6 Endgame. KNN-KNN

42.Nf4? -2.41/27

[42.Na5 -0.72/26]

42...Kf7+ 43.Na5 Nb8 -0.74/27

[43...e5+ -2.18/26 is more deadly.

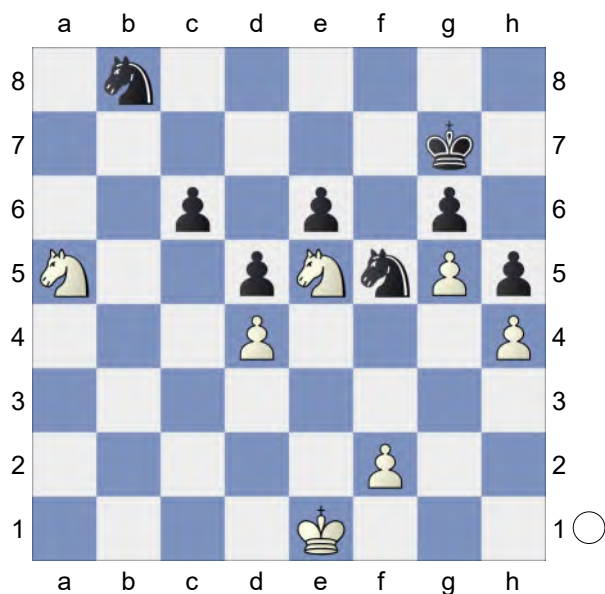
44.Ng2 c5 (44...exd4 45.Nxc6 Nf5

46.Nf4) 45.dxc5 Nxc5]

44.Nd3 Nf5 45.Ne5+ Kg7 -0.52/27

[45...Ke8 -0.91/27 46.Nxg6 Nxd4]

(Diagram)



46.Nf3 -1.34/28

[46.Nb7 ♖ -0.52/27]

46...Kf8 -0.63/26

[46...e5 ♗ -1.34/28 Hoping for ...e5-e4.

47.Nxe5 Nxd4]

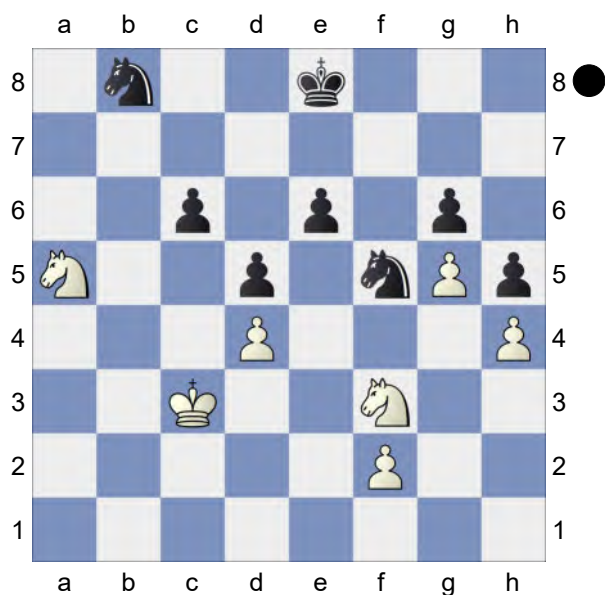
47.Ke2 Ke7 48.Kd3 Ke8 49.Kc3

-0.90/27

[49.Kd2 ♗

-0.53/27

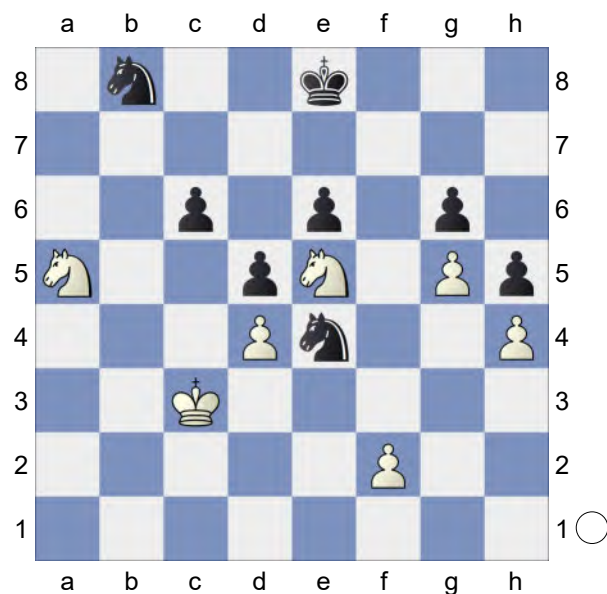
is more appropriate.]



49...Nd6 0.00/26

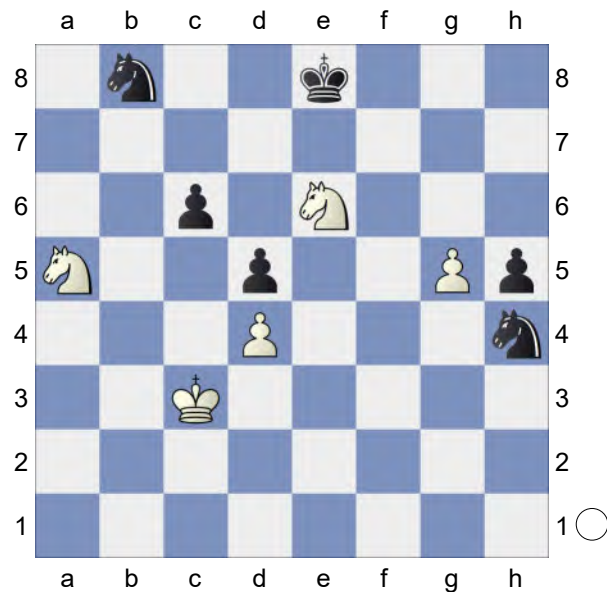
[49...e5! ♗ -0.90/27 50.Nxe5 Nxh4]

50.Ne5= The position is equal. **50...Ne4+**



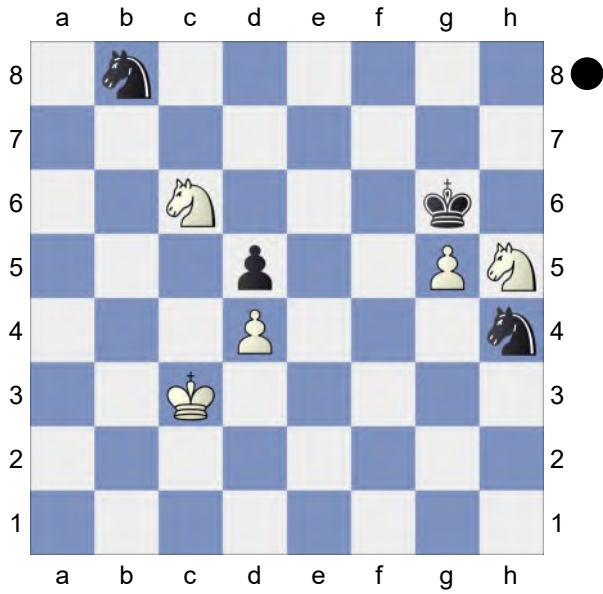
51.Kc2 Nxf2 52.Nxg6 Ne4 53.Nf4

Ng3 54.Nxe6 Nf5 55.Kc3 Nxh4



56.Ng7+ Kf7 57.Nxh5 Kg6 58.Nxc6

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.28
 (precise) /Black=0.26 (precise)
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□ Sjugirov, Sanan

■ Sohal, Tanraj

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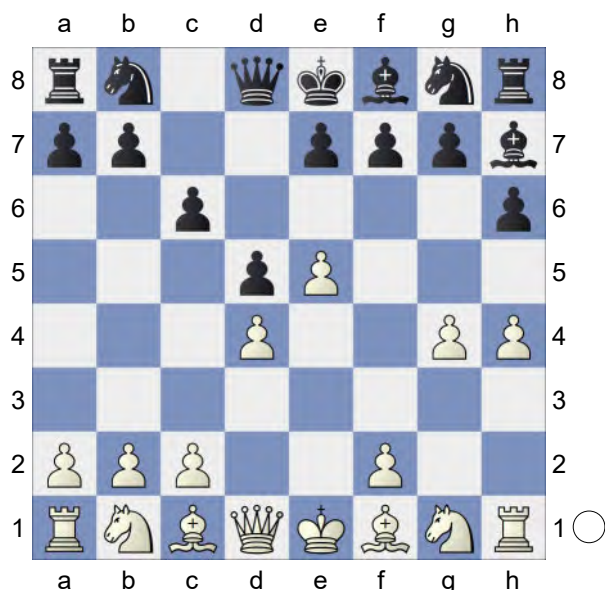
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7



6.e6! Nf6

[6...c5 7.Bb5+]

7.exf7+ Kxf7 8.g5 0.15/21

[8.Bh3± 0.79/18]

8...Ne4 1.05/19

[8...hgx5= 0.15/21 remains equal.

9.Nf3 (9.Bxg5 Qd6=; 9.hgx5 Bxc2
10.Qf3 Pin Be4=) 9...g4 10.Ng5+
Kg8]

9.Nf3

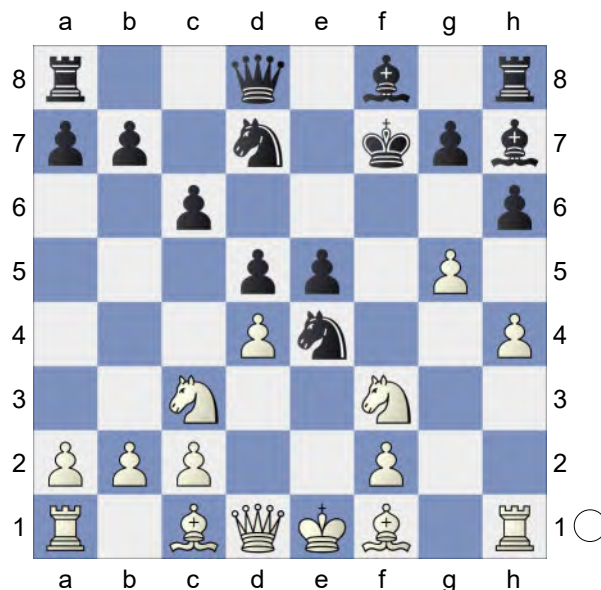
[9.Bh3 is interesting. e6 10.Qh5+
Ke7 11.Nd2]

9...Nd7 10.Nc3 0.53/19

[10.Nbd2± 0.97/18]

10...e5 1.00/20

(Diagram)



11.Nxe5+ -0.21/21

[11.dxe5 Qe7=]

[11.Bh3!± 1.00/20]

11...Nxe5= 12.dxe5 Qd1-h5+ would
now be deadly. 12...Bb4 0.54/19

[12...Qe8!= -0.17/20 13.Bf4 hxg5
14.hxg5 Bb4]

13.Bd2 -0.68/21

[13.Qh5+!± 0.54/19 Kg8 14.g6]

13...Qb6 -0.01/20

[13...Qe7± -0.68/21 14.Bd3 Nxd2
(14...hxg5 15.Bxe4 Qxe5 Pin
16.Qf3+ Kg8 17.0-0-0=; 14...Qxe5
15.Qf3+ Nf6+ 16.Kf1±) 15.Kxd2
Bxd3 (15...hxg5 16.Qh5+ g6
17.Qg4±; 15...Qxe5? 16.Qf3+ Kg8
17.g6+-) 16.cxd3 d4 Pin (16...hxg5
17.d4±; 16...Qxe5 17.Qg4±) 17.Qb3+
Ke8]

14.Nxe4

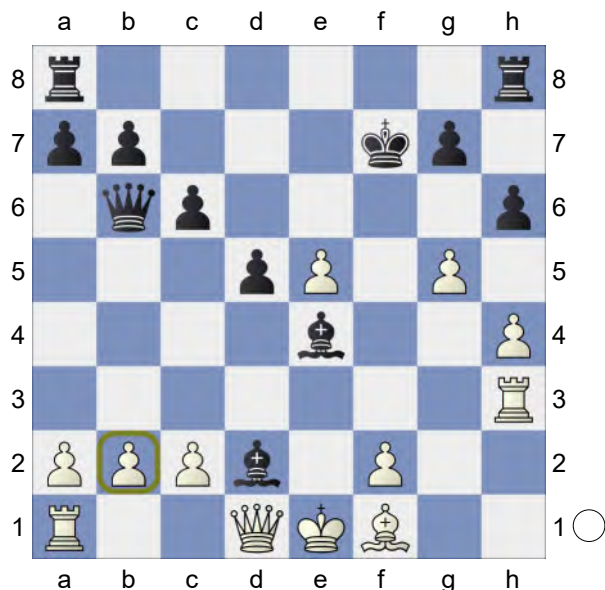
[14.gxh6? Qxf2#]

14...Bxe4 15.Rh3 -1.61/22

[15.c3!± -0.69/22 Bc5 (15...Bxh1
16.Qh5+ Ke7 17.cxb4±) 16.f3 Bf2+
17.Ke2]

15...Bxd2+!-+

(Diagram)



Discovered Attack **16.Qxd2** Strongly threatening 0-0-0. **16...Qxb2** **17.e6+** -2.51/21

[17.Qc3 -1.62/22 keeps fighting. Qxc3+ (17...Qxc2 18.Qa3±) 18.Rxc3]

17...Kxe6 18.Rc1 hxc5

[18...Qxa2 19.Qb4 c5 (19...Bxc2? 20.Ra3+-) 20.Qxb7=]

19.Re3 g4 0.01/24

[19...Qxa2? 20.f3+- (20.hxc5 Qb2=)]

[19...Raf8+- -3.33/22 20.Bg2 Kf7 (20...gxh4 21.Rd1=)]

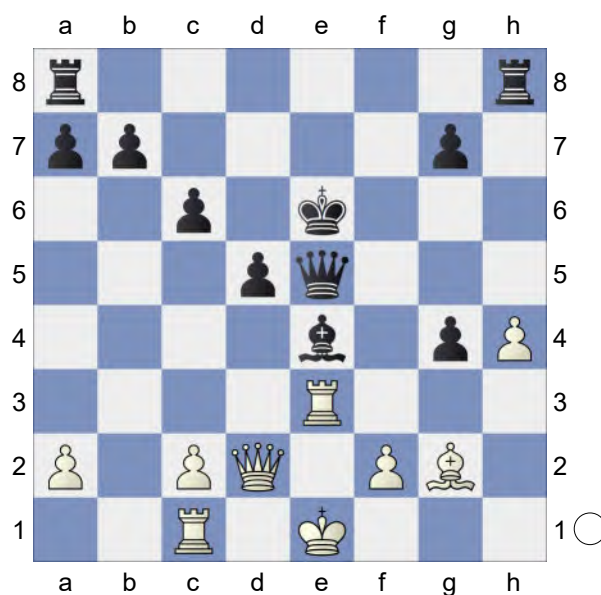
20.Bg2? -2.04/23

[20.f3= 0.01/24 and White has nothing to worry. gxf3 21.Bh3+ Kf7 22.Rxe4 dxe4 23.Qd7+ Kg8 24.Qe6+ Kf8 25.Qd6+ Kf7 26.Qd7+ Kf8 27.Qd6+ Ke8 28.Qe6+ Kf8 29.Qd6+]

20...Qe5? -0.23/23

[20...Qxa2 21.Qb4 (21.Bxe4 dxe4 22.Rxe4+ Kf7=) 21...Raf8 (21...Rxh4? 22.Bxe4 dxe4 23.Qxe4+ Kf7 24.Qe7+ Kg8 25.Qxh4+-) 22.Bxe4 (22.Qxb7 Qa5+ 23.c3 Qb6=; 22.Ra3 Qxa3 23.Qxa3

Bxg2=) 22...dxe4 23.Rxe4+ Kf7 24.Rf4+ Ke8 25.Kf1 Rxf4 26.Re1+ Kd8 (26...Kd7 27.Re7+ Skewer, Double Attack Kd8 28.Qd6+ Kc8 29.Qc7#) 27.Qxf4±] [Better is 20...Rxh4+- -2.04/23 Threatens to win with ...Ke6-f7! 21.Bxe4 dxe4 22.Rxe4+ Kf7 23.Qd7+ Kg8 24.Re8+ Rxe8+ 25.Qxe8+ Kh7 26.Qe4+ Kh6]

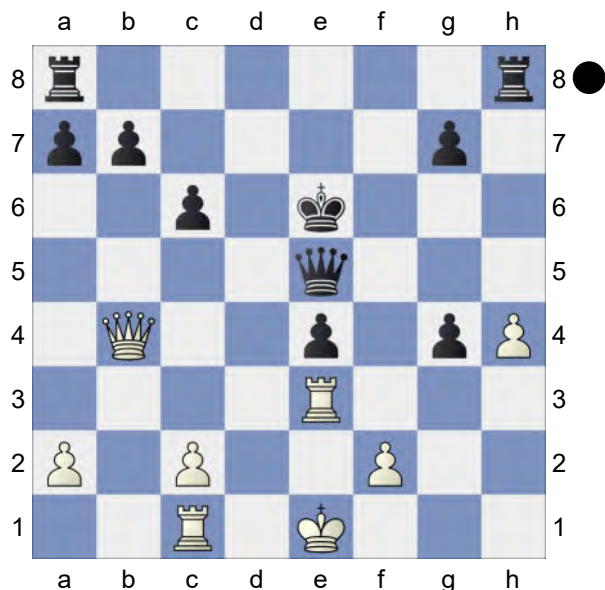


21.Bxe4? -1.99/22

[21.Rb1= -0.23/23 and White is okay.]

21...dxe4 22.Qb4

(Diagram)

**Kf5**

[22...Rhx4? 23.Rxe4 Rh1+ 24.Ke2 Rxc1 25.Rxe5+ Kxe5 26.Qb2+ (26.Qxg4 Rxc2+ 27.Kd3 Rxa2=) 26...Kd6 27.Qd4+ (27.Qxc1 Re8+ 28.Kd1 Re4+-) 27...Ke6 28.Qxg4+ (28.Qxg7 Rxc2+ 29.Kd3 Rxf2=; 28.Qe3+ Kd7+-) 28...Kd6 29.Qd4+ (29.Qxg7 Rxc2+ 30.Kd1 Rc5=; 29.Qf4+ Kd7+-) 29...Ke6 30.Qg4+ (30.Qxg7 Rxc2+ 31.Kf1 Rc1+ 32.Kg2 Rc5=) 30...Kd6 31.Qg3+ (31.Qxg7 Rxc2+ 32.Kd3 Rc5=; 31.Qf4+ Kd7+-) 31...Kc5 32.Qe3+ (32.Qxg7 Re8+ 33.Kd2 Rb1=) 32...Kd6 33.Qxc1+-]

23.Qxb7 Rxh4 And now ...Rh4-h1+ would win. **24.Qxa8? -3.69/25**

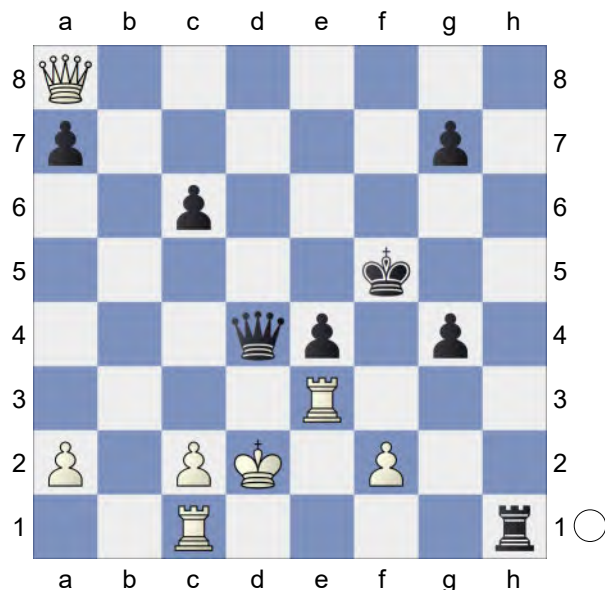
[24.Qxc6 -2.02/23 Rd8 (24...Rh1+ 25.Ke2) 25.Ke2]

24...Rh1+ 25.Kd2? -8.19/25

[25.Ke2 -3.51/27 Rxc1 26.Qc8+ Kg5 27.Qd8+ Kg6 28.Qd7 Rxc2+ 29.Kf1]

25...Qd4+

(Diagram)

**26.Rd3 Qxf2+**

[26...exd3 27.Qf8+ (27.Rhx1? Qxf2+ 28.Kc3 Qc5+ 29.Kxd3 Qd5+ 30.Kc3 Qxh1+-) 27...Ke4 28.Qe8+ (28.Rhx1 dxc2+ 29.Kxc2 Qd3+ 30.Kb2 Qd4+ 31.Kc2 Qd3+ 32.Kc1 Qc4+ 33.Kb2 Qd4+ 34.Kb1 Qd3+ 35.Kb2 Qb5+ 36.Kc1 Qc4+ 37.Kd1 Qd3+ 38.Ke1 Qb1+ 39.Kd2 Qd3+ 40.Ke1 Qb1+ 41.Ke2 Qb5+ 42.Kd2 Qb2+ 43.Kd1 Qb1+ 44.Kd2 Qd3+ 45.Ke1=) 28...Kf3 29.Qxc6+ (29.Rhx1 dxc2+ 30.Kc1 Qa1+ 31.Kd2 Qd4+ 32.Kc1 Qa1+ 33.Kd2 Qd4+=) 29...Kxf2 30.Rhx1=]

27.Kc3 Threatening mate with Qa8-f8+.

27...Qc5+

[27...Rxc1? 28.Qf8+ Kg6 29.Qxf2+-]

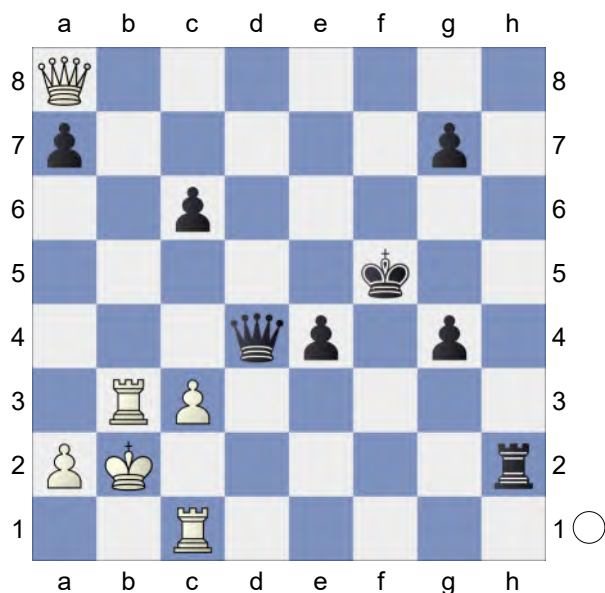
28.Kb2 Qb4+?? 2.03/5

[28...Rxc1+- -6.74/23 and all is fine. 29.Rc3 Rb1+ Deflection 30.Kxb1 Qxc3 31.Qf8+ Kg5 (31...Qf6? 32.Qc5+ Qe5 33.Qf2+ Kg5 34.Qe3+ Kh4 35.a3+-)]

29.Rb3+- Qd4+ 30.c3

[30.Kb1?! Rxc1+ 31.Kxc1 Qg1+ 32.Kb2 Qd4+ 33.Ka3 Qc5+ 34.Ka4 (34.Kb2 Qd4+ 35.c3 Qf2+ 36.Ka3

Qc5+ 37.Ka4 Qc4+ 38.Ka5 Qe6±)
 34...Qxc2±]
30...Rh2+



31.Ka1 Qd2 2.84/23

[31...Qf2± 1.33/25 might work better.
 32.Qf8+ (32.Qxc6? Qxa2#) 32...Kg6
 33.Qxf2 Rxf2]

32.Qf8+ 1.31/23

[32.Rf1+- 2.84/23 and White stays
 clearly on top. Kg5 33.Qxa7
 (33.Qxc6? Qxa2#)]

32...Kg5 2.68/22

[32...Kg6± 1.31/23 33.Qa3 (33.Qe8+
 Kg5±) 33...Qd3]

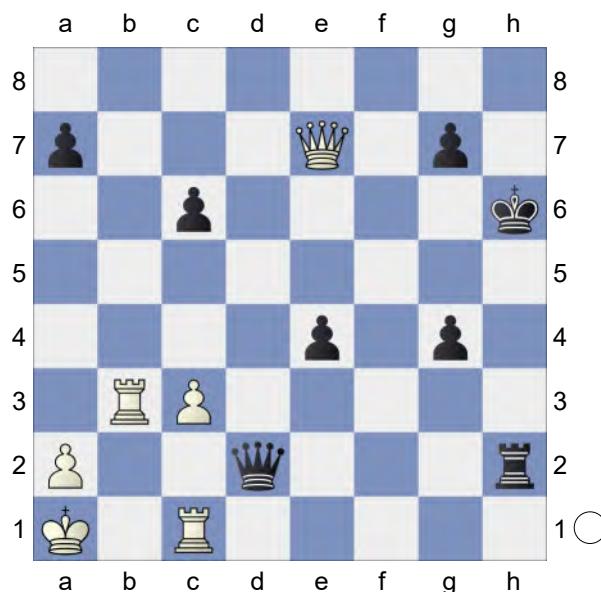
33.Qe7+? 1.00/23

[33.Qxg7+- 2.68/22 and the rest is
 easy. Kh5 34.Qh7+ Kg5 35.Qe7+
 (35.Qxe4? Qxa2#) 35...Kh5
 36.Qa3]

33...Kh6 1.52/23

[Δ33...Kh5 1.00/23 34.Qf7+ g6]

(Diagram)



34.Qa3!±

[34.Qe6+ g6 35.Rbb1 Kh5 36.Qe5+
 (36.Qxe4? Qxa2#) 36...Kh6]

34...Qe2? 4.74/24

[34...g3± 1.33/22]

35.Rcb1

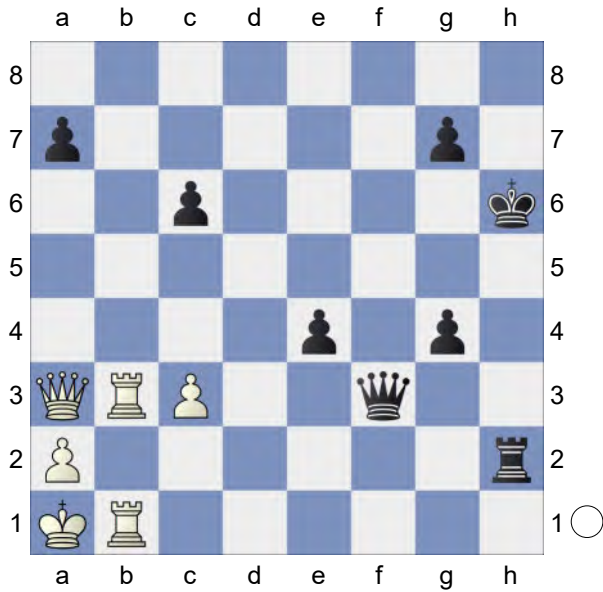
[Weaker is 35.Qxa7 Qd2 (35...e3?
 36.c4+-) 36.Rcb1 g3+-]

[Less strong is 35.Qd6+ Kh5
 (35...Kh7? 36.Qa3±) 36.Qa3
 (36.Qxc6? Qxa2#) 36...Qd2+-]

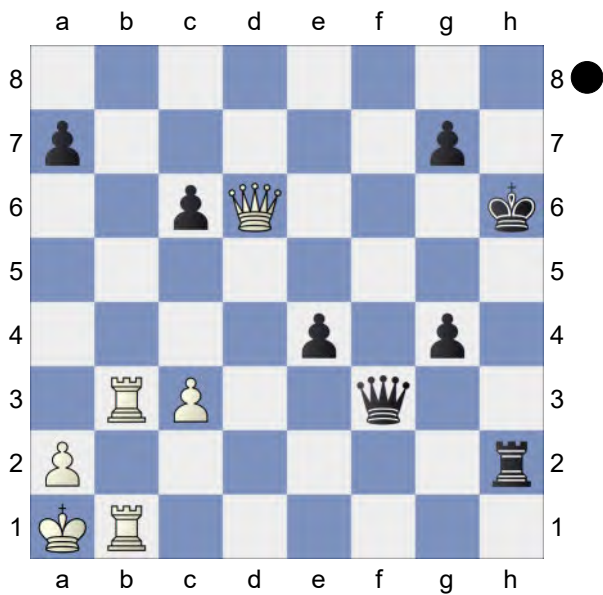
35...Qf3 12.72/21

[Δ35...Qd3 4.31/23 36.Qxa7 Qf3]

(Diagram)



36.Qd6+



Never resign too early!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.93/

Black=1.05

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□ Ju,Wenjun

■ Li,Xueyi

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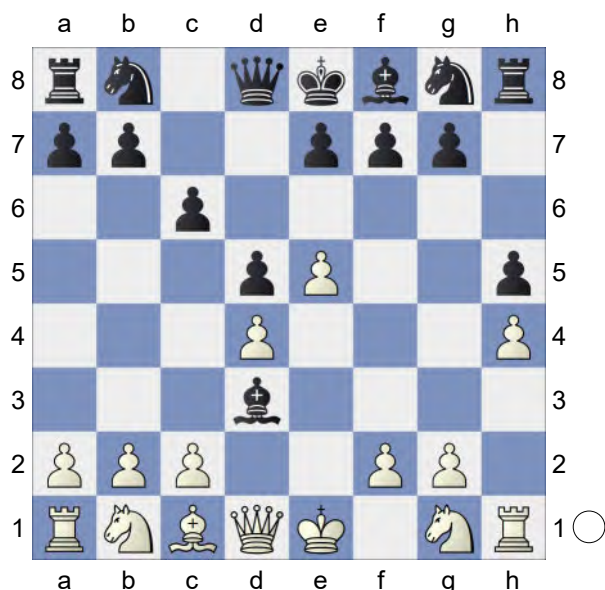
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 Threatens to win with e6!

6...Qa5+ 7.Nd2 Strongly threatening e6!

7...e6 8.Ngf3 White is slightly better.

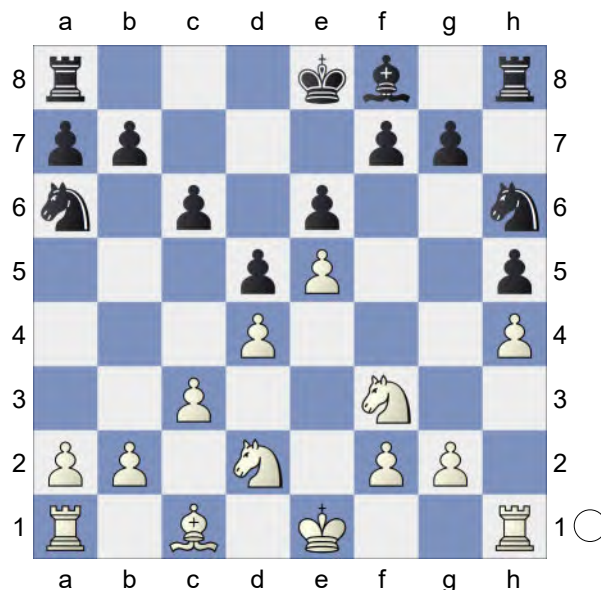
8...Nh6! 8...Nh6 is better than 8...Qa6.

8...Sh6 ist besser als 8...Da6. 9.c3 Qa6

[9...Nf5 10.a4 Be7 11.b4 Qa6
12.Qxa6 Nxa6 13.Nb3 Nc7 14.Bg5
b6 15.Bxe7 Kxe7 16.Ke2 Rhb8
17.Rhb1 g6 18.g3 a6 19.Ne1 b5
20.Nd3 Kd8 21.Nbc5 Ne7 22.Kf3
Ne8 23.Ra2 Nc8 24.Rba1
1-0 (46) Kacharava,N (2525)-Shafer,L
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10.Qxa6 Nxa6

(Diagram)

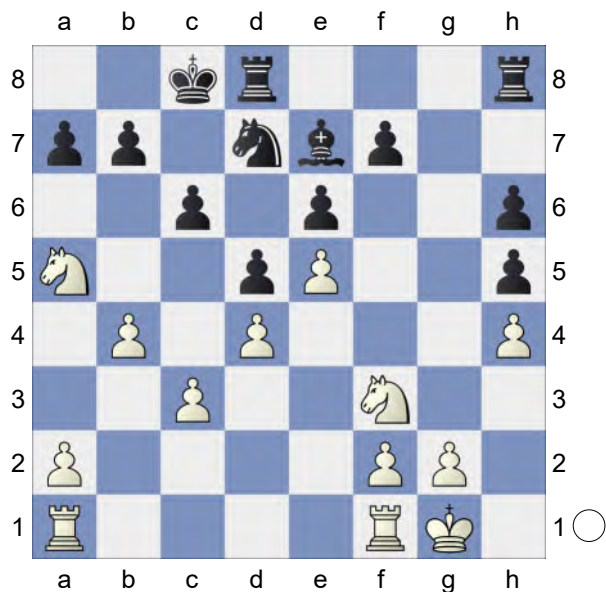


11.b4 Nb8N

[Vorgänger: 11...Nf5 12.Nb3 b6
13.a4 Be7 14.Ke2 Kd7 15.g3 Rhc8
16.Bd2 Rcb8 17.Ra2 -0.06/19
(17.Rhb1± 0.31/23 feels stronger.)
17...Rc8 0-1 Adams,M (2688)-
Samunenkov,I (2488) EU-ch Rapid
Katowice 2022 (10) 18.Rha1 Nc7
19.a5 Rcb8 20.Ne1 Kc8 21.Nd3
Kb7 22.Nf4 g6 23.Nh3 Na6 24.Bg5
Re8 25.Bxe7 Rxe7 26.Ng5 b5
27.Rh1 Rh8 28.Rd2 Kc7 29.Nc1
Kd7 30.Nd3 Ke8 31.Nf4 Kf8 32.Kf1
Re8 0-1 (88) Adams,M (2688)-
Samunenkov,I (2488) EU-ch Rapid
Katowice 2022 (10)]

12.Nb3 Nd7 13.Na5 0-0-0 14.Bxh6
gxf6 15.0-0 White is more active.
15...Be7

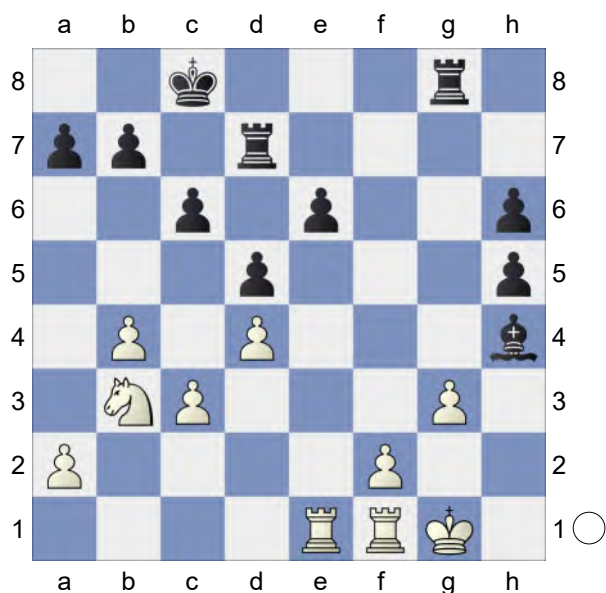
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16.Nb3 Rhg8 17.g3 f6 18.Rae1
0.25/21

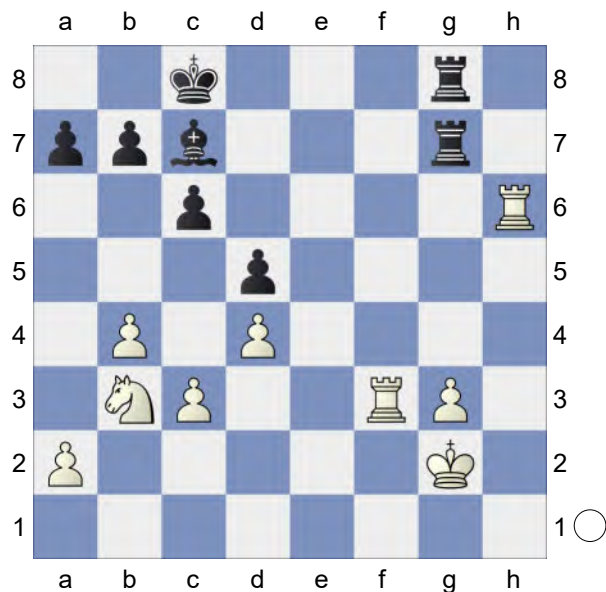
[18.Kg2± 0.66/19]

18...fxe5= 19.Nxe5 The position is
equal. 19...Bxh4 20.Nxd7 Rxd7

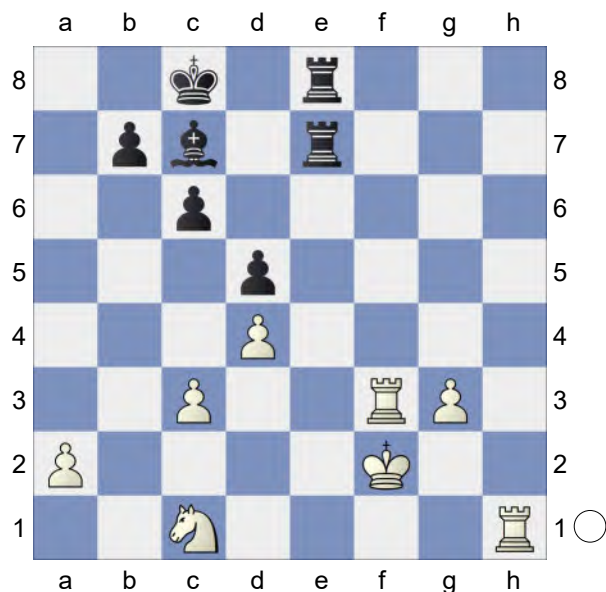


21.Rxe6 Bd8 22.Rxh6 h4 23.Kg2
hxg3 24.fxg3 Bc7 25.Rf3 Rdg7

(Diagram)

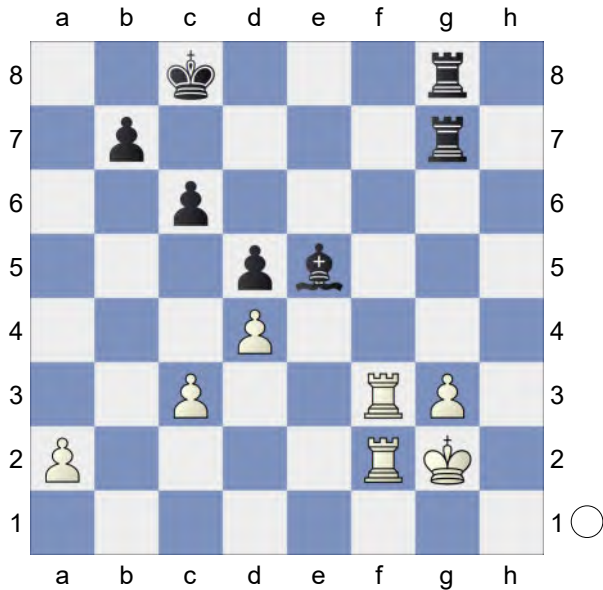


26.Rh3 Re7 27.Kf2 Rge8 28.Nc1 a5
29.bxa5 Bxa5 30.Rh1 Bc7

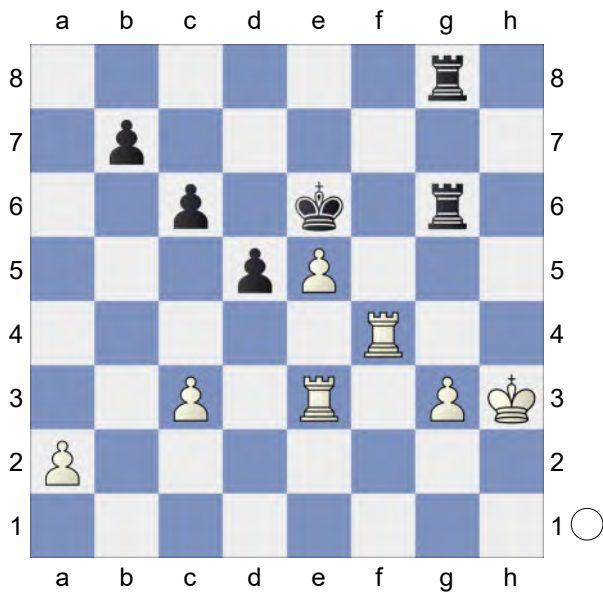


31.Kg2 Bd6 32.Rhf1 Rg7 33.R1f2
Rh8 34.Nd3 Rhg8 35.Ne5 Bxe5

(Diagram)

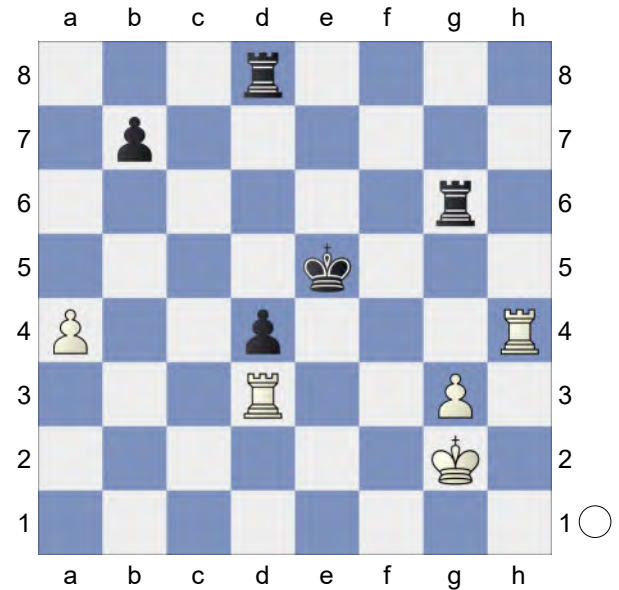


**36.dxe5 Endgame. KRR-KRR 36...Kd7
37.Re3 Ke6 38.Rf6+ Ke7 39.Rf4 Ke6
40.Kh3 Rg6**

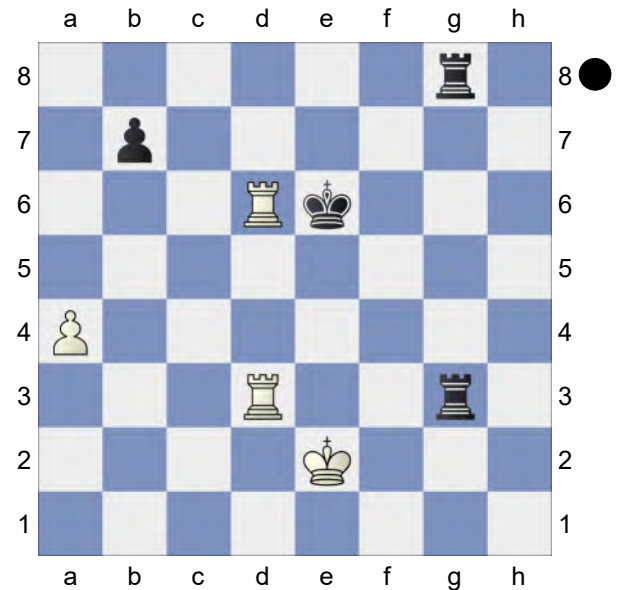


**41.a4 c5 42.Rh4 Rd8 43.Kg2 d4
44.cxd4 cxd4 45.Rd3
[45.Rb3 is more complex. d3
46.Rb6+ Kf5 47.Rf4+]
45...Kxe5**

(Diagram)



**46.Kf3 Rf8+ 47.Ke2 Rfg8 48.Rhxd4
Rxd3 49.Rd5+ Ke6 50.Rd6+**



**Weighted Error Value: White=0.03
(flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
1/2-1/2**

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□ Adharsh,K
 ■ Cina,Vittorio

Palmanova op 13th (7)
 [Kitty Kat]

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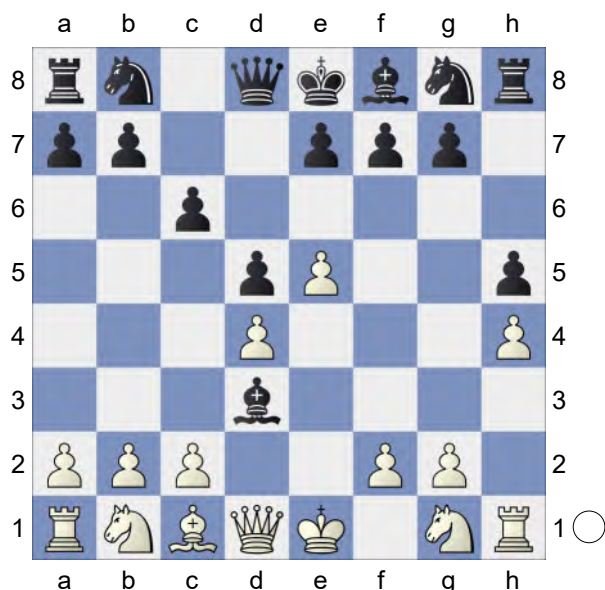
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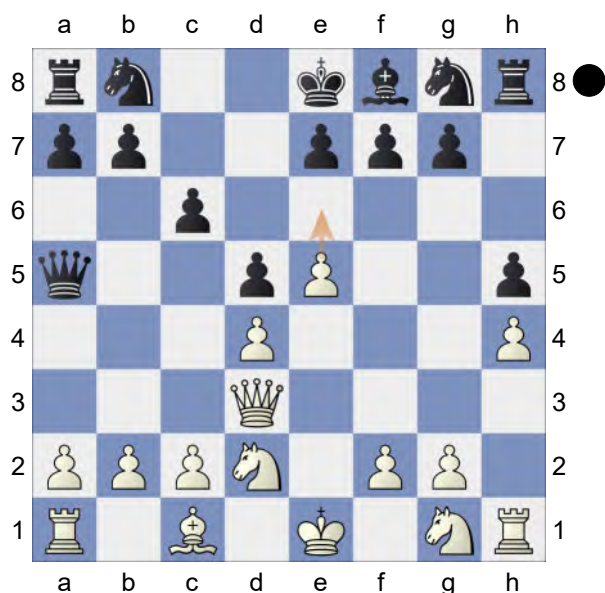
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
 5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 e6! would now be deadly.
 6...Qa5+! outshines the older 6...e6.
 erfolgreicher als das alte 6...e6. 7.Nd2



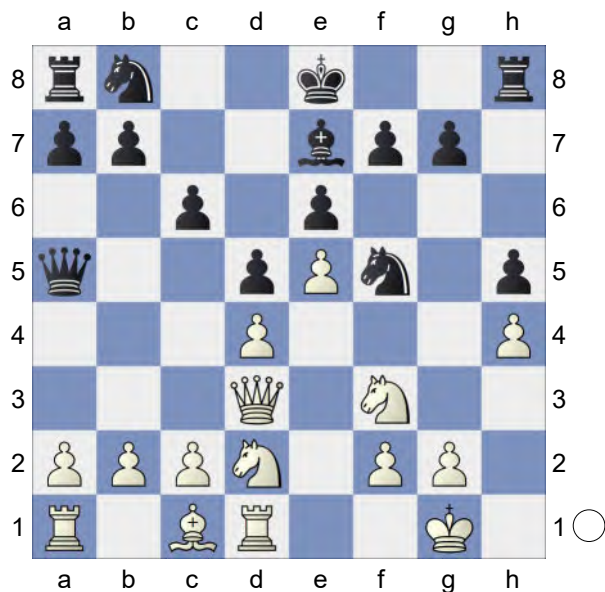
Threatens to win with e6! 7...e6 8.Ngf3
 White is slightly better. 8...Nh6 9.0-0
 Nf5 10.Rd1N 0.08/21

[10.Nb3± 0.47/20 Qa6 (10...Qb5
 11.Qd1 c5 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.a4 Qb6
 14.Qd3 0-0 15.a5 Qc7 16.Re1 Nd7
 17.c3 a6 18.Bf4 Rac8 19.Rac1 Ba7
 20.Qd1 g6 21.Bg5 Nc5 22.Nbd4
 Ne4 23.Qa4 Qb8 24.Nd2 Nxc5
 25.hxc5 ½-½ (51) Narva,M (2389)-
 Rudzinska,M (2212) EU-ch (Women)
 23rd 2023 (11)) 11.Qxa6 (11.Qd1
 Nd7 12.Bg5 c5 13.c3 c4 14.Nc1 f6
 15.Bd2 fxe5 16.dxe5 Be7 17.Ne2
 0-0-0 18.Nf4 Nf8 19.b3 Nxc4
 20.Nd4 Nhg6 21.Ndxe6 Nxf4
 22.Nxd8 Nxc2 23.Nf7 Rh7 24.Bg5
 Qg6 25.Qxd5 Nf4 1-0 (32)
 Abdusattorov,N (2634)-Murzin,V
 (2505) Kramnik Challenge 2021 rapid
 (6.8)) 11...bxa6 (11...Nxa6 12.c3=)
 12.Bg5]

[10.c4 Be7 11.g3 0-0 12.b3 Rd8
 13.a4 c5 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Kg2 Nc6
 16.Qe2 Rac8 17.cxd5 Ncd4
 18.Nxd4 Bxd4 19.Rb1 Qxd5+ 20.Nf3
 Rc3 21.Bf4 Rdc8 22.Rfd1 Rc2
 23.Rd2 Rxd2 24.Bxd2 Bb6
 ½-½ (61) Chirilov,J (2320)-Bruzon
 Batista,L (2597) Chesterfield SPICE
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10...Be7=

(Diagram)



11.g3 0-0 12.Nf1 -0.16/26

[12.c3 0.25/21 feels stronger.]

12...c5 13.c3 Qa6 14.Ne3N

[14.Qxa6 Nxa6 15.Ne3 Nxe3

16.Bxe3 Rfc8 17.Kf1 b5 18.a3 f6

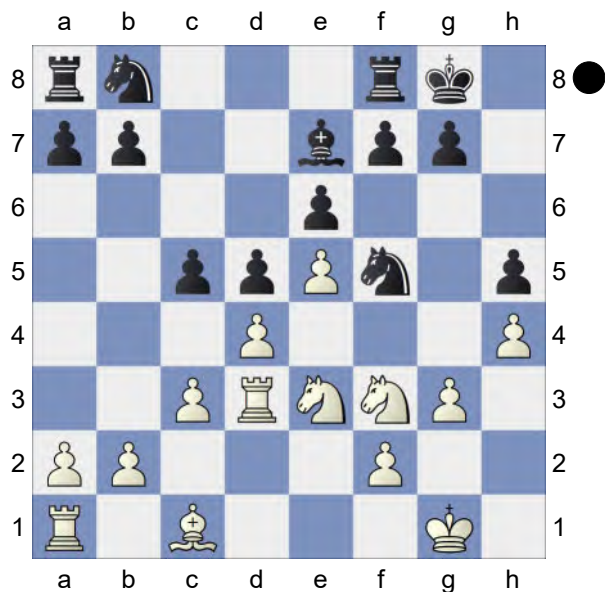
19.Ke2 Kf7 20.Kd3 -0.34/22

1/2-1/2 (87) Milikow,E (2399)-Kozlovic,J

(2301) EU-chT U18 Rhodes 2024 (6.

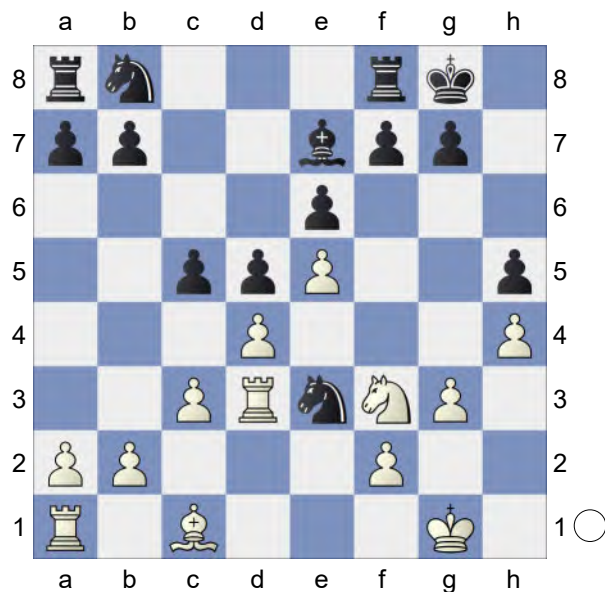
4) (20.b4= 0.15/23 cxd4 21.Rxd4)]

14...Qxd3 15.Rxd3

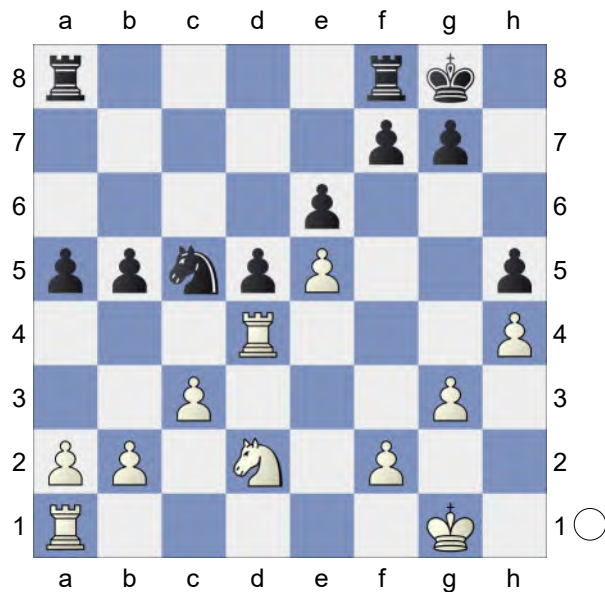


Strongly threatening Nxf5. 15...Nxe3

(Diagram)



16.Bxe3 Nd7 17.dxc5 Bxc5 18.Bxc5
Nxc5 19.Rd4 b5 20.Nd2 a5

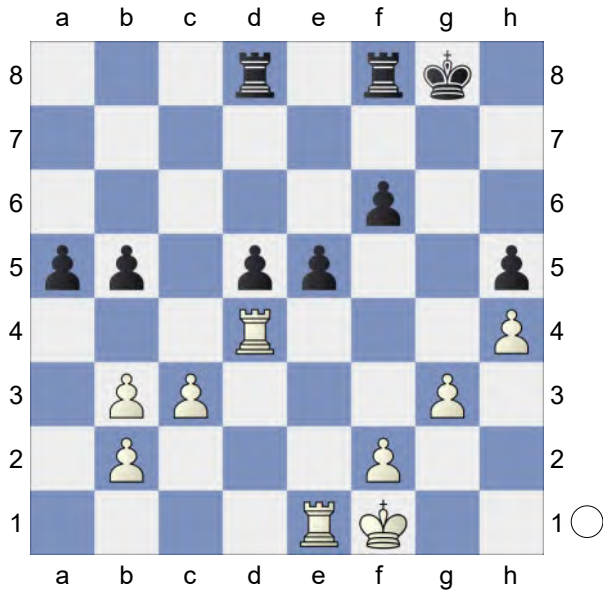


21.Kf1 f6 22.exf6 gxf6 23.Re1 Rad8
0.00/33

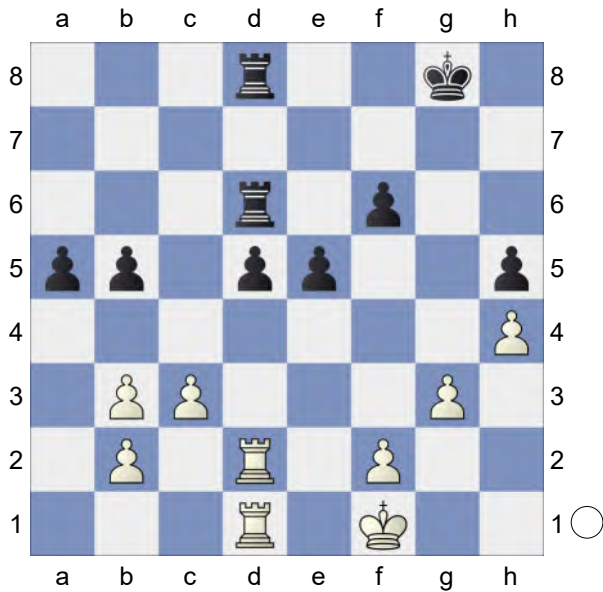
[23...Rfd8 -0.56/23 24.Nf3 Kg7]

24.Nb3= The position is equal.
24...Nxb3 25.axb3 Endgame. KRR-
KRR 25...e5

(Diagram)



**26.Rd2 Rd6 27.Ra1 Ra8 28.Rad1
Rad8 29.Ra1 Ra6 30.Rad1 Rad6**

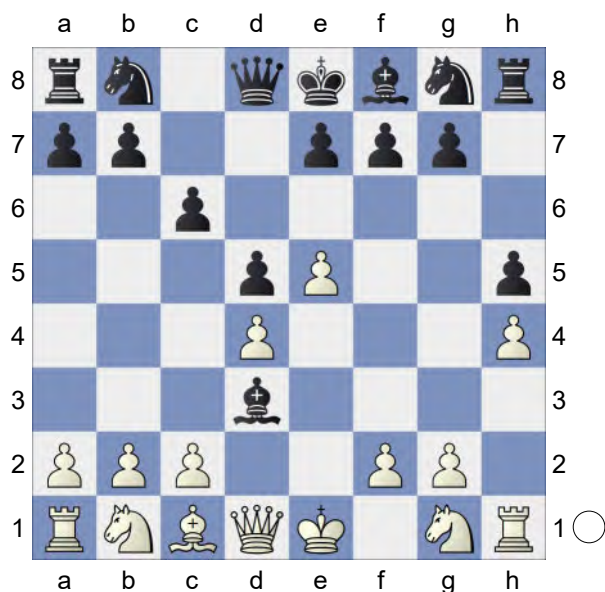


**Weighted Error Value: White=0.08
(flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)**

$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

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 ♖ Szabo,G **2514**
 ♜ Stepanescu,N **2283**
 Romanian Ch 02.2023
 [Daniel Fernandez]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.Nd2 e6 8.Ngf3 Nh6
9.0-0 Nf5 We are in the AlphaZero era of chess, where flank pawn moves from both sides have to be considered much more carefully than before. **10.c4**

[10.Nb3!? Qb5 11.Qd1 c5 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.a4 Qb6! (13...Qc6 see Pragganandhaa,R-Carlsen,M INT 2022)]

[10.a4 is also starting to catch on.

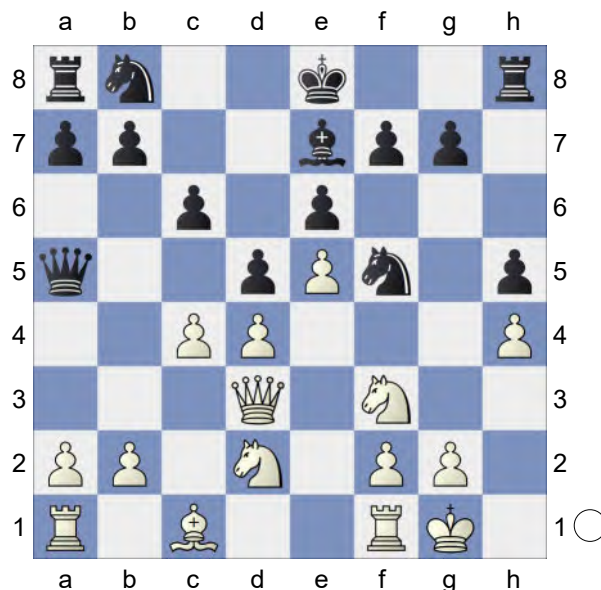
A) 10...Be7 is automatic, but may commit the bishop a touch too early. 11.Nb3 Qa6 12.Qd1 (12.Qc3 is what engines give at first, but Nd7 (intending ...Rc8 and ...c5) 13.Bg5 Bxg5 14.hxg5= is not that threatening.) 12...Nd7 13.g3 c5 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.c3 Rc8 16.Nbd4 Bxd4 17.Nxd4 Nxd4

18.cxd4± Perez Ponsa,F-Peralta,F Villa Martelli 2021;

B) 10...Nd7 is largely similar to ... Be7, e.g. 11.Nb3 Qa6 12.Qd1 Be7 13.g3;

C) 10...Qa6! 11.c4 Bb4 12.b3 (12.Qb3 Bxd2 13.Bxd2 dxc4 14.Qc2 Nd7 15.Bb4 Nb6) 12...c5! 13.Qb1 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 cxd4 15.cxd5 exd5 16.Nf3 The game Pragganandhaa,R-Keymer, V INT 2022 was ultimately drawn, but not for want of trying. 0-0=]

10...Be7



11.g3 A generally useful move, but it's possible for White to play with a bit more pace.

[11.a4!? Na6! 12.c5 b6! In spite of looking highly hazardous for Black, this is in fact the best way to counter White's initiative on the queenside.]

11...0-0 12.b3?! .

[12.a3! was given by Leita0 in his notes on chess.com.]

12...Rd8 13.Rd1

[13.Bb2 c5± has already been seen in various games between strong players, e.g. Zhao,Z -Le, Q Changsha

2019]

13...c5 14.dxc5?!

[14.cxd5 White's centre is not great in any case, maybe this is the best way to bail out. Rxd5 15.Nc4 Qd8! (15...Qa6 16.Bg5! is more complicated though possibly also decent for Black.)]

14...Qxc5?!

[14...Nc6! In many of these positions Nf1 is a useful move for White, so this developing option also acts as some sort of prophylaxis. 15.Bb2 Bxc5+]

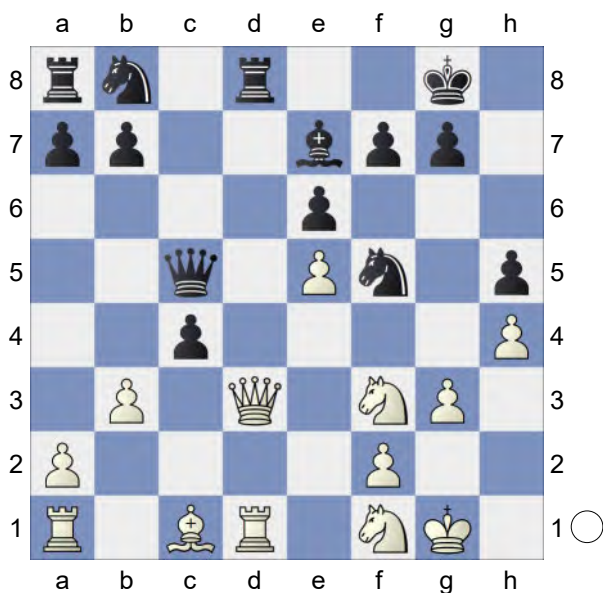
[The immediate 14...Bxc5 is certainly not bad either.]

15.Nf1?!

[15.Bb2 limits the damage, even if Black's position is still pleasant after a5]

15...dxc4?

[15...Nc6! is strong again, threatening ...dxc4.]



Allowing, in fact forcing, White to make a practically excellent queen sacrifice.

16.Qxd8+ If not for this queen sacrifice, we wouldn't be looking at this game at

all. **16...Bxd8 17.Rxd8+ Kh7 18.Ne3?**

A slightly exuberant move which is hard to really fault. The defenders around Black's king need to be exchanged.

[18.bxc4!? Qc7∞]

18...Qa5!

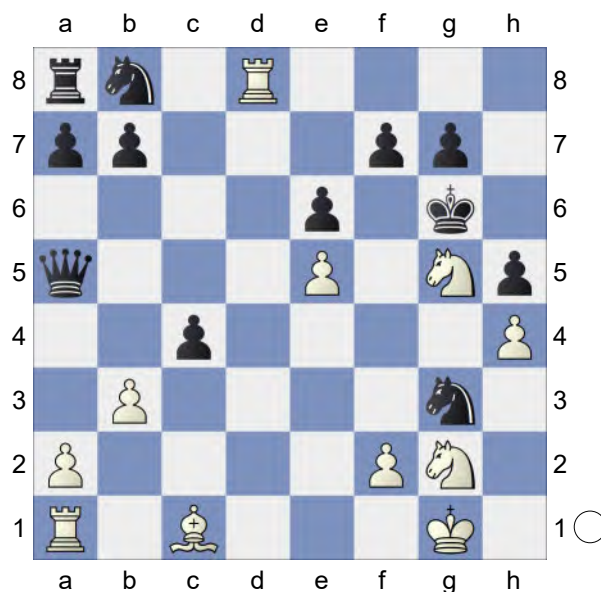
[18...Nxe3 19.Bxe3 Qa5 20.Rad1∞]

19.Ng5+ Kg6 20.Ng2! White might be objectively (close to) losing but the knights coordinate so amazingly that most humans would be in awe. Indeed, Black goes wrong immediately.

20...Nxg3?

[20...Qxd8?? 21.Nf4+]

[The f5-square did indeed have to be cleared, but less forcefully than in the game. 20...Nh6! 21.Nf4+ (21.Rf8!? Nc6! 22.Rxa8 Qc3→) 21...Kf5 22.Nxf7 (22.Ngxe6!? fxe6 23.Rf8+ Ke4! 24.f3+ Kd4!) 22...Nxf7 23.Rf8 Qc7! 24.Be3]



21.Nf4+ Kf5 22.Nxf7! The rook on d8 is still hanging, and this move takes care of that while also keeping up the pace of the attack. **22...Qc3** Both sides ignore the knight hanging on g3 and pursue more important objectives.

[22...Qe1+? 23.Kg2 only helps White.]

23.Kg2!! A fun move, but not the only one.

[23.Rb1!? was mundane and also playable.]

23...Ne4 Still maintaining the balance.

[23...Qxa1? 24.Nd6+ Kxe5 25.Nxc4+ Kf5 26.Rf8+ Ke4 27.f3+ Kd4 28.Bb2+]

[23...Nc6!? was also possible, forcing White to exercise some caution with regard to their own king safety as well. 24.Rxa8 Nd4 Threatening ...Qf3. Even the rather exotic 25.Be3!?

does not distract Black's queen for too long. Qxa1 26.Rg8 Qf1+ (26...Ne4!? 27.Nd6+ Nxd6 28.exd6) 27.Kxg3 Qg1+ 28.Ng2 Ne2+ 29.Kf3 Qd1! 30.Rxg7 Ng1+ 31.Kg3 Ne2+=]

24.Rf8 Kg4? After this White is winning.

[24...Qxa1? 25.Nd6+ again leads to Black losing the queen.]

[24...Nc6! Truly, tis more blessed to give than receive. This move gives Black enough counterplay for a draw. 25.Nh6+ Kxe5 26.Nf7+=]

25.Be3 One of several winning moves, and a very natural one. White threatens f3.

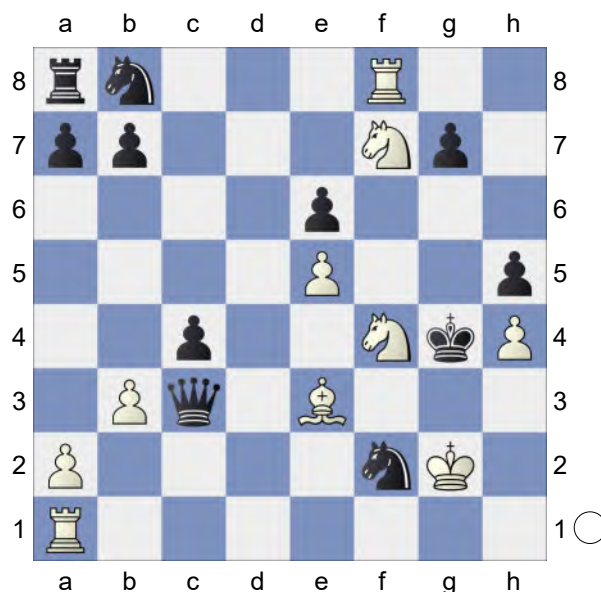
[25.Nh6+! gxh6 26.Nd3!! Kxh4 (26...Qxd3 27.Rf4#) 27.Bxh6! Qxa1 28.Rf4#]

[25.Nd3 is also possible, inverting the move order of the above.]

25...Nxf2

[25...Qxa1 26.f3+ Kf5 27.Nd6+ Kxe5 28.Nxc4# is a lovely mate in mid-board.]

(Diagram)



26.Nd5! Clearing the f4-square.

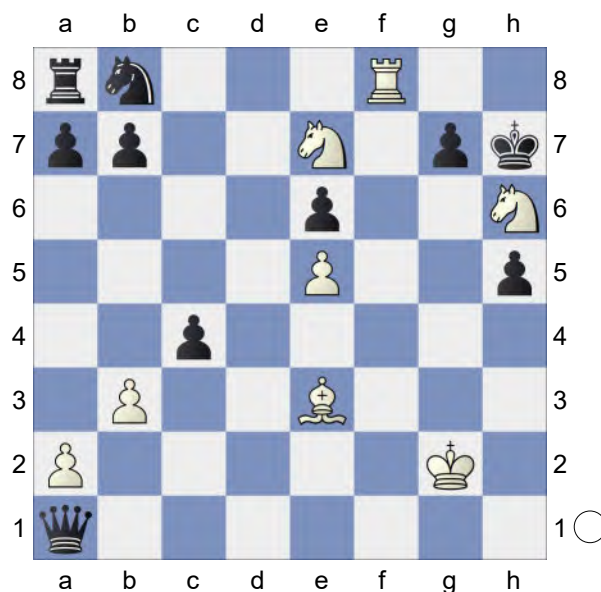
[26.Rg1 is 'more human', if such a concept can be said to exist in this position.]

26...Qxa1

[26...exd5 27.Nh6+ mates.]

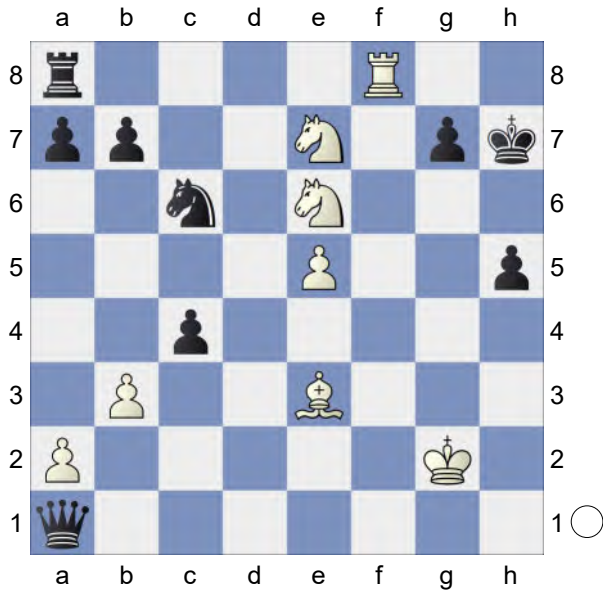
27.Nh6+! Kxh4 28.Bxf2+ Kg5

29.Be3+ Kg6 30.Ne7+ Kh7

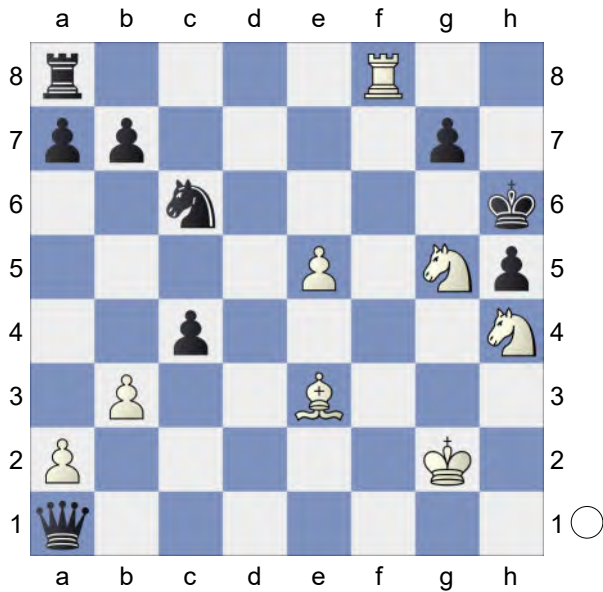


31.Nf7 Threatening Rh8, and forcing Black to give up a catastrophic amount of material for only a slight delay in mate.

31...Nc6 32.Ng5+ Kh6 33.Nf7+ Kh7 34.Ng5+ Kh6 35.Nxe6+ Kh7

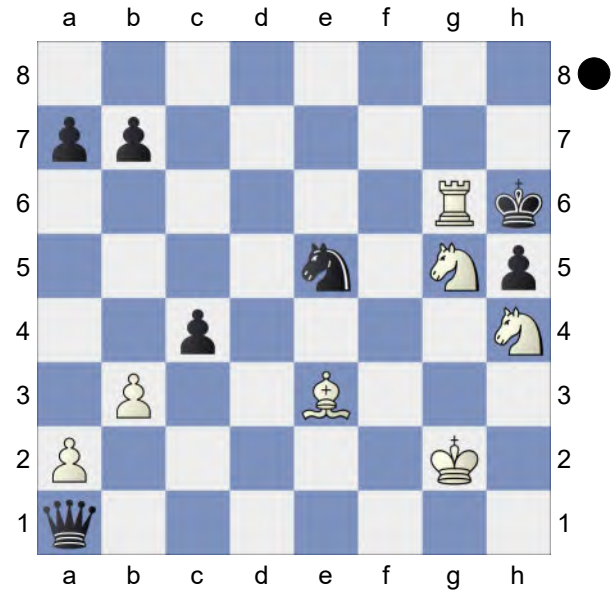


36.Ng5+ Kh6 37.Nf5+ Kg6 38.Nh4+ Kh6 39.Nf7+ Kh7 40.Ng5+ Kh6



41.Rxa8! g6 42.Rg8 Nxe5 43.Rxg6+!!
 [43.Rxg6+ Nxg6 44.Nf5#]

(Diagram)



A modern Immortal Game. White gives mate with just three pieces.

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■ Gubajdullin, Alexey

Moscow blitz 72nd (15)

[GM Ioannis Papaioannou]

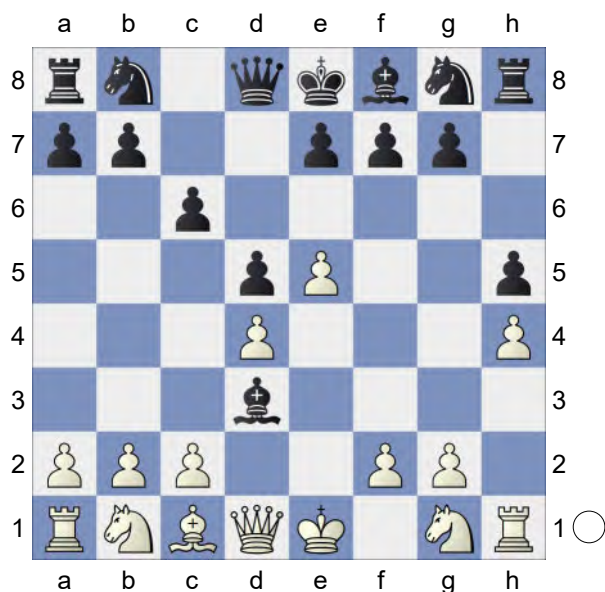
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 e6 7.Bg5 Be7 8.Nf3 Nh6
9.Bxh6!

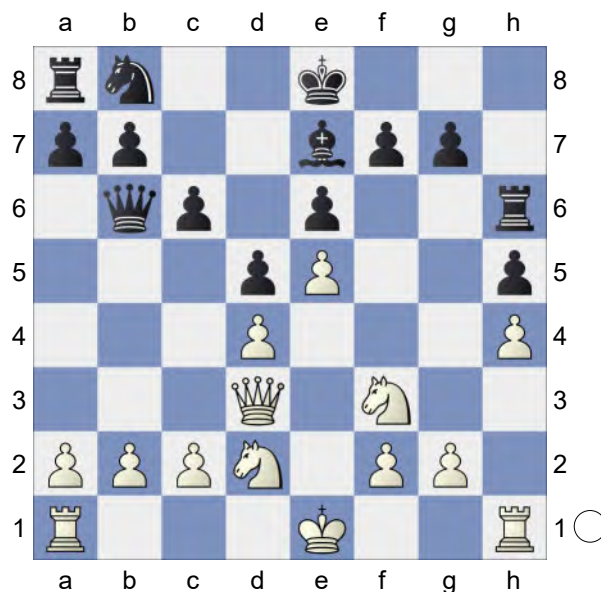
[9.Nc3! ANOTHER VERY GOOD
AND TYPICAL IDEA....Nc3-Ne2 Nf5
10.a3! white wants to...encourage
black to play Nd7...otherwise if c5,
whit will take it and keep it with a3-b4!
...so, after Nd7-c5-cd4, his Nd7 is
bad! (10.g3!?!; 10.Ne2!?! Nd7 11.c3
c5 12.g3±)

A) 10...c5 11.dxc5 Nd7 12.b4+-
(12.Nxd5+-);

B) 10...Nd7 11.Ne2 c5 12.c3!
cxd4 13.Nexd4! Nxd4 14.cxd4±
x Nd7 Rc8 15.0-0 0-0 16.Rac1±
Rxc1 17.Rxc1 Nb8 18.Bxe7 Qxe7
19.Ng5 g6 20.b4± (20.g4 hxg4
21.Qg3±)]

9...Rxh6 10.Nbd2 Qb6

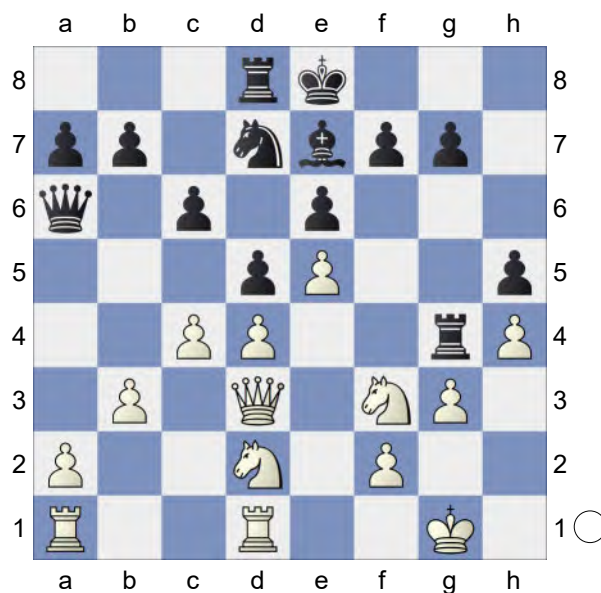
[10...Rg6 11.g3 c5 12.c3 Nc6
(12...cxd4 13.cxd4) 13.dxc5 Bxc5
14.Nb3]



11.0-0± Qa6

[11...c5 12.c4± (12.dxc5! Bxc5
13.c4+-)]

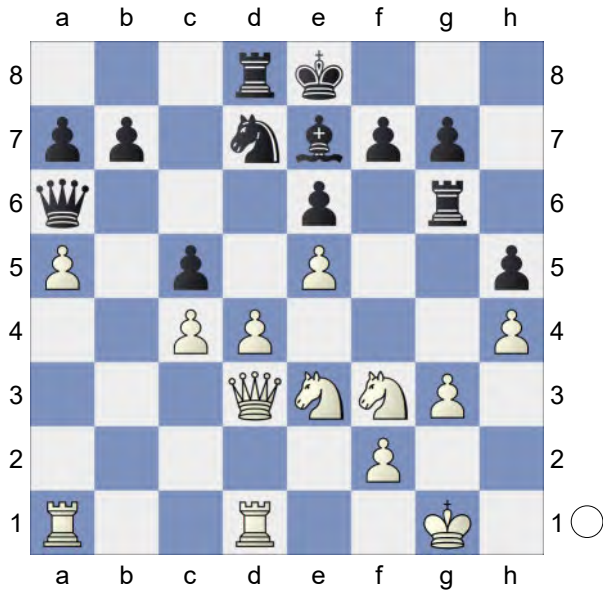
12.c4 Nd7 13.b3 Rg6 14.Rfd1 Rg4
15.g3 Rd8



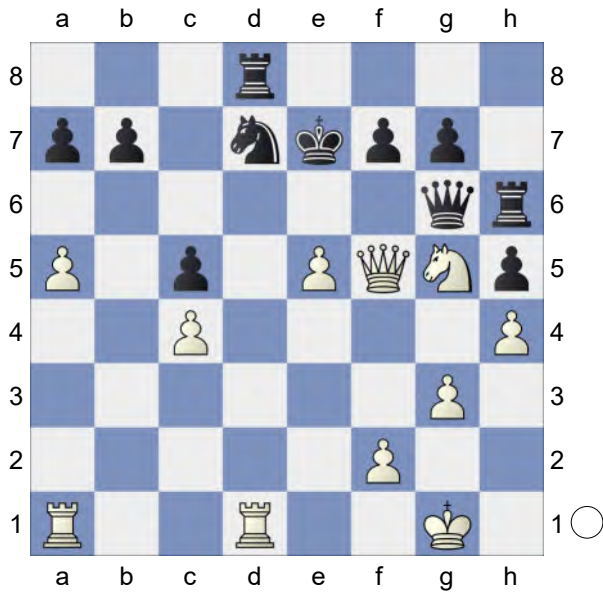
16.Nf1+-

[16.Qh7!?!+-]

16...dxc4 17.bxc4 Nb6 18.Ne3 Rg6
19.a4 c5 20.a5 Nd7

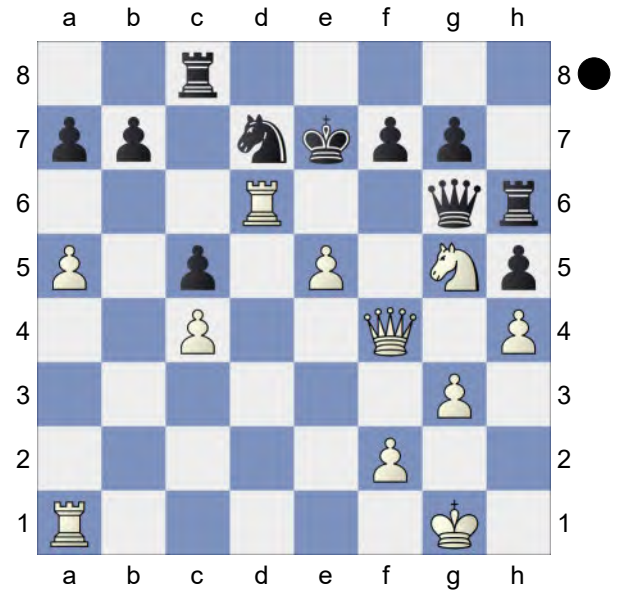


21.d5 exd5 22.Nxd5 Qc6 23.Qf5 Rh6 1-0
24.Nxe7 Kxe7 25.Ng5 Qg6



26.Qf4 Rc8 27.Rd6

(Diagram)



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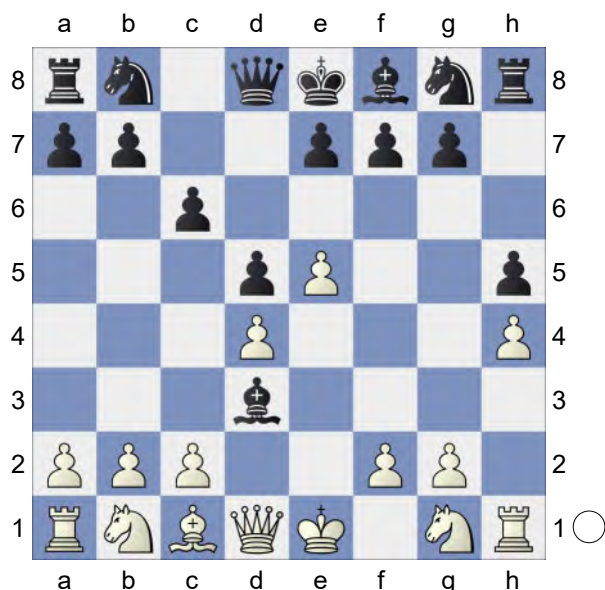
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3

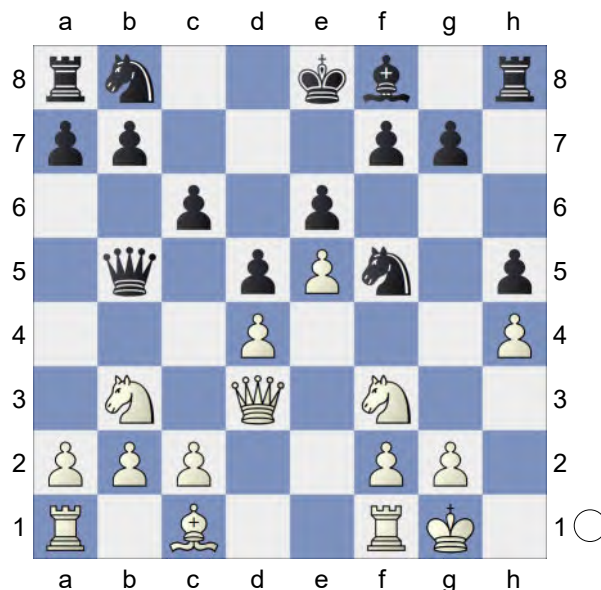


6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.Nd2 e6 8.Ngf3!

White is slightly better now scores much better than the old 8.0-0-0. punktet besser als das ältere 8.0-0-0.

8...Nh6 9.0-0 Nf5 10.Nb3 Qb5

(Diagram)



11.Qd1 c5 12.a4 Qb6N 13.dxc5 Bxc5
14.Nxc5 Qxc5 15.c3 Nd7N 0.85/21

[15...Nc6 16.Re1 (16.Bg5 Qb6
17.b4 a5 18.b5 Nce7 19.Rc1 Rc8
20.Nd2 Ng6 21.c4 0-0 22.cxd5
Rxc1 23.Qxc1 exd5 24.Nf3 Re8
25.Qd2 Nxe5 26.Qxd5 Nxf3+
27.Qxf3 Nd4 28.Qd3 Ne2+ 29.Kh2
Qc7+ 30.g3 Qc3 ½-½ (57)

Loennblad, B (2198)-Atlas, E (2304)

Titled Tuesday intern op 06th Dec

Late blitz 2022 (9) 16...Rd8 (16...a5

17.b3 0-0-0 18.Ba3 Qb6 19.b4 Rd7

20.Rb1 Qc7 21.b5 Nd8 22.b6 Qc4

23.Rb5 Nc6 24.Rc5 Qg4 25.Qb3

Rh6 26.Nh2 Qxh4 27.Qb5 Nfe7

28.Qxa5 Kb8 29.Qb5 Rg6 30.Re3

d4 31.cxd4 0-1 (68) Kurt, S (2141)-

Van De Lagemaat, A (2022) EU-Cup

39th Vrnjacka Banja 2024 (4.4)

17.Bg5 Rd7 18.Rc1 d4 19.b4 Qb6

20.b5 dxc3 21.Qb3 Nce7 22.Rxc3]

[15...Nc6± 0.32/22]

[15...Qc7 16.Re1 Nc6 17.Bg5 Rc8

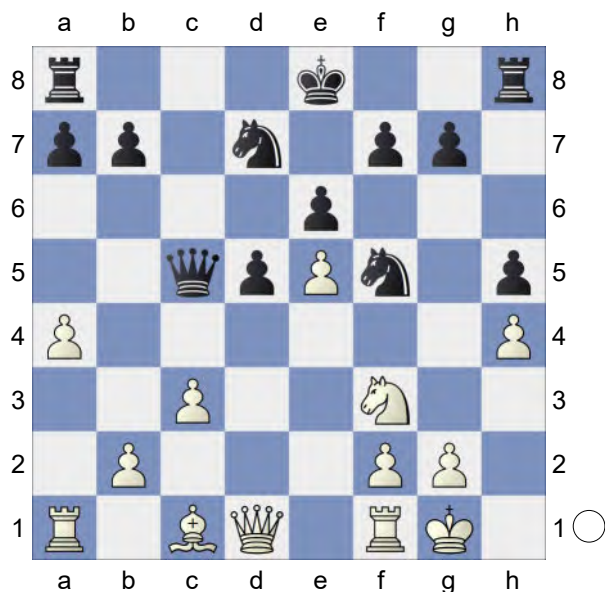
18.Qe2 a6 19.g3 Na5 20.Rad1 Qc4

21.Qc2 Qb3 22.Qb1 Qxa4 23.Nd4

Nxd4 24.Rxd4 Qd7 25.Qd1 Nc6

26.Rd3 Ne7 27.b3 Nf5 28.c4 d4

29.Re4 b5 30.cxb5 0-1 (47) Ivic,V
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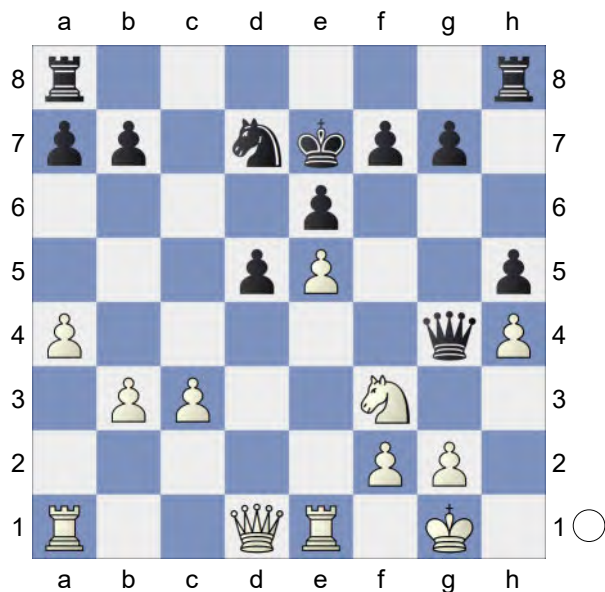
16.Re1 Qc4 1.50/21

[Black should play 16...a6 0.89/18]

17.b3± Qg4 2.03/20

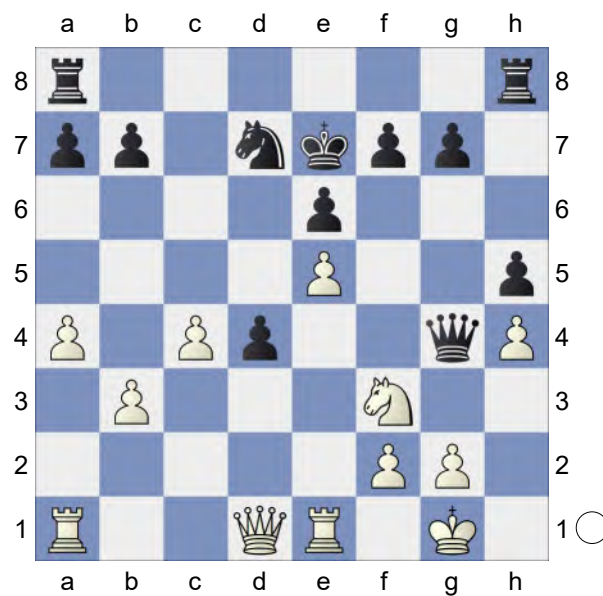
[17...Qxc3± 1.44/20 18.Ba3 a6]

18.Bg5+- Ne7 19.Bxe7 Kxe7



20.c4! d4

(Diagram)



21.b4

[21.Nxd4 Rad8±]

[21.Qxd4?! Qxd4 22.Nxd4 Nc5=]

21...Rhc8 2.23/19

[21...Rhd8± 1.44/20 might work better.]

22.Qd3

[22.Qxd4 Qxd4 (22...Rxc4 23.Qd2±) 23.Nxd4 Rxc4=]

22...a5 23.Re4

[23.Nxd4 axb4 24.Nb5 Rc6±]

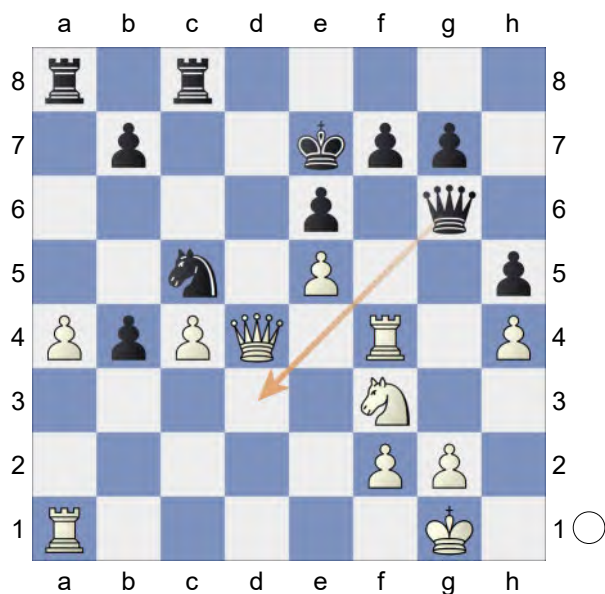
23...Qg6 24.Qxd4 And now Qd6+ would win.

[24.Rxd4? is the wrong capture. Qxd3 25.Rxd3 axb4+- (25...Rxc4 26.Rad1±)]

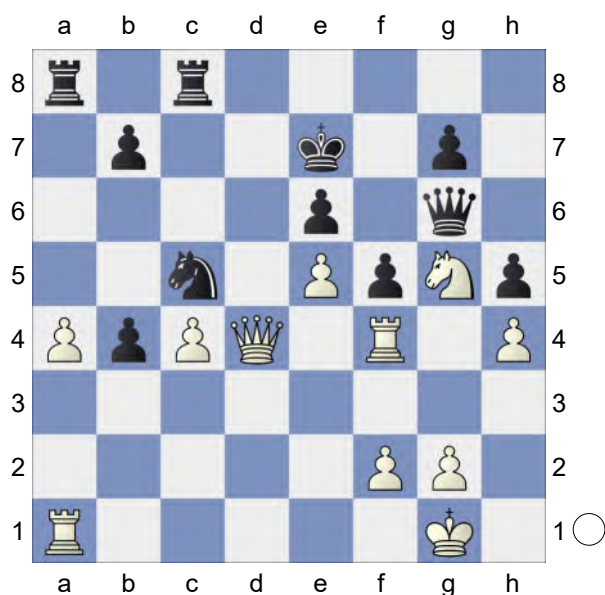
[24.Nxd4 axb4 25.Nb5 Rc6=]

24...axb4 25.Rf4 Nc5

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Strongly threatening ...Qd3! 26.Ng5 f5



27.Qd6+ 1.44/5

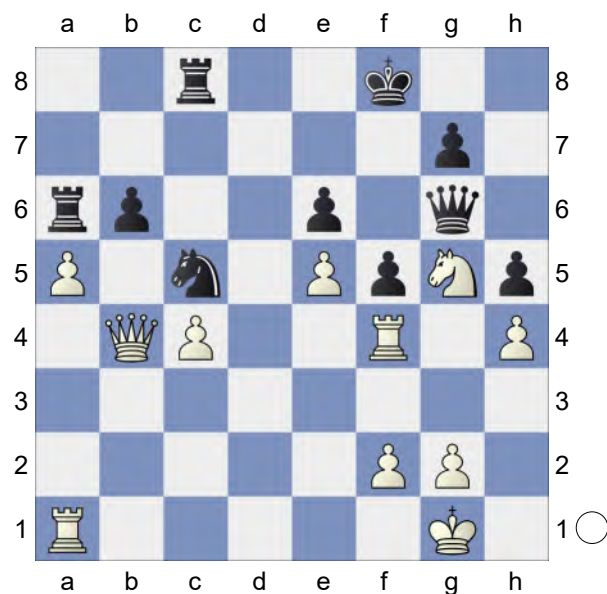
[Only move: 27.exf6+!+- 2.48/21 gxf6
28.Ne4 Nxe4 29.Rxe4]

27...Ke8± 28.Qb6 The board is on fire.
White has more active pieces. 28...Ra6?
3.56/21 This costs Black the game.

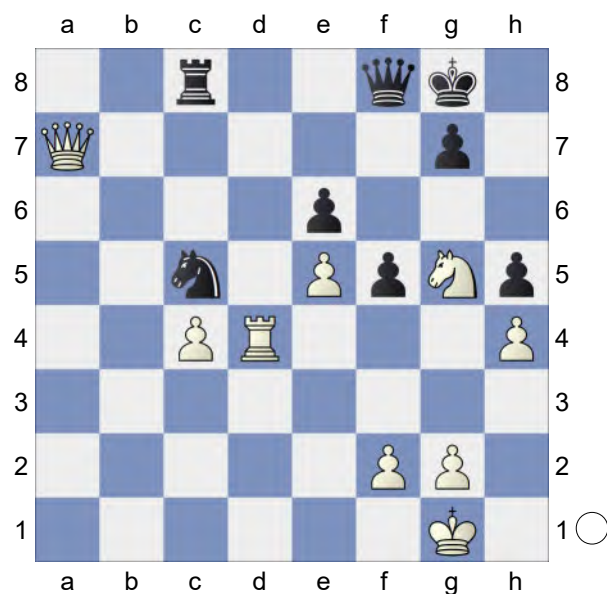
[28...b3± 1.44/19]

29.Qxb4+- Kf8 30.a5 b6

(Diagram)



31.Ra3 bxa5 32.Rxa5 Rxa5 33.Qxa5
Kg8 34.Rd4 Qe8 Inhibits Rd8. 35.Qa7
Qf8



36.Rd6 f4? 6.64/21

[36...Qe8 3.50/23 37.Qb6 Ne4
38.Rxe6 Qd7]

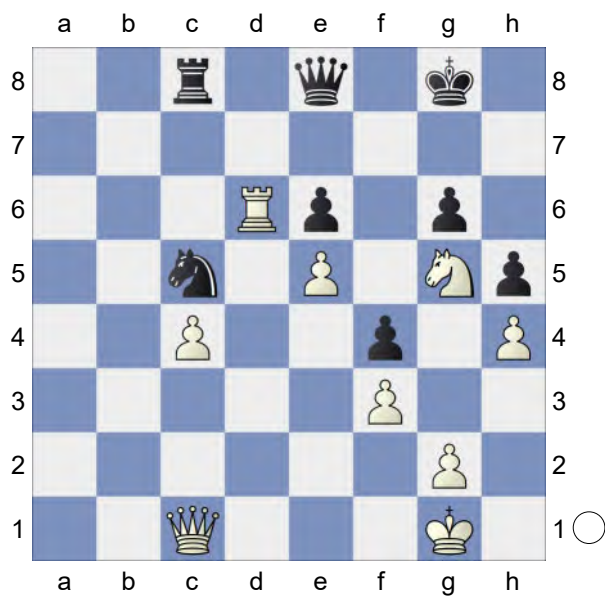
37.f3 White is clearly winning. 37...Qe8

38.Qb6 Vorgänger: 38...Kf8 39.Qb1

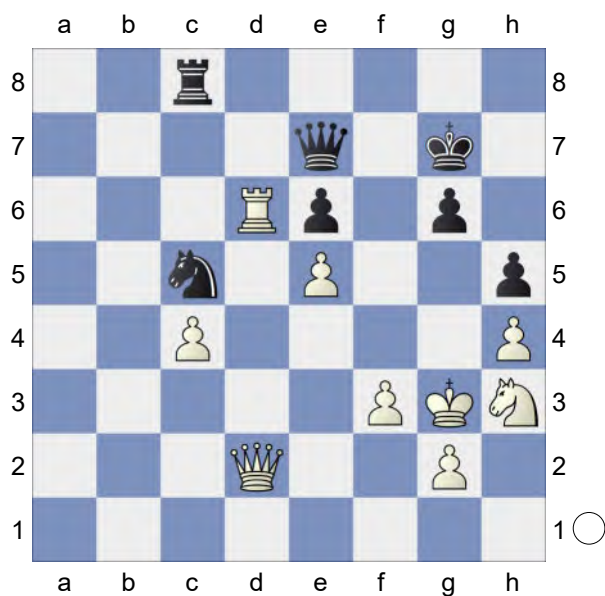
[39.Nxe6+ Nxe6 40.Rxe6 Qd8±]

39...g6 40.Qc1 Kg8

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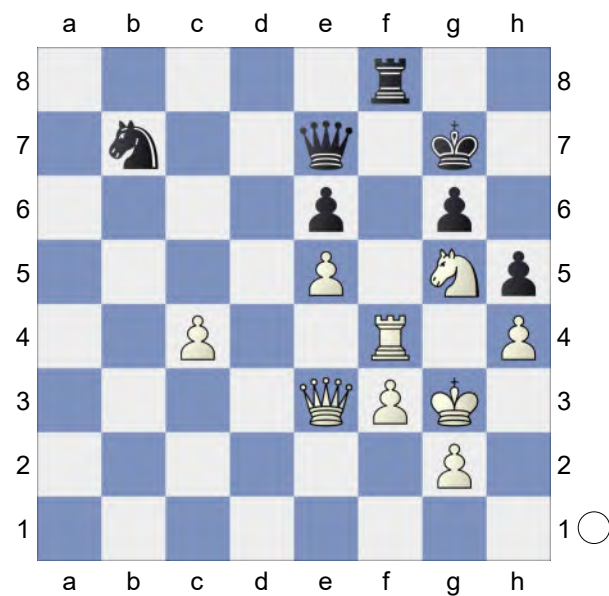


41.Qxf4 Qe7 42.Kh2 Kg7 43.Qd2 Kg8 44.Kg3 Kh8 45.Nh3 Kg7

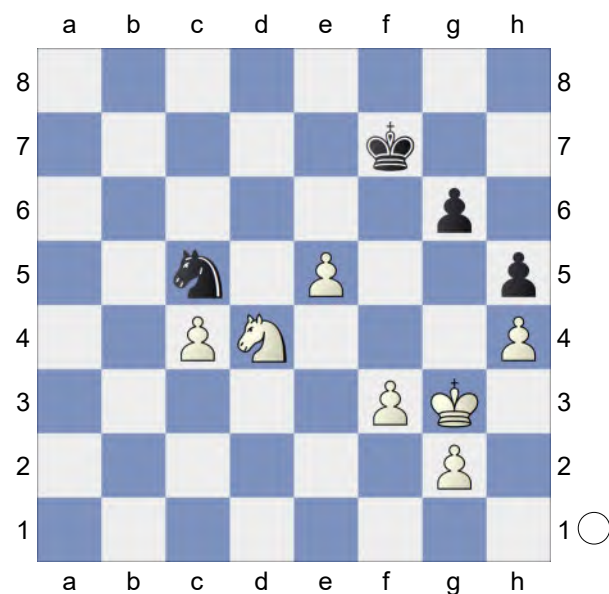


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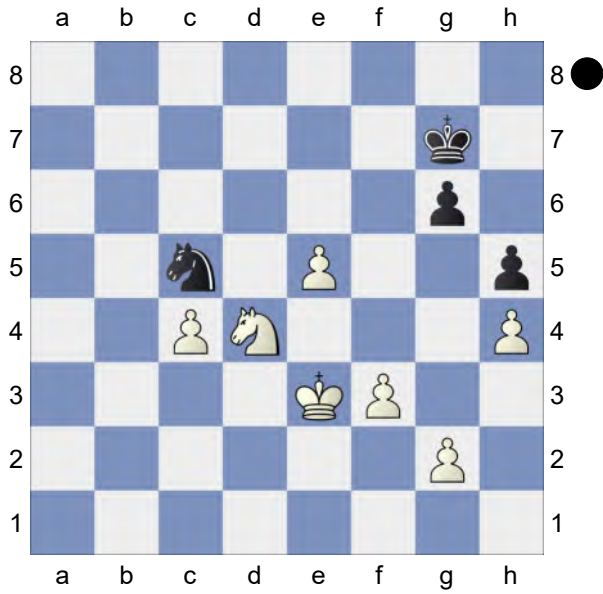


51.Rxf8 Kxf8 Endgame. KQN-KQN 52.Qb6 Kg8 53.Qxe6+ Qxe6 54.Nxe6 Kf7 55.Nd4 Nc5



56.Kf4 Kg7 57.Ke3

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.29 (precise)

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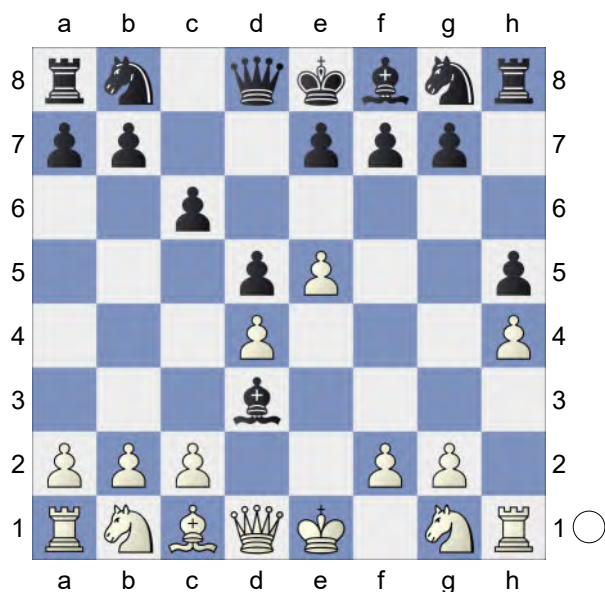
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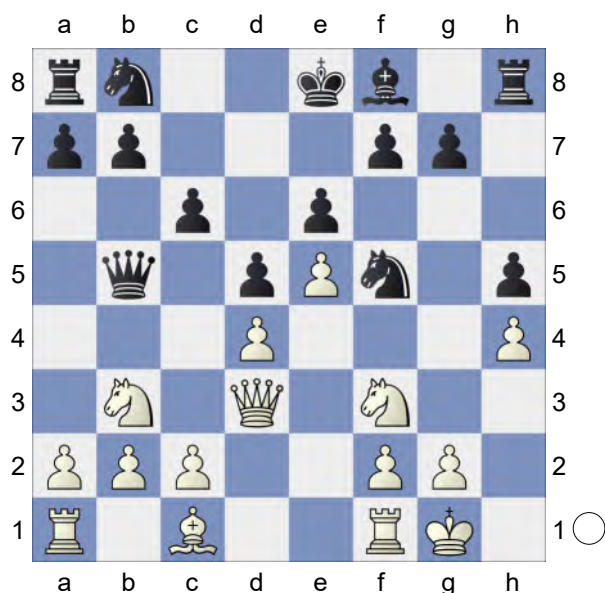
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.Nd2 e6 8.Ngf3 **Nh6!**
8...Nh6 scores better than 8...Qa6.
8...Sh6 punktet besser als 8...Da6. 9.0-0
Nf5 10.Nb3 Qb5



11.Qd1 c5 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.a4 Qb6

[13...Qc6?! is known to us from a game Praggnanandhaa-Carlsen, Meltwater rapid 2022. 14.Bg5!±]

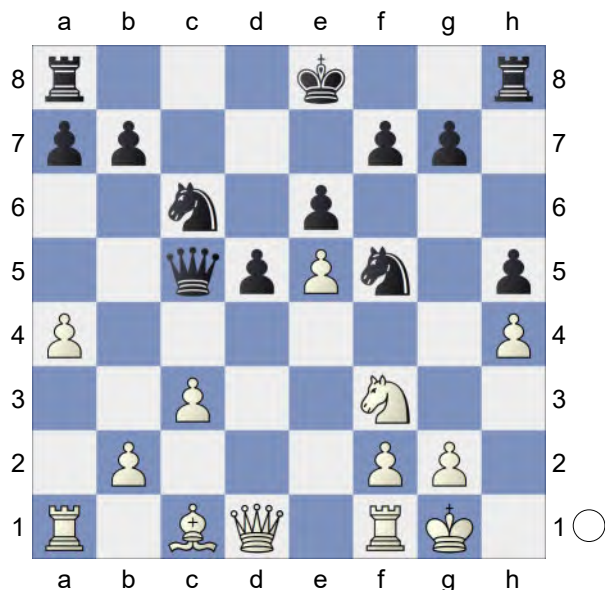
[The provocative 13...Qc4 could be tried at some stage since it is essentially equivalent to the game. 14.Nfd2 Qb4 15.c3 Qb6 16.c4 (16.Nf3 Nc6 transposes to the game; 16.a5 Qb5 17.Nxc5 Qxc5 and White also doesn't really have a meaningful alternative to Nf3 sooner or later.) 16...Qc6 17.cxd5 (17.Nxc5 Qxc5 18.b4 Qd4 19.Ba3∞ is an interesting if rather 'engine' idea, leaving Black a smorgasbord of pawns to pick from) 17...Qxd5 18.Nxc5 Qxc5 19.Ne4 Qxe5 20.Re1 Nc6 21.Bg5 Qd4!∞]

14.Nxc5 Continuing to follow the yellow brick road.

[14.a5 Qb5 15.Nxc5 Qxc5 16.Ra4N I find this approach one of the most interesting paths forward in the whole 4.h4 line, although it is close to being done to death. Nc6 17.b3 a6 (It is perhaps uncomfortable for Black to allow the further push of the a-pawn, e.g. 17...0-0-0 18.Ba3 Qc3 19.a6 b6 20.Re1± and Black's pieces are all a bit out of position.) 18.Ba3 Qc3 19.Re1 0-0-0 20.Qc1!? Intending Bb2 followed by c4.]

14...Qxc5 15.c3 Nc6

(Diagram)



16.Bg5 Rc8 17.Re1 Qb6 18.b3 Nce7

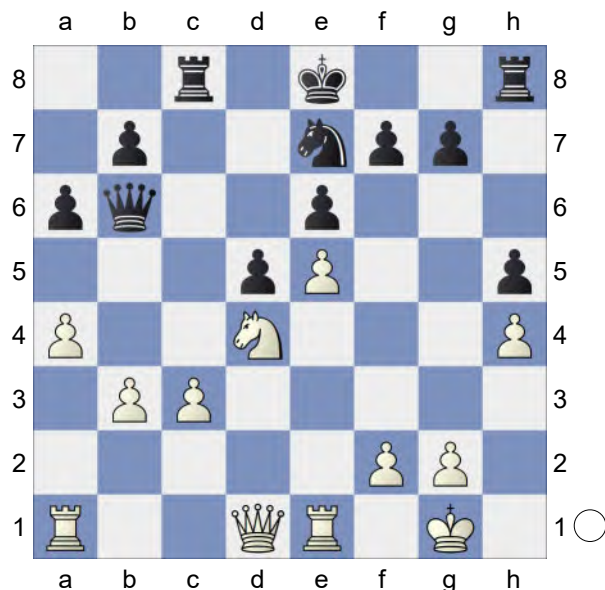
[It's interesting for Black to try and retain the knight pair with, for instance, 18...0-0!? 19.Rc1 Rc7"]

19.Bxe7N The knights are temporarily a tiny bit tangled, and so White can think seriously about alternatives to this.

[Vorgänger: 19.Rc1!? a6 seemed a little surplus to requirements in one recent game, and (19...0-0 20.Bf6 Ng6 21.Ng5 Nf4∞ The cost of each move is high here, but arguably more so for Black.) 20.Nd2 Rc6 21.c4 Qd4 22.cxd5 Qxd5 23.Ne4 Qxd1 24.Rexd1± put White on the path to pointing that out. Zacarias Martinez,R-Jianu,V Chennai 2022 Rxc1 25.Rxc1 0-1 Zacarias Martinez,R (2175)-Jianu,V (2511) Olympiad-44 Chennai 2022 (7.4)]

19...Nxe7 20.Nd4 a6

(Diagram)



21.Qd2 Nc6 22.Nf3 Initiating the repetition.

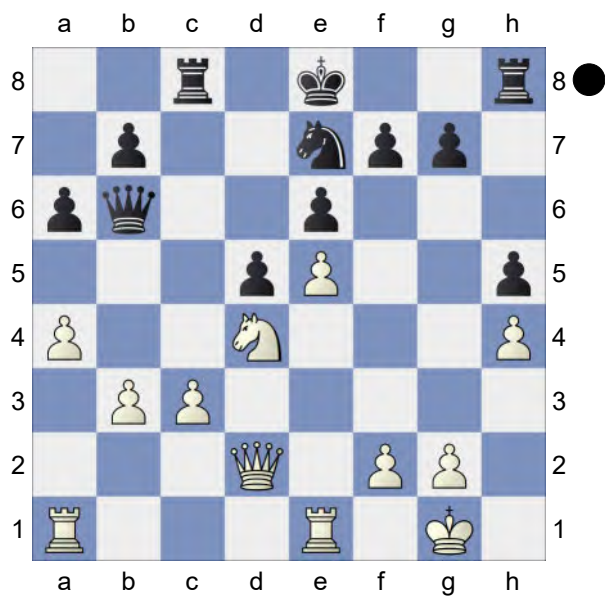
[22.Qg5 was the alternative. Nxd4! (22...0-0 23.Nf3 Qxb3 24.Qxh5 Qc2 25.Ng5 Qf5 26.g4 Qg6 27.Qxg6 fxf6 28.Nxe6 Rfe8 29.Ng5 Rxe5 30.Kg2±) 23.Qxg7 Nf3+ 24.gxf3 Rf8 25.c4∞ With a messy position where both kings are at risk.]

22...Ne7

[Black in their turn can play on, greedily, with: 22...Qxb3 23.Qg5 Qc2 24.Rab1 (24.Qxg7 Qh7 and Black can start using the g-file.) 24...Na5 25.Nd4 Qh7 26.f4 Rxc3 27.f5 Qh6 and White still needs to prove compensation]

23.Nd4

(Diagram)



A deceptively interesting short draw.

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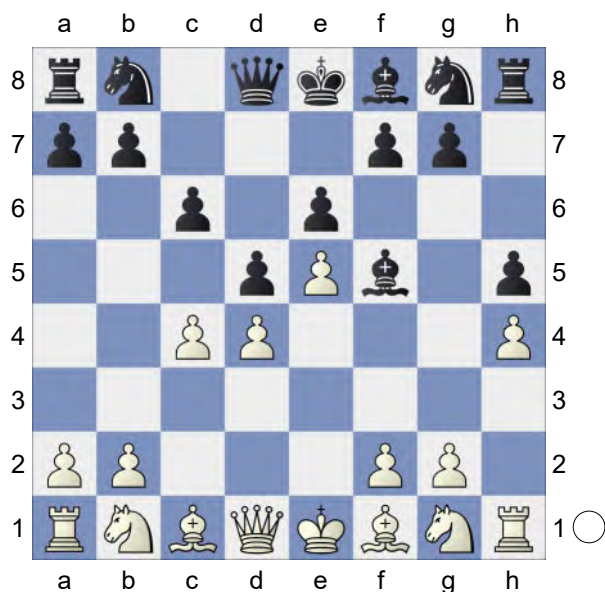
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[Daniel Fernandez]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.c4 e6



6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Nge2 a6? A slow move which I am arguably too fond of playing at early stages of every Advance.

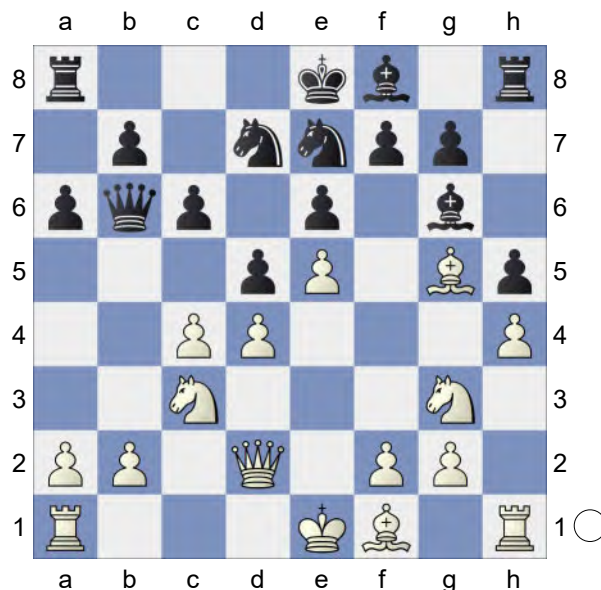
[7...Nd7 is the theory, which should not be lightly disregarded. 8.Ng3 Bg6 9.Be3 dxc4 10.Bxc4 Nf5=]

8.Ng3 Bg6 9.Bg5! The accurate way to cast doubt on Black's slow deployment of pieces. 9...Qb6 10.Qd2

[10.Na4! Qa5+ (10...Qd8 is the lesser evil, but depressing to play.) 11.b4! Qxb4+ 12.Bd2 Qa3 13.c5+-]

10...Nd7

(Diagram)



11.Be2!?

[11.Rc1 is more to the point, trying to avoid losing time with the f1-bishop.]

11...dxc4 12.0-0 Rd8?!

[12...0-0-0! was preferable, which is something one can't say too often in the Advance!]

13.Qe3 Unpinning the queen and generating ideas of Nce4, etc. The b2-pawn is of course poisoned. 13...c5?!

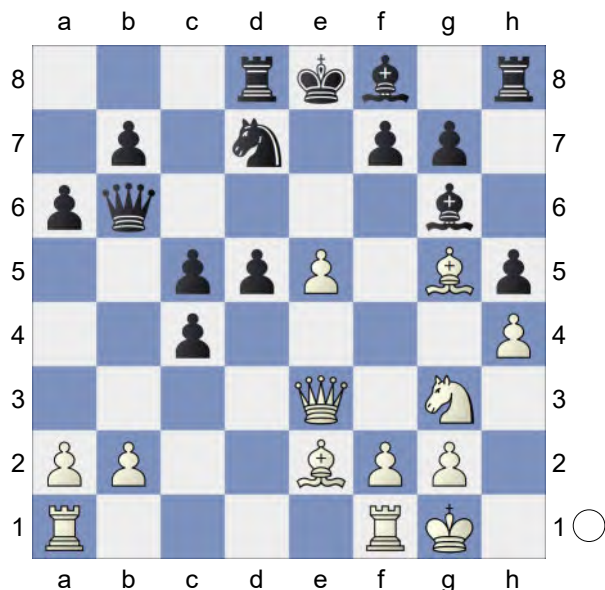
[13...Qb4! limits the damage, making it difficult for White to regain the pawn and preparing stuff like ...Nb6-d5.]

14.d5!? The principled move and the culmination of a central strategy from White.

[However, even better was 14.Rad1 cxd4 15.Rxd4+- with a dire position for Black.]

14...Nxd5 15.Nxd5 exd5

(Diagram)



16.Bxd8 Kxd8 An incredibly unbalanced position has arisen, where it is not at all clear who should be playing for a win. In practice, I suppose both players are. **17.Qd2**

[A lot of lines like 17.f4 Qxb2 18.f5 Qxe5 19.Qxe5 Nxe5 20.fxg6 fxg6 entered my calculations at one or other stage. 21.Bf3!∞]

17...Qe6

[17...d4! keeps things messy and probably slightly better for Black.]

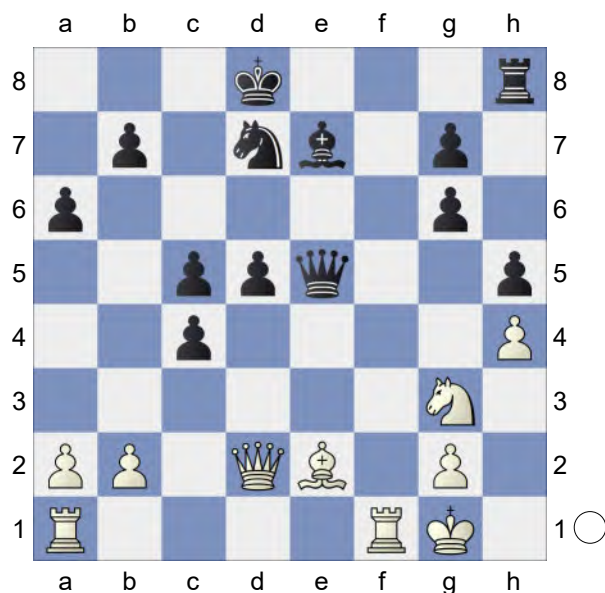
18.f4 Be7 19.f5

[19.Bxc4! With some accurate calculation White could have reached an ending where definitely only two results are possible. Qg4 (19...dxc4?! 20.f5 Qxe5 21.Rad1! An incredibly easy in-between move to miss. Qd4+ 22.Rf2!!+-) 20.Qxd5 Kc7 21.f5 Qxg3 22.fxg6 Nxe5 23.Rae1 Bd6 24.Rxe5 Qxe5 25.Rxf7+ Kd8 26.Qe6! Qxe6 27.Bxe6 Be5 28.Rd7+ Ke8 29.Rxb7±]

19...Qxe5 20.fxg6 fxg6!?

[20...Qxg3 was more stable: 21.Qxd5 (21.gxf7 Bf6 22.Rxf6 Nxf6 23.Bxc4 Qxh4 24.Bxd5 Qd4+ 25.Qxd4 cxd4

26.Bxb7 a5∞) 21...Bd6 22.Rxf7 Re8∞]



21.Rad1! d4 22.Rf3

[22.Nh1 was apparently best, but very difficult for a human to play!]

22...Bxh4 23.Nf1 b5?

[23...Bg5 24.Qc2 b5 was correct, maintaining the absolutely hideous imbalance of five pawns for a rook. 25.b3!? Re8 26.Rf2 c3∞]

24.g3?! Black's bishop is out of place enough as it is, this insertion is unnecessary.

[But the correct path was not so obvious: 24.Qa5+ Qc7 (24...Ke7 25.g3! Bf6 26.Bxc4+-) 25.Qxa6 Re8 and now only 26.Ne3!! is enough to give White a crushing advantage. After Rxe3 27.Rxe3 dxe3 28.Qe6!+- Black's pieces are all tied down and Bf3-c6 or similar will follow in short order.]

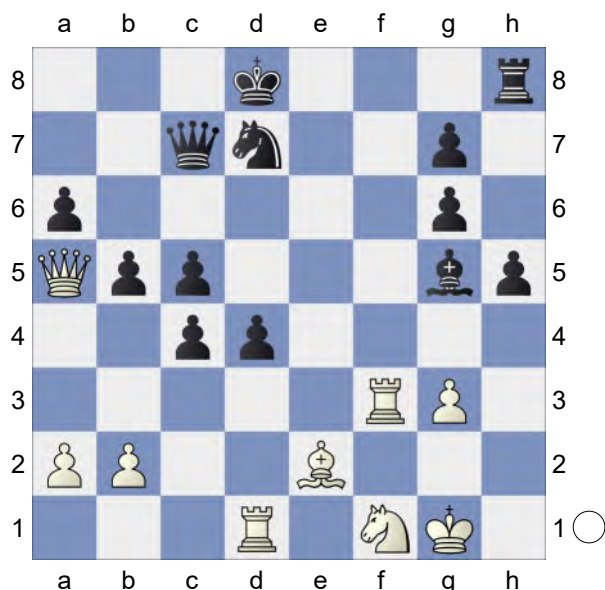
24...Bg5?! Returning the favour and allowing White another chance to win the pawn without compensation.

[24...Bf6 25.Qa5+ Qc7 26.Qxa6 Re8± and Black more or less still

has compensation, but there was no need to let the pawn go in the first place.]

25.Qa5+ Qc7

[Only at this moment I realised that 25...Ke8? is met by 26.Re1 and Bxc4.]



26.Qxa6 Re8 27.Qa8+?

[27.Rf2! was correct, though it is still difficult to play the position with absolutely no pawn cover after d3 28.Bf3 h4!?±]

[27.Qxg6!? was the human path, after which I was looking at Bf6 28.Qxh5 d3 29.Bxd3 Bd4+ 30.Kh1 cxd3 31.Rfxd3 Qd6± with some compensation for the exchange.]

27...Ke7?! Suspecting that my opponent would repeat, I decided to try and end the adventures.

[27...Qb8! was apparently more accurate, though I didn't give 28.Qxb8+ Nxb8 29.Kf2 perhaps the credit that it deserved. Black has four pawns for a rook and two pairs of them are doubled but the position remains very sharp even in the

absence of queens. Nc6∞]

28.Qe4+ Kd8 29.Qd5

[After 29.Qa8+ I had more or less reconciled myself to a draw.]

[29.Qxg6 was again available, transposing to 27.Qxg6.]

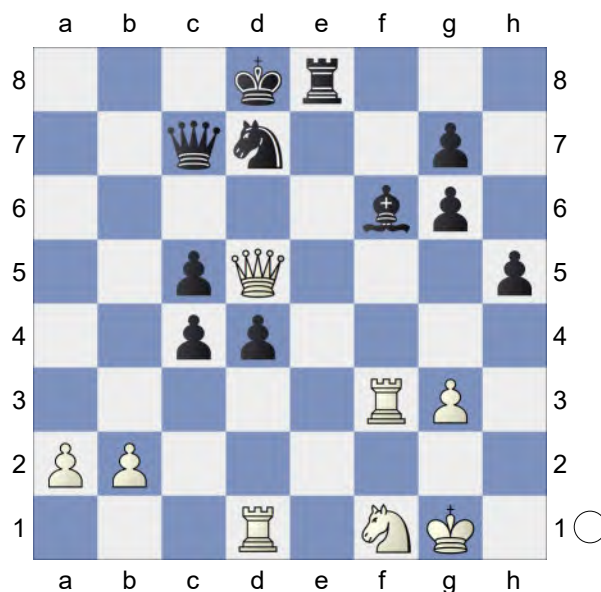
29...Bf6!? Restarting the fight.

[29...Qe5 30.Qa8+ Qb8 transposes to 27. ...Qb8. Apart from trading queens, White does have the alternative of 31.Qa5+ with an extremely likely repetition. I think I lacked the appetite for Kc8 32.Rf2 d3 33.Bf3 Bf6 with continuing mess, especially since Black's king safety leaves quite a lot to be desired.]

30.Bxc4!?

[30.Re1 d3 31.Ne3!? is another interesting way to give back a piece.]

30...bxc4



31.Qxc4? Now Black is substantially better.

[31.Nd2 Qe5! 32.Qxc4 Bg5→]

[To make sense of the previous move White had to continue with 31.Ra3! Re5 32.Qxc4 when neither king is safe at all but Black might have

some momentum on their side.]

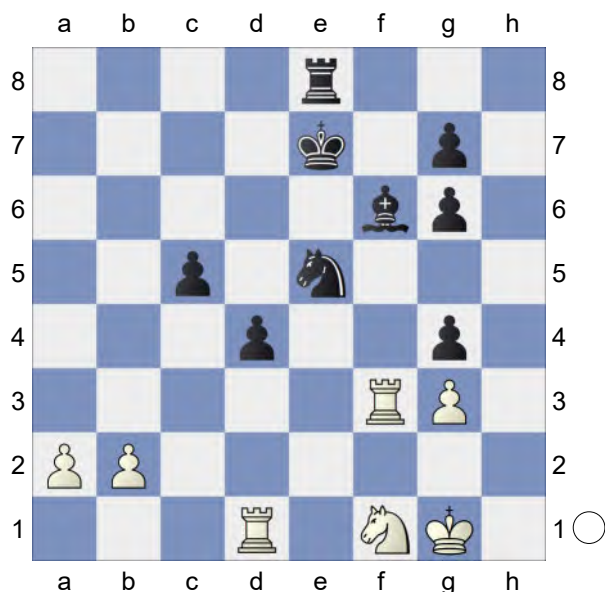
31...Ne5 32.Qd5+ Qd7 33.Qa8+?!

[33.Qxd7+ Kxd7 34.Ra3 leads to similar play to the game, but without such a huge advantage for Black. Kc6?]

33...Ke7 34.Qe4 Qg4?!

[A large advantage was retained by the simple 34...Kf8 35.Ra3 Kg8+ since Black does not lack pawn cover but in time White's king will come to experience a draught.]

35.Qxg4 hxg4



36.Rb3 Ke6?!

[36...Kd6? was more direct, since the 'extra' option of ...Kf5 in fact brings Black relatively little.]

37.Rb5

[37.a4! was best, getting started with Ra3 and a5-a6 without delay. Black will probably need to blockade the a-pawn with the rook, leaving it an open question whether any progress can be made on the rest of the board. Kd5∞]

37...Nf3+ 38.Kf2

[38.Kg2? Kd6 was the worst choice since Black threatens ...Re2.]

[38.Kh1 c4 39.a4 Rc8? and Black

can push the passed pawn quite fast, but maybe White still has hope for a draw.]

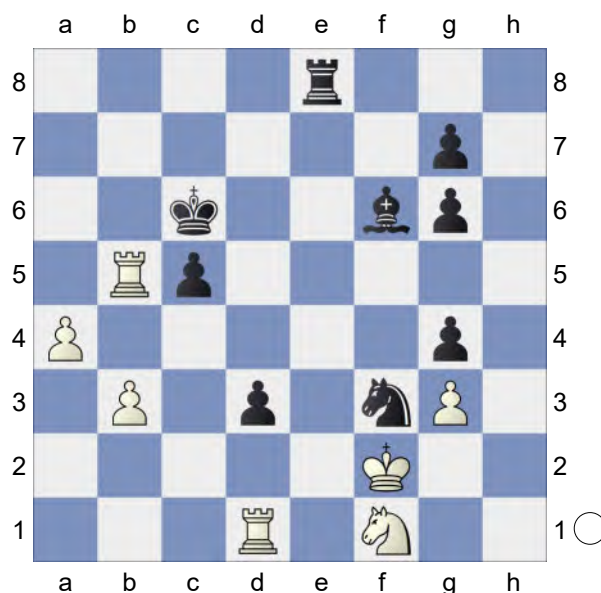
38...Kd6? Losing the whole advantage.

[Simply 38...c4 should have been played immediately. I hallucinated a problem with 39.Nh2?? which simply doesn't exist. Nxh2 40.Re1+ Kf7-+]

[38...Kd5 is also playable but hard for a human. 39.b4 d3! 40.Rxc5+ Kd4! 41.Rc2□ (otherwise ...Re2) and now Black has a choice of promising continuations. Bd8!? 42.Rb2 Bb6→]

39.b3 Kc6 40.a4 Now Black's position looks promising, but the crushing blow is probably just beyond the limit of calculation. **40...d3??**

[40...Ng5! is better, and contrary to appearances the b5-rook is almost trapped. ... Ne4-c3 and ...Nh3 are both murderous threats. 41.Nd2 (41.Ra5 Ne4+ 42.Kg2 Nc3 43.Rd2 Kb6-+; 41.Rc1 Nh3+ 42.Kg2 Re2+ 43.Kh1 Nf2+ 44.Kg1 and now the casual Ne4 is decisive, intending ...d3 and ...Bd4.) 41...d3 42.b4 Bd4+ and Black has a crushing attack.]



41.Rxd3 Nd4 Reaching the final critical moment of this dramatic game.

[I spent too long trying to calculate 41...Bd4+ 42.Ne3 Ne5 but in reality simply 43.Rxd4 cxd4 44.Nc2!= is OK for White, meanwhile it is also conceivable that Black can overpress in such a position.]

42.Ne3??

[42.Ra5 Kb6!? (42...Re2+!? 43.Kg1 Nf3+ 44.Kh1 Re1 45.Kg2 Bd4+ White's d3-rook is in an awkward place and ...Re8 is about to come.) 43.b4 cxb4 44.Rd5 Re2+ 45.Kg1 Nf3+ (45...b3!? also crossed my mind, but 46.R3xd4 Bxd4+ 47.Rxd4 b2 48.Rd2!! draws easily. b1Q 49.Rxe2 Ka5 50.Kf2 Kxa4 51.Kg1=) 46.Kh1 Kc6 47.Rb5 Rf2 48.Rd1 Bc3+]
[42.b4!! Re2+ 43.Kg1 Nxb5 44.axb5+ Kxb5 45.bxc5 Kxc5+ is a draw, although Black can obviously poke and prod here and there.]

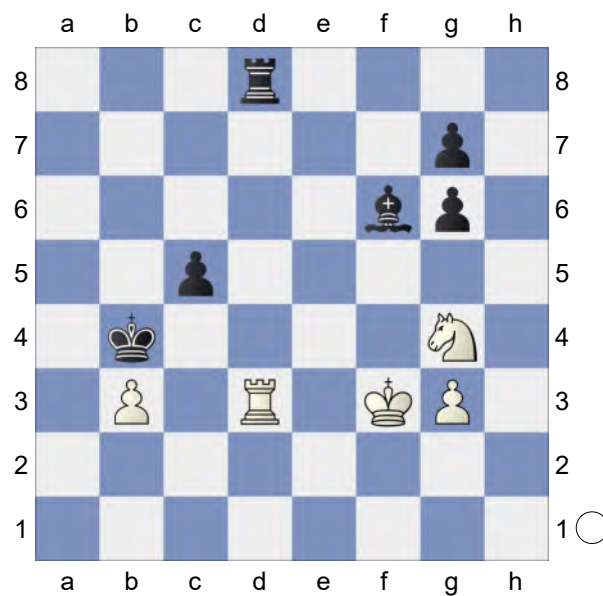
42...Nxb5 43.axb5+ Kxb5 44.Nxg4 Kb4 45.Kf3

[45.Nxf6 gxf6 46.Rd6 Kxb3 47.Rxf6 Rg8-+ followed by converting the queenside half of the board in Lucena fashion.]

45...Rd8?!

[My first impulse was the (correct) 45...Bd4 46.Kf4 and now various things win, but Re2 47.Kg5 Rb2 48.Kxg6 Rxb3 is easy.]

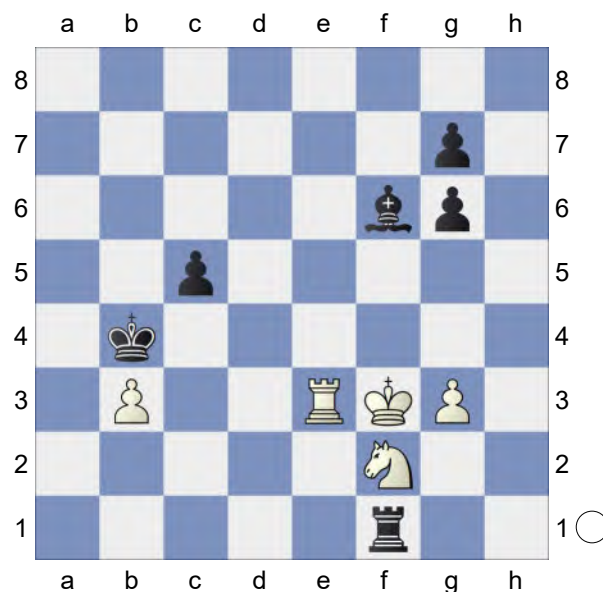
(Diagram)



A questionable move, but not bad enough to risk the win. **46.Re3?!**

[46.Ne5 puts up a better fight. Ka3 47.Nc4+ Ka2-+]

46...Rd1 47.Nf2 The final mistake in a lost position. **47...Rf1**



Next ...Bd4 is coming (or ...Rxf2 followed by ...Bd4) and so White resigned.

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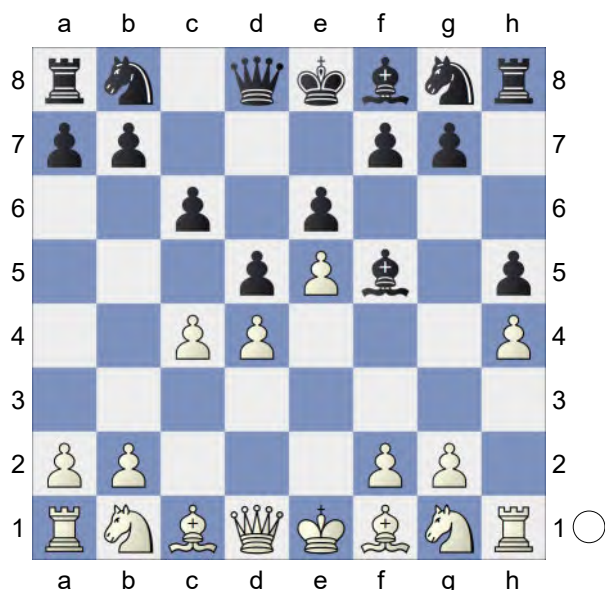
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.c4 e6



6.Nc3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 Nd7 8.Nf3 **Bg4!**
now scores much better than the old 8...
Nb6. punktet besser als das ältere 8...
Sb6.

[8...Nb6 9.Bd3 Bg4 10.Bg5 Qd7
11.Ne4 Bb4+ 12.Kf1 Nh6 13.Bf6
Kf8 14.Qb3 Nd5 15.Bc4 a5 16.a3
b5 17.Be2 gxf6 18.axb4 a4 19.exf6
Nf5 20.Qd3 Nf4 21.Qd2 Nxe2
22.Qxe2 Rd8 23.Rd1 0-1 (36)
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♟h5 1525 (2757) Togliatti 86/(399)
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9.Bg5N

[9.Be2 Bxf3 (9...Be7 10.Ng5 Bxe2
11.Qxe2 Nb6 12.Nf3 Nh6 13.Be3
Nf5 14.g3 Nd5 15.Nxd5 Qxd5
16.0-0 Rd8 17.Rfd1 0-0 18.Bg5

Bxg5 19.Nxg5 g6 20.Ne4 Kg7
21.Nf6 Nxd4 22.Qe3 Qc4 23.Kh1
Nf5 24.Qg5 0-1 (30) Moskalets, S
(1998)-Gaszka, Z (1748) Wch U16
Girls blitz 2024 (1); 9...Nh6 10.Bxh6
Rxxh6 11.Ng5 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Be7
13.f4 Nb6 14.Rd1 Nd5 15.0-0 g6
16.Nce4 Qc7 17.Qd3 Bf8 18.Qh3
0-0-0 19.a3 Kb8 20.Rc1 Rh8 21.b4
a6 22.Nc5 Bh6 23.Nce4 Bf8
24.Nc5 ½-½ (25) Wu, S (1586)-Du, Y
(1957) CHN-ch sf (Women) 2023 (2)
10.Bxf3 Ne7 11.Bg5 Qb6 12.0-0
Nf5 13.Be4 Qxd4 14.Qc2 g6
15.Rfd1 Qxe5 16.Qd3 Qc7 17.Rac1
Bc5 18.Bxf5 gxf5 19.b4 f6 20.Bf4
Bxf2+ 21.Kf1 Qxf4 22.Qxd7+ Kf8
23.Ne2 Qxh4 0-1 (25) Garrido Outon,
A (2380)-Fernandez, D (2498) EU-ch
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9...Qb6N

[9...Be7 10.Be2 Nh6 11.Bxh6 Rxh6
12.Qd2 Qb6 13.0-0-0 0-0-0 14.Ng5
Bxe2 1.14/20 (14...Rf8!± 0.55/20)
15.Qxe2± Rf8 1-0 (38) Dragnev, V
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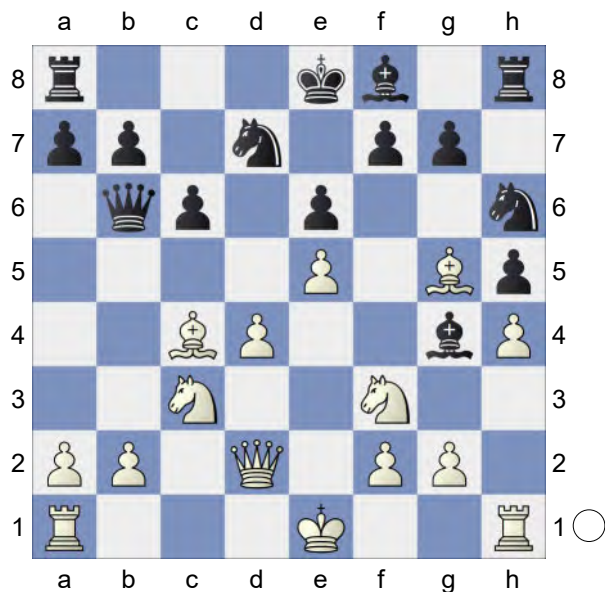
10.Qd2 0.08/20

[10.0-0± 0.44/20]

10...Nh6 0.83/18

[10...Be7= 0.08/20 remains equal.]

(Diagram)



11.Nh2!± White is more active. **11...Bf5!**

12.0-0-0 -0.04/20

[12.Rd1± 0.67/22]

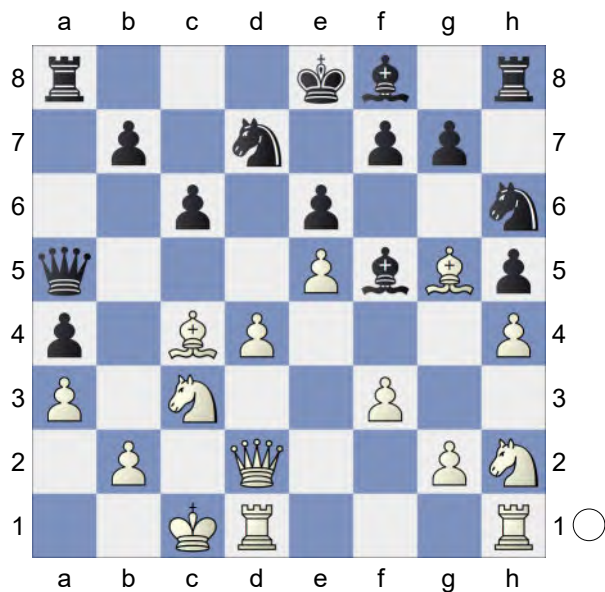
12...a5 0.46/18

[Better is 12...Qa5= -0.04/20]

13.f3 -0.01/19

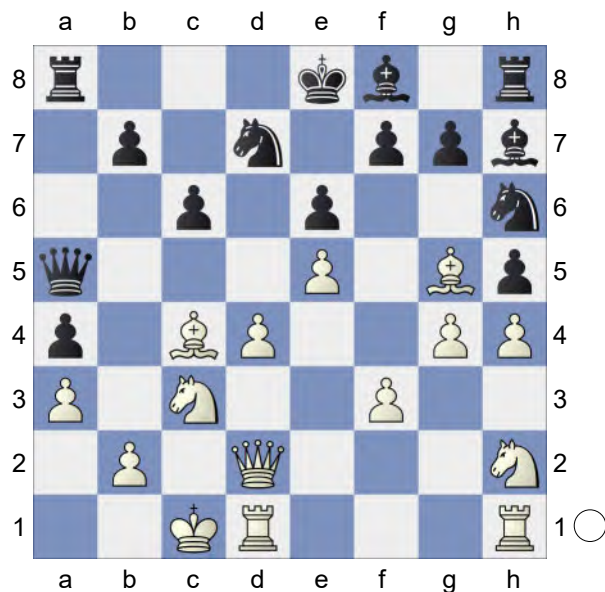
[13.Nf1± 0.46/18]

13...a4= 14.a3 Qa5



15.g4! Bh7

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16.Bd3

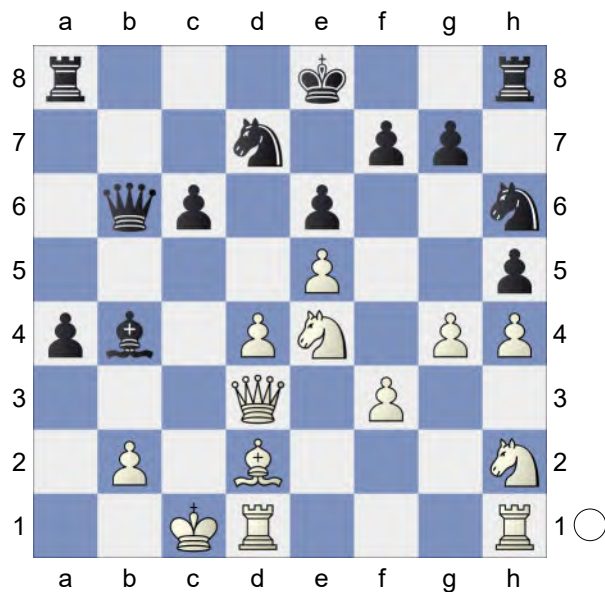
[16.Ba2 looks sharper. b5 17.d5 Nxe5 18.Qd4]

16...Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Ne4 -0.52/18

[Of course not 18.gxh5 b4 19.axb4 Qxb4±]

[18.Na2= 0.11/20]

18...b4± 19.Bd2 Qb6 20.axb4 Bxb4



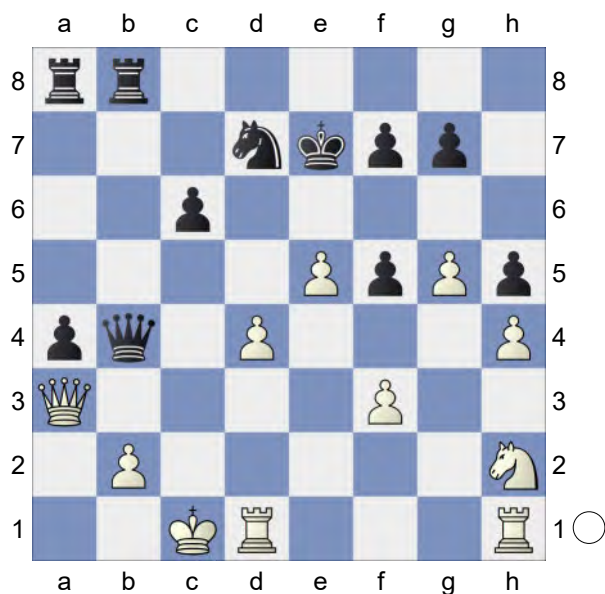
21.Bxb4 Qxb4 22.Nd6+ -1.57/20

[22.Qc3± -0.65/18 Qxc3+ 23.Nxc3]

22...Ke7± 23.Qa3 Rhb8 24.g5? -2.93/22

[24.Nf1± -1.36/19 was called for.]

24...Nf5+ 25.Nxf5+ exf5



26.Rd3 c5 Threatens to win with ...cxd4.

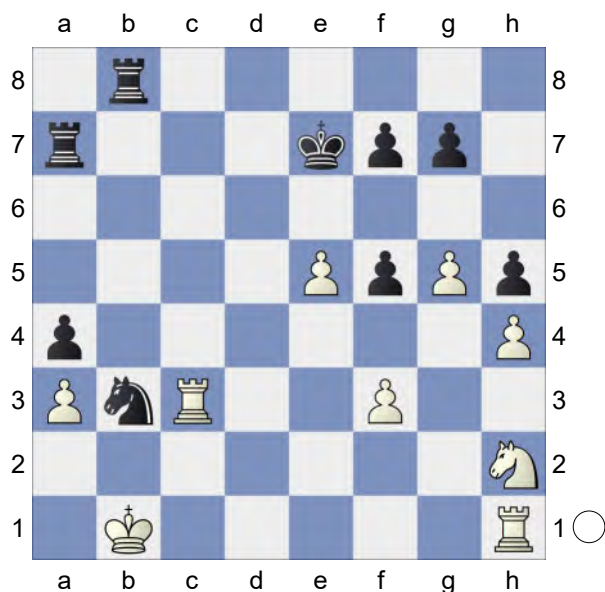
27.dxc5 -3.71/21

[27.Rhd1 -2.58/18 might work better.]

27...Nxc5

[27...Nxe5? 28.Re3 f6 29.Nf1-+]

28.Rc3 Nb3+ 29.Kb1 Qxa3 30.bxa3 Ra7

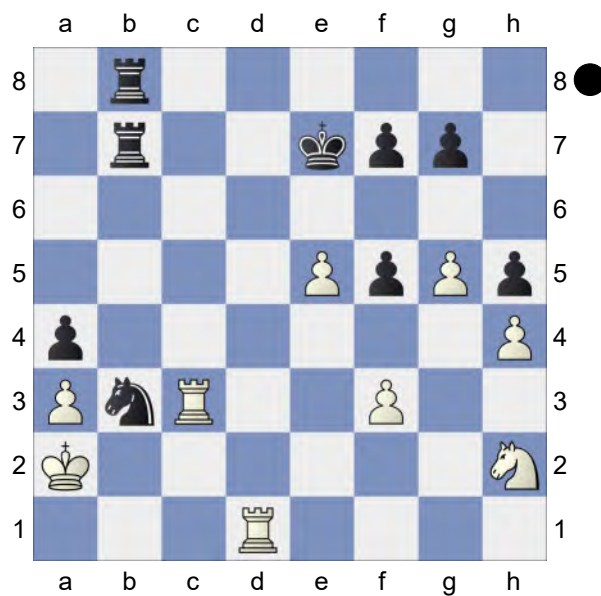


31.Rd1 Rab7 -1.93/23

[31...Nd4+ -3.48/23 32.Ka2 Rab7]

32.Ka2 -3.19/22

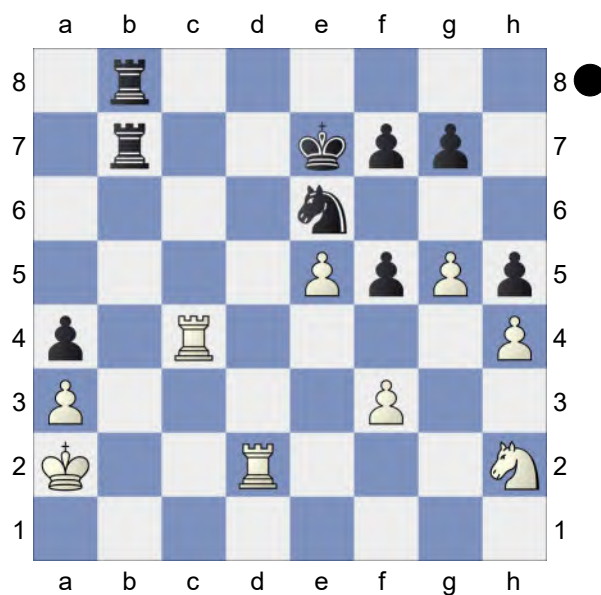
[32.Kc2 -1.93/23 only move.]



32...Nd4! 33.Rd2 Repels Rb2+

[33.Rxd4? leads to mate. Rb2+ 34.Ka1 Rb1+ 35.Ka2 R8b2#]

33...Ne6 34.Rc4



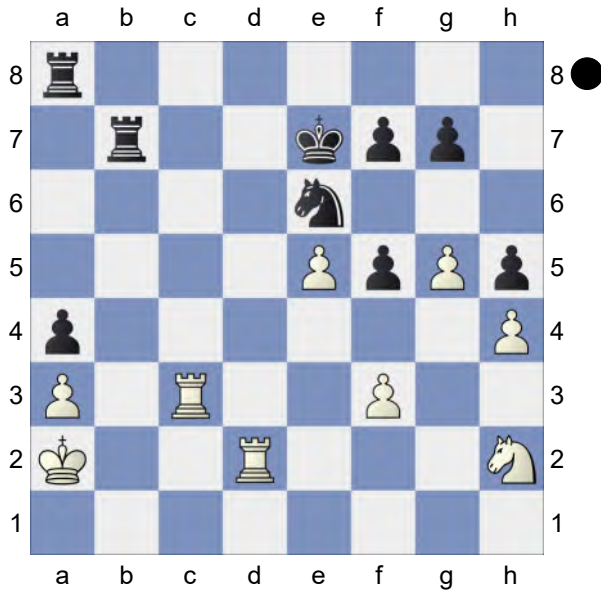
Ra8 -1.25/21

[34...Rb3!-+ -1.88/21 35.Rf2 Ra8]

35.Rc3 -2.23/23

[35.Rb4+ -1.25/21 Rc7 36.Kb2]

(Diagram)



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 Black=0.22 (precise)
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□ Anadkat, Kartavya

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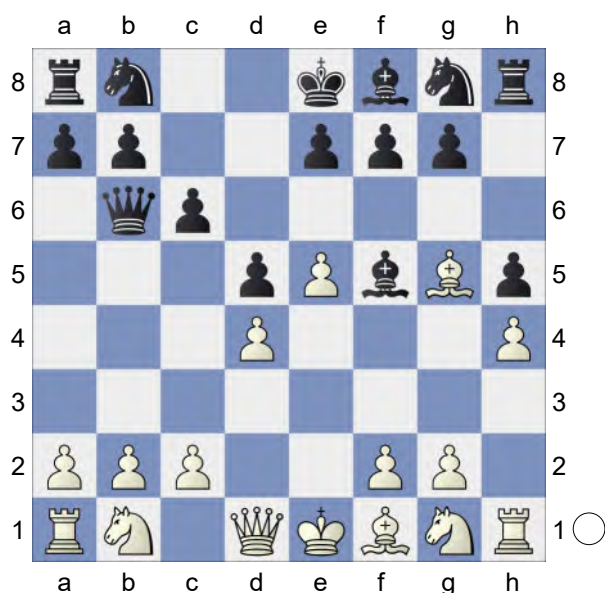
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Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bg5 Qb6



6.Bd3 -0.45/21

[6.b3= -0.03/17]

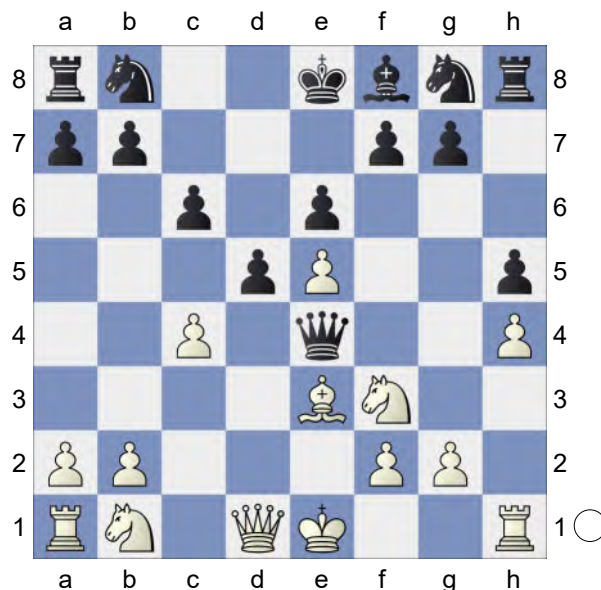
6...Qxd4 is currently scoring better than
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Qg4 8.Bxf5 The position is equal.

8...Qxf5 9.c4 Qe4+ 10.Be3 e6

[10...Qxc4 11.e6 fxe6 12.Nbd2±]

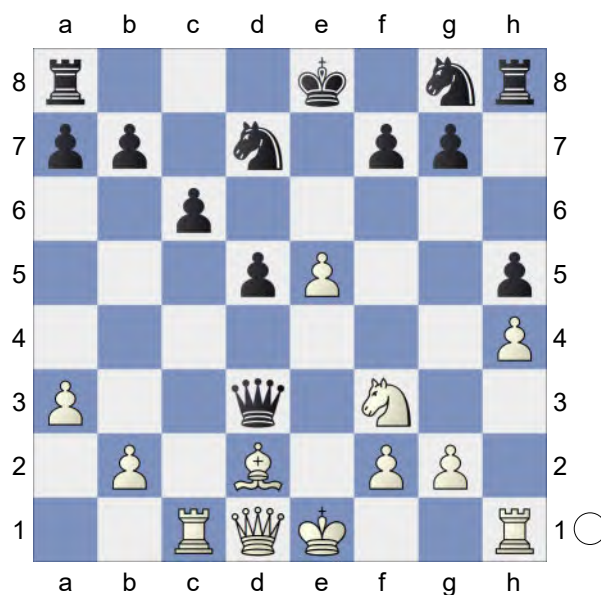
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11.Nbd2 Qd3 12.cxd5N

[12.Rc1 dxc4 13.Rxc4 Ne7 14.Rd4
Qa6 15.Nc4 Nd5 16.0-0 Bc5
17.Ng5 Nd7 18.Re4 Be7 19.Qf3
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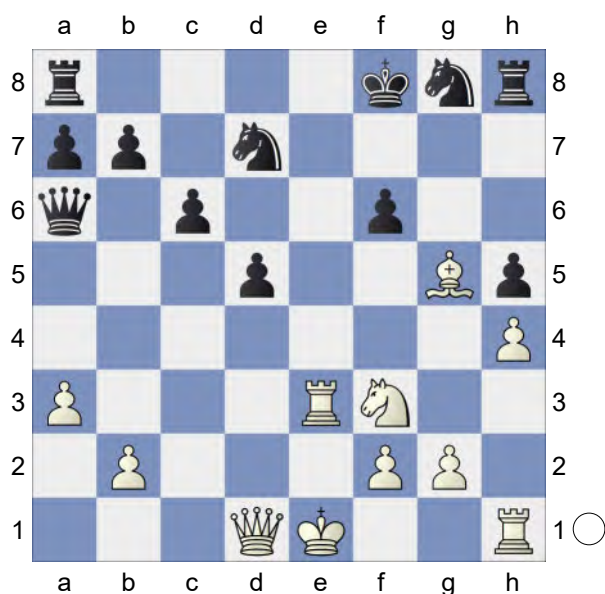
16.Rc3 Qa6 17.Bg5N

[17.Ng5 d4 18.e6 0-0-0 19.Nxf7
Ne5 20.Nxd8 dxc3 21.Bxc3 Nd3+]

22.Kd2 Nh6 23.Kc2 Rxd8
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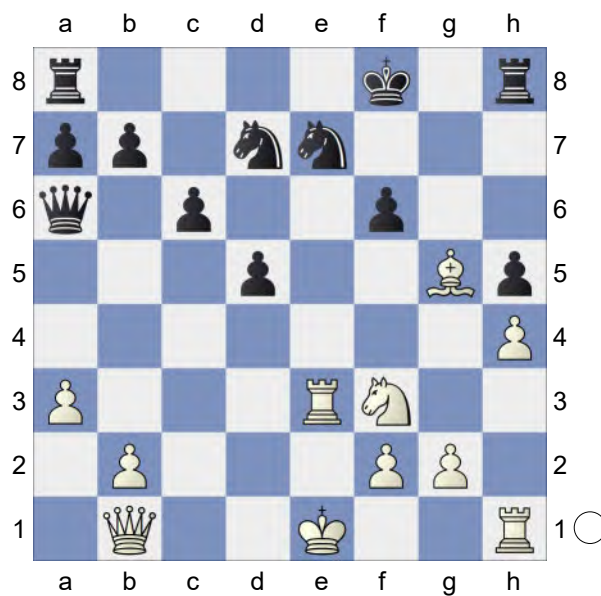
17...f6 18.exf6 gxf6 Black is weak on the dark squares Black is weak on the dark squares 19.Re3+ Kf8 0.31/20

[Black should try Black should try 19...Kf7 -0.33/19]



20.Qb1! White has compensation. White has compensation. 20...Ne7
[20...fxg5 21.Qf5+ Ndf6 22.hxg5±
(22.Nxg5 Rh6=)]

(Diagram)



Prevents Qf5 Prevents Qf5 21.Bf4 -0.39/20

[21.Kd2!= -0.01/21 should be considered. should be considered. Qb6 (21...fxg5 22.Rhe1=) 22.Bf4]

21...Kf7 0.86/22

[21...c5 -0.39/20 stays ahead. stays ahead.]

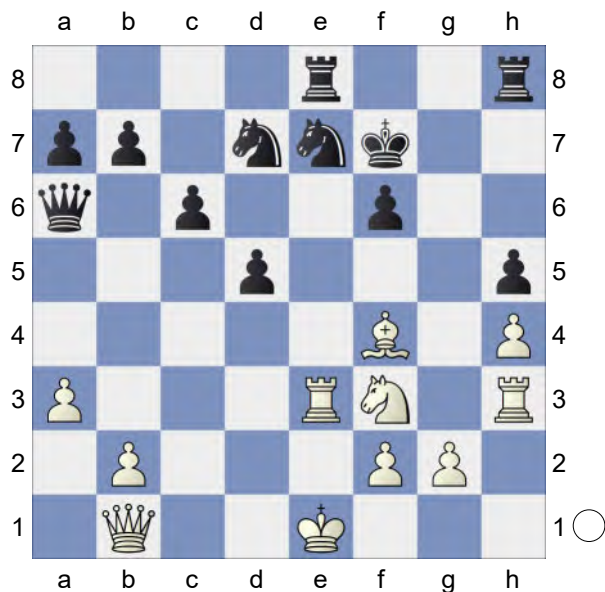
22.Rh3 -0.01/19 White is more active. White is more active.

[22.Bd6± 0.86/22 Rae8 23.Ng5+
(23.Rxe7+? Rxe7+ 24.Bxe7
Kxe7-+) 23...fxg5 24.Bxe7 Rxe7
25.Qf5+ Ke8 26.Qg6+ Kf8 27.Rxe7
Remove Defender, Deflection
Remove Defender, Deflection Kxe7
28.Qg7+ (28.hxg5? Kd8-+) 28...Kd6
29.Qxh8]

22...Rae8 4.06/23

[22...c5!= -0.01/19 and Black has nothing to worry. and Black has nothing to worry.]

(Diagram)



Black cannot hold the game after this.

23.Ng5!+- fxg5 24.Bxg5

And now Rhf3+ would win. And now

Rhf3+ would win. **24...Nf6 5.89/27**

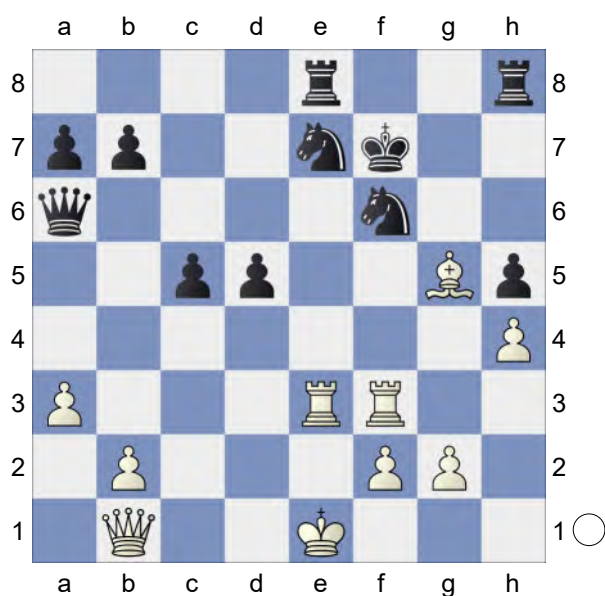
[24...Qc4 4.17/23 is a better defense.

is a better defense. 25.Rhf3+ Kg8

26.Bxe7 (26.Rxe7 Rxe7+ 27.Bxe7

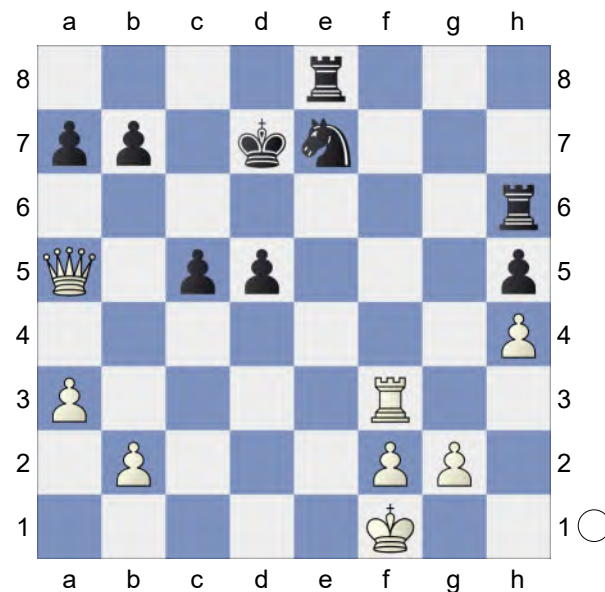
Rh6=) 26...Rh6 27.Rg3+ Kh8]

25.Rhf3 White is clearly winning. 25...c5

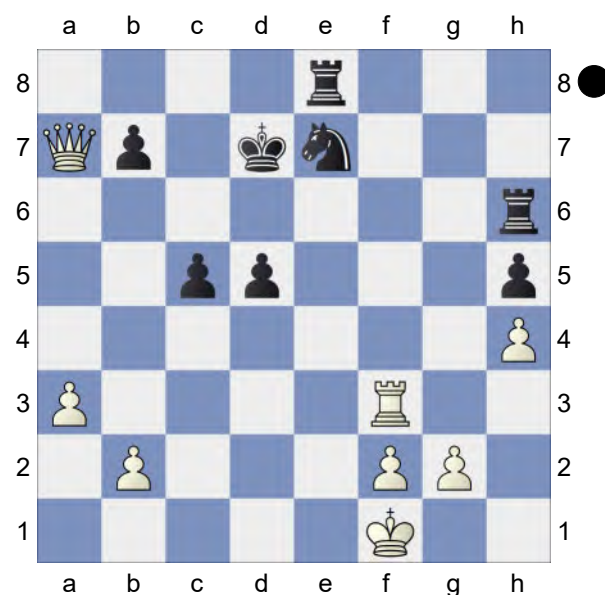


26.Bxf6 Qxf6 27.Kf1 Qxf3 28.Rxf3+ Ke6 29.Qe1+ Kd7 30.Qa5 Rh6

(Diagram)



31.Qxa7



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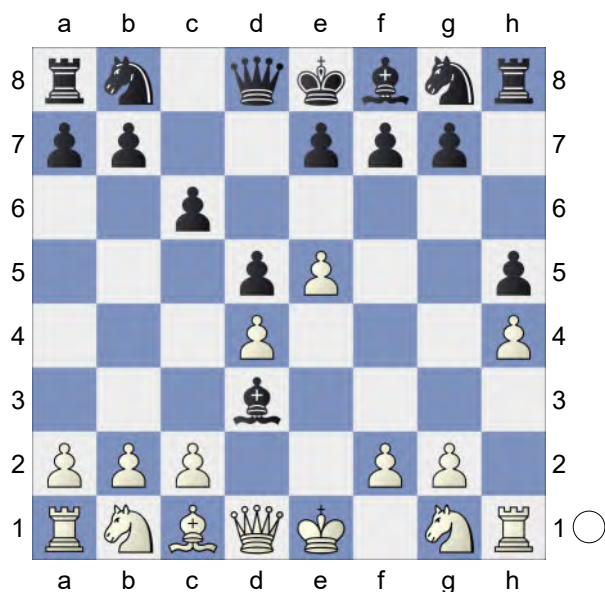
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 Qa5+

[Several times we have checked the other critical continuation 6...e6 7.Bg5 Qb6 8.Nd2 , starting with Jones, G-Fernandez, D 4NCL 2019.]

7.Nd2

[Previously fashionable was 7.Bd2 Qa6 8.e6 Qxd3 9.exf7+ Kxf7 10.cxd3 Nd7= where practice has indicated that White's activity compensates for his poor structure, but not more.]

[Very recently we also checked the pawn sacrifice 7.b4 in Van Foreest, J-Anton Guijarro, D Los Cancajos 2020]

7...e6

[7...Qa6?! 8.e6!± is a clear sign of Black getting confused. Howell, D-Dvirnyy, D Heraklio 2017]

8.Ngf3

[For 8.Ne2!? see Nakamura, H-Svane, R Caleta 2019]

8...Qa6

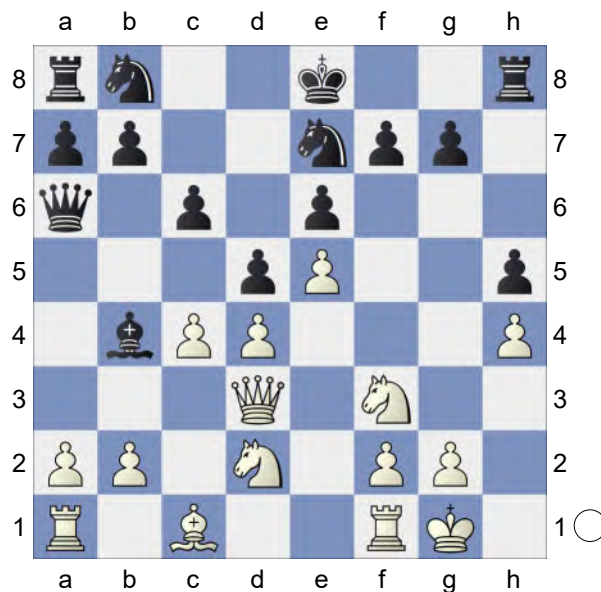
[8...Nh6! was our previously recommended antidote, see Vucinic, G-Kobalia, M European Club Cup 2019.]

9.c4 Bb4!? The fourth most popular choice in this position, and one to which we had previously paid little attention.

[9...Nh6 10.0-0 Nf5 does not go so well with the essentially tempo-losing ...Qa6. (See Sutovsky, E -Anton Guijarro, D Poikovsky 2017, annotated by Justin.) But Girya has a different idea in mind.]

10.0-0 Ne7

[10...Nd7 was tried in the blitz game Paichadze, L-Abdusattorov, N INT 2020, but as mentioned in the next note, this knight development might be best saved for cases where ...c5, dxc5 has happened.]



11.Rd1 As in the lines with the bishop on g5 (i.e. after 6...e6 7.Bg5), White's aim is to squirrel away his d2-knight on

f1 before opening the centre, and this idea also gives Black a problem with his dark-squared bishop. But White is still a couple of moves away from completing this.

[11.b3 had been seen in one previous game by the same player, as well as one by a 2600: c5 12.dxc5 Nd7! (12...Nbc6?! 13.Qb1 Bxc5 14.cxd5 Nxd5 15.Ne4± Demianjuk, A-Riazantsev, A Skolkovo 2019) 13.Qc2 Rc8!= Another top engine move. Black doesn't know which piece she would like to recapture on c5 with yet, and so stays agnostic. This is equal and probably also easier for Black to play because, in the long run, the better bishop will give her more opportunities. 14.a3 Bxc5 15.Qb1 dxc4! (15...Ng6 16.cxd5 exd5 Mikadze, M-Girya, O Antalya 2019 17.b4→) 16.Nxc4 0-0 17.Rd1 b5!∞]

11...c5! We may assume that this move was still in Olga's preparation.

[Black should avoid committing to 11...Nd7?! unless White has taken on c5. 12.b3 c5 and now White can play a move that emphasises the superiority of his own knights, such as 13.Bb2±]

12.Qb1!? A thematic pawn sacrifice that should give White compensation, and there is a high chance that this was also preparation.

[12.dxc5 was also critical, and we can guess fairly accurately what Black would have played. Nd7! The same 'idiom' as in her other game above. White has a few interesting options here, but I believe Black is equal in all cases.

A) 13.Qf1!? presents Black with an intriguing multiple-choice

question, but the only problem is there isn't a wrong answer. For example, Rc8 14.cxd5 Qxf1+ 15.Nxf1 Nxd5 16.Ne3 Ne7!= followed by ...Bxc5 works for Black.;

B) 13.b3 is a normal, garden-variety move and can be met on autopilot. Nxc5 14.Qc2 0-0 15.Bb2 Rac8=;

C) 13.Qb1!? here forces an accurate response, but perhaps only for the very next move. Bxd2! (13...Bxc5? 14.cxd5 and here the machine thinks Black must resort to Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Qe2 16.Rf1 Qxe5 17.dxe6 Qxe6 18.Ne4± when Black comes under a major attack.) 14.Nxd2! Nxe5 (14...0-0 15.b4 Nxe5 16.b5 Qa4 17.Qb3 Qxb3 18.axb3± is simply a pleasant structure for White) 15.cxd5! (15.b3 Ng4 16.Bb2 0-0=) 15...Qe2 (15...Nxd5!? 16.Ne4 0-0 17.Ng5 Ng6=) 16.Qc2 Nxd5 17.Qa4+ Nc6 (Unnecessarily intriguing is the machine move 17...Kf8 18.Nf1∞ followed by Ng3 and Qb3, when White seems to be regrouping successfully, while the consequences of losing castling rights can't yet be assessed.) 18.Nf3 a6 19.Bd2" ;

D) 13.a3 I think this move is interesting, ensuring that Black has done her homework. 13...Nxc5 (13...Bxc5?! 14.Ne4!→ is a tactic worth bearing in mind.) 14.Qc2 Bxd2 15.cxd5! Qa4! Quite a hard move to find 'cold'. (15...Bxc1?! leads to a really beautiful line: 16.Raxc1 b6 17.d6 Ng6 18.d7+ Nxd7 19.Rxd7 Rc8! 20.Rcd1!! 0-0

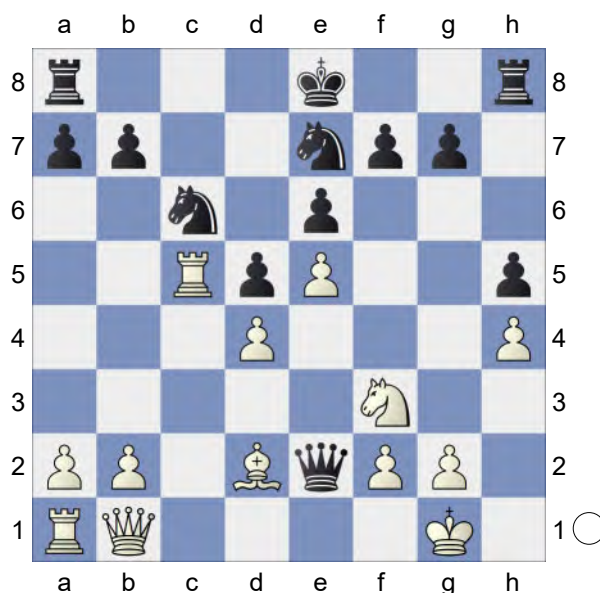
21.Qe4± and the ideas of Ng5 ensure that White still keeps some pressure here.; 15...Nxd5? 16.Rxd2 Nd7 17.b3±) 16.b3 (16.Qxd2? obviously runs into Nb3 17.Qc2 Rc8 and White drops at least an exchange.) 16...Qxb3! (16...Nxb3? 17.Nxd2 Nc5 18.Qxa4+ Nxa4 19.dxe6 fxe6 20.Ne4→ with more than enough compensation.) 17.Rxd2 b6! Just discouraging all the d6 ideas. (17...Rc8 18.d6 Nd5 19.Rb1 Qxc2 20.Rxc2 and the c-file is a slight tactical issue, though after the cold-blooded b6 21.Be3 Nxe3 22.fxe3 Kd7= Black's position looks more or less fine.) 18.dxe6! (18.d6 Nd5 19.Rb1 Qxc2 20.Rxc2 Kd7≠ and now White simply has a bad bishop.) 18...fxe6 19.a4 0-0 The thing about this queen standoff is that only Black can decide when to release it. The threat of mate is probably a good enough incentive I checked the line 20.Ng5 Qxc2 21.Rxc2 Nf5 22.Ba3 Nd4!∞ when White has no way to exploit the pin on the a3-f8 diagonal.]

12...Bxd2! A safe and acceptable choice, but maybe not the very sharpest way of fighting for equality. In practical terms, I quite like it, as it dodges what could have been the most dangerous lines of White's preparation.

[12...cxd4 was the other interesting candidate move. But here Black has to make some moves that, for me, are not especially natural or pleasant. 13.cxd5 (13.Nxd4 and now Nbc6 makes total sense, even if matters become a bit complicated. 14.Nb5

0-0-0! 15.a3 dxc4! 16.Nxa7+ Qxa7 17.axb4 Qd4∞ With ...Nxe5-d3 in the pipeline, it is not only Black's king that will come under attack. In case more people follow Girya's example of how to play this line, this would be something to check more deeply.) 13...Bxd2! 14.Bxd2 Nxd5 15.a4 Nc6 16.Qe4! Intending b4, as a pawn sacrifice if need be. (16.b4 Qe2 17.Re1 Qc4∞) 16...Rc8 (16...Qb6 17.b4! is dangerous. Nc3 18.Bxc3 dxc3 19.b5 Ne7 20.Rac1 Rc8 21.Ng5±; 16...Rd8!?) 17.Rdc1 b6 18.Ng5 Nce7 Now SF12 gives the following line: 19.Rxc8+ Qxc8 20.Rc1 Qb8□ It is a bit awkward to have to play this. 21.Qd3 Nf5 22.Bb4 Nxb4 23.Qb5+ Ke7 24.Qxb4+ Kd7 25.Qb5+= and it's not in either side's interest to dodge the repetition.]
[12...Nbc6? has the usual problems associated with it: Black has to take on an IQP or else allow Ne4 with tempo. 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Ne4±]

13.Bxd2 Qxc4 14.Rc1 Qe2 15.Rxc5 Nbc6



16.Qc2 White threatens Re1 and prevents ...Nf5.

[16.Be3 Nf5= , followed by a long game with the bad bishop, is not what the doctor ordered.]

16...Qe4! Continuing to play strong and stable neutralising chess. **17.Qxe4**

[17.Rxc6!? Nxc6 18.Qc5 was one insane option if White absolutely has to create some pressure against an uncastled king. But Black should be relatively safe in a line like f6 19.Re1 Qf5∞ followed by ... Kf7 when necessary.]

17...dxe4 18.Ng5 Rd8

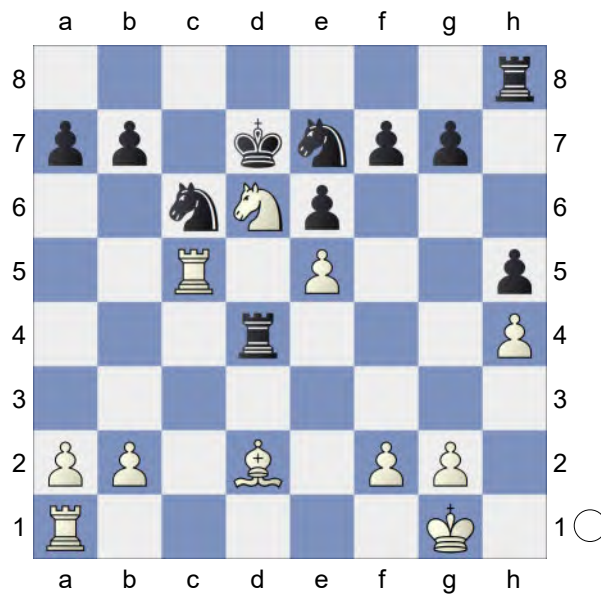
[I like the text more than the machine's 18...0-0 19.Nxe4 Nxd4 20.Rc7 when the seventh-rank rook has potential to be annoying.]

19.Nxe4

[It could be that the logical capture lets slip some slight advantage, but in spite of my engine's optimism I find it hard to believe that 19.Be3 Nf5 20.Nxe4 0-0 21.Rd1 is anything whatsoever. For starters, Black may delay taking on d4 almost as long as she likes. Rd7 22.Bg5 Kh7"]

19...Rxd4 20.Nd6+ Kd7

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21.Be3 Rxh4 22.Nxf7 Black has neutralised her opponent's opening idea and now should try to riff on the theme of a light-squared central blockade.

22...Rf8?!

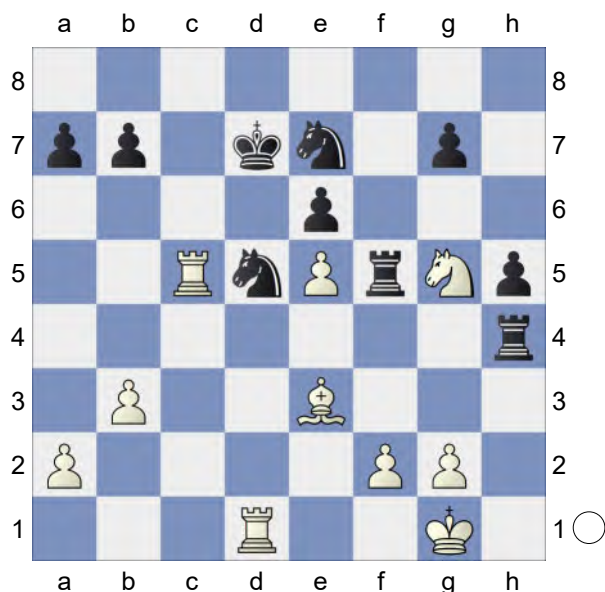
[The computer prefers a mysterious move such as 22...Rb8= to avoid the Nxe6 tactics that follow.]

23.Rd1+ Nd5 24.Ng5 Nce7 25.b3

[White had a chance to enter a pawn-up knight ending with the study-like 25.Rc7+! Kxc7 26.Nxe6+ Kc6 27.Rc1+! (27.Nxf8 Nxe3 28.fxe3 Nf5∞) 27...Kb5 28.Nxf8 Nxe3 29.fxe3 Re4 30.Rc7! Rxe5 31.Rxb7+ Ka6 32.Nd7! and, at the end of the sequence, Black's final capture is ruled out! Rb5 (32...Rxe3?? 33.Nc5+ Ka5 34.b4#) 33.Rxb5 Kxb5 34.Ne5± There are modest chances of converting this into a win.]

25...Rf5

(Diagram)



26.f4 Rxc5?! Having previously offered a very similar exchange sacrifice (against Darryl Johansen in Auckland 2020) I can understand the thought process, and even consider it a reasonable practical decision, but from the analyst's point of view it isn't sound.

[After 26...b6 27.Rc2 Rg4 followed by ...Ng6 we would have a three-results position. In case White tries the logical knight regrouping 28.Ne4 then the exchange sacrifice makes more sense. Rxe5 (28...Ng6 29.Nc3 Ngxf4 30.Bxf4 Rgxf4 31.Nxd5 exd5 32.Rxd5+ Ke6=) 29.fxe5 Rxe4[∞]]

27.fxg5 Re4 28.Bc1 My experience from the aforementioned game indicates that White should be trying to exchange a pair of rooks (and therefore that Black should stop at nothing to prevent this.) I feel that he knew that on some intellectual level, but just didn't find a way to go about it. **28...Rxe5**

[28...Re2! looks more appropriate in light of the last remark. Keeping rooks on is more important than getting a pawn for the exchange.

29.a4 Nf5 with some counterplay. I wasn't able to find a convincing continuation for White, and in most lines the machine calms down to about +1.5.]

29.Rc2 Now I think only White can improve upon the game continuation.

29...g6

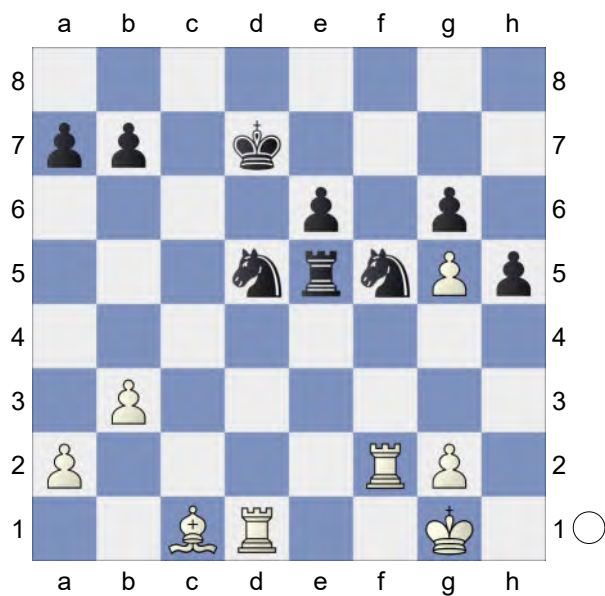
[I also don't especially believe in a move like 29...Nf5 30.Kf2+- with the idea of Re1.]

30.Rf2 The first of two odd decisions in a row.

[30.Bf4! Re4 (30...Rf5 31.Rf2 followed by Be3/Bb8 is also unpleasant for Black, and it's an open question whether she can make a fortress with a pair of rooks gone.) 31.Rc4 Re2 32.Rd2 Re1+ (32...Rxd2 33.Bxd2± is a similar rook trade to 30...Rxf5.) 33.Kf2 Rh1 34.Bg3 Nc6 (34...Ke8 35.Re4 Kd7 36.Re1+-) 35.Rf4 Ne5 36.Rf8 Ng4+ 37.Ke2 At first sight, it is unnerving for White to have to play like this. But on the other hand, his rook has infiltrated and Black's pawns are almost all vulnerable.]

30...Nf5

(Diagram)



Now the second strange decision was to accept a draw! Although, in fairness, the machine's best suggestion is that the rook should head back to c2, when it seems unlikely that White would be able to effect the rook trade any more.

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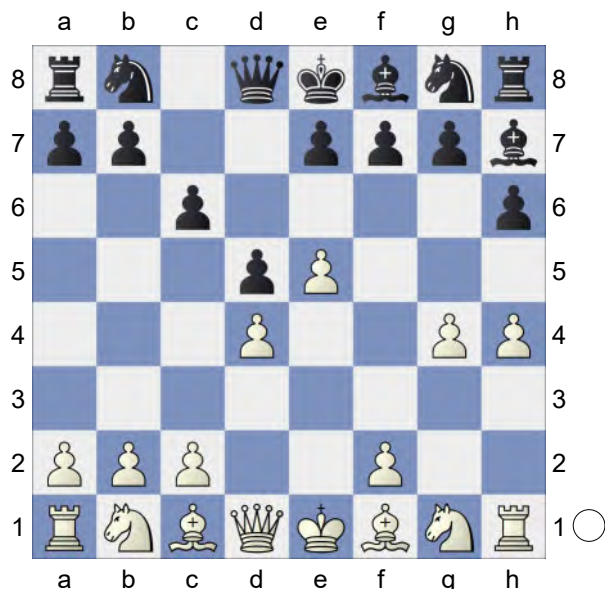
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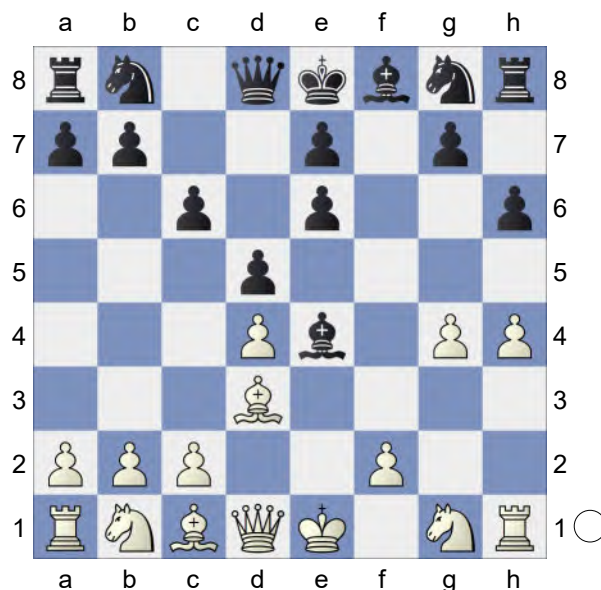
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14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Nxc6+
Bxc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qd4 Qxd4
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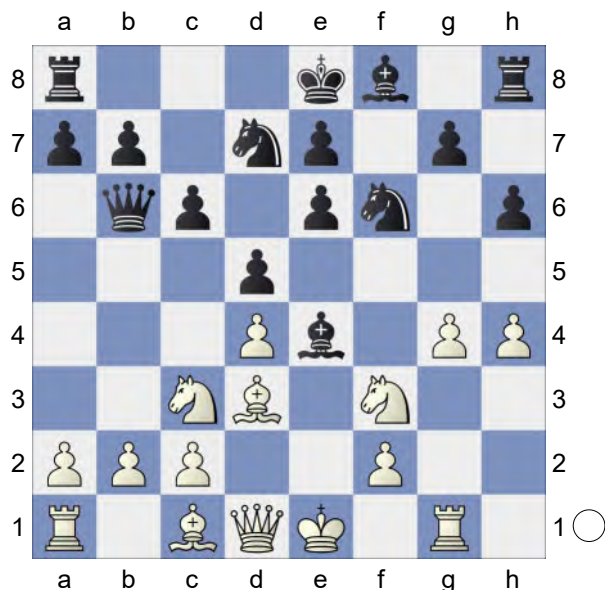
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7...Be4N 1.10/19

[7...e5± 0.59/20]

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Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8
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S Wch U12 St Lorenzo 1995 (1)]8.Nf3!± White has strong compensation.
8...Nd7 9.Nc3 Ngf6 White is slightly
better. 10.Rg1 Qb6

(Diagram)



11.g5 Bxf3 1.09/23

[11...hxc5± 0.65/22 was preferable.

12.hxc5 Rh3 13.Nxe4 Nxe4]

12.Qxf3 Qxd4 1.92/22

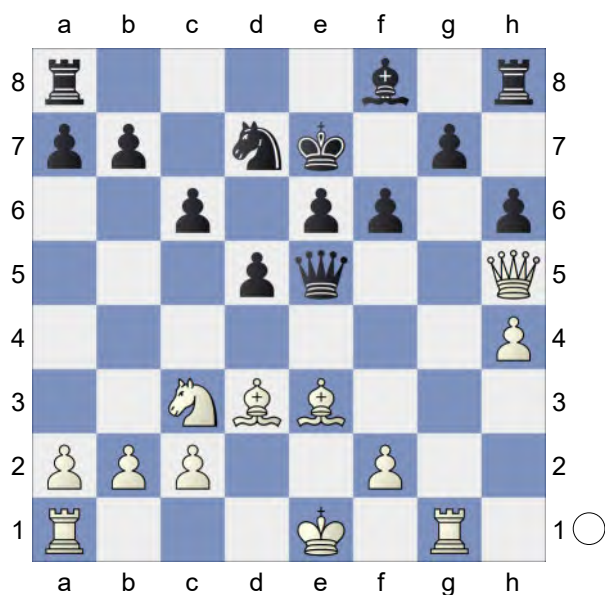
[12...hxc5± 0.76/22 13.hxc5 0-0-0]

13.gxf6+- exf6 14.Qh5+ Ke7 15.Be3 1.47/22

[Better is 15.Ne2+- 1.87/21 Qe5

16.Qf3]

15...Qe5±



Black is weak on the light squares
16.Qg4 Some like it hot. White is much more active.

[16.Qxe5 simplifies Nxe5 17.0-0-0 h5 18.Ne2]

16...Qd6 2.88/21 Dodges Qg4-b4

[16...f5± 1.20/21 17.Qb4+ c5

18.Qxb7 Rb8 19.Qxa7 f4 Pin]

17.0-0-0+- g5 18.hxc5 hxc5 19.Rh1

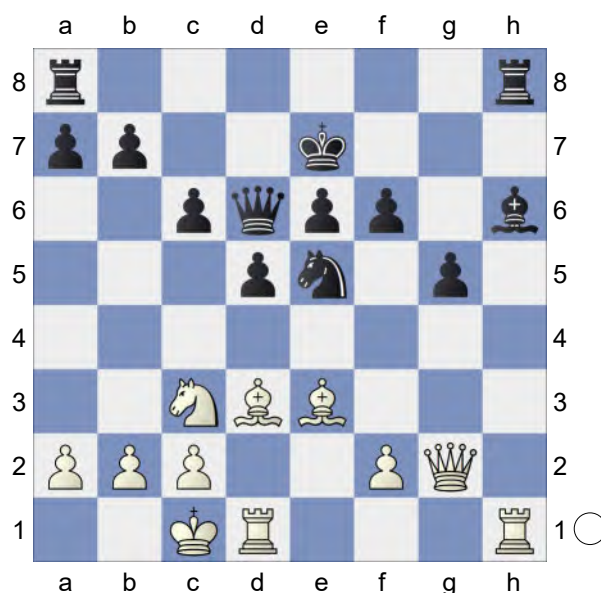
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[20.Qd4+- 1.93/21 Bh6 21.Be2]

20...Bh6 2.01/19

[20...Bg7± 1.45/21 21.Be2 Ng6]



21.Be2 Nf7 2.88/22

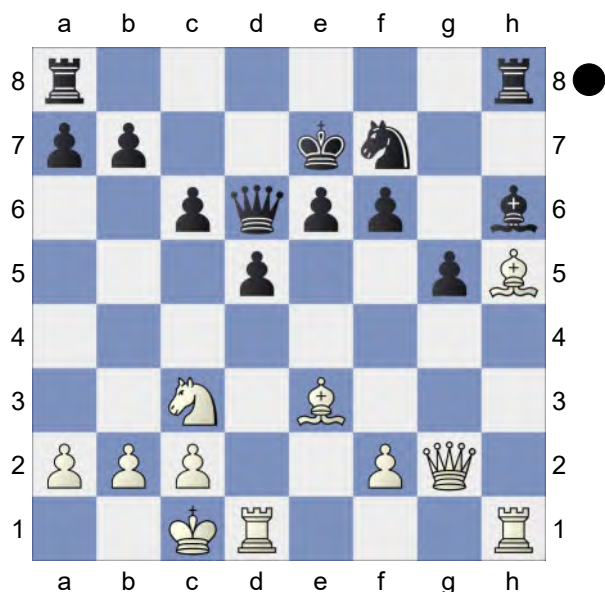
[21...Ng6 1.62/20

22.Kb1 Nf4

23.Bxf4 Qxf4]

22.Bh5

(Diagram)



Nc3-e4 is the strong threat. **22...b6** 2.40/19

[Δ 22...f5 1.99/20 23.Kb1 (23.Bxf7 Kxf7 24.Rxh6 Rxh6 $\pm$) 23...g4]

23.Rh3 1.38/20

[23.Kb1+- 2.40/19]

23...Rag8? 5.03/22 Black cannot hold the game after this.

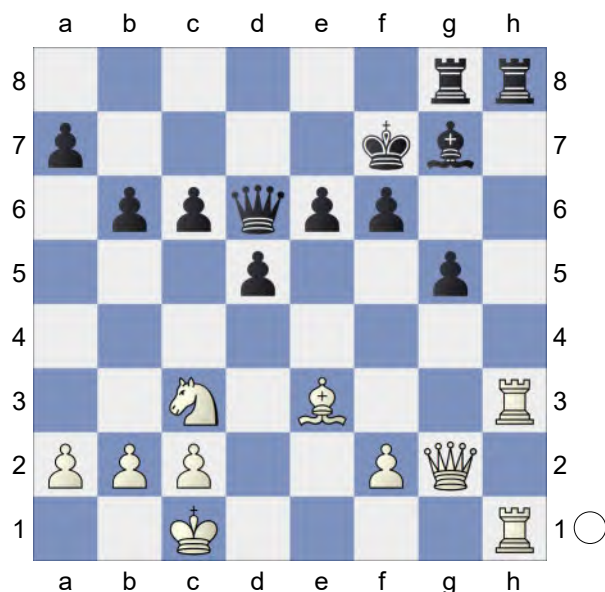
[23...Ne5 $\pm$ 1.38/20 is more resistant. 24.Kb1 Rag8]

24.Bxf7? 1.56/21

[24.Ne4+- 5.03/22 is the precise move to win. Qb8 25.Nxf6 Decoy]

24...Kxf7 $\pm$ **25.Rdh1 $\uparrow$** Black is under strong pressure. **25...Bg7**

(Diagram)



26.Ne2 1.36/24

[White should try 26.Bd2+- 1.72/21]

26...Rhx3 27.Rhx3 Rh8 2.17/23

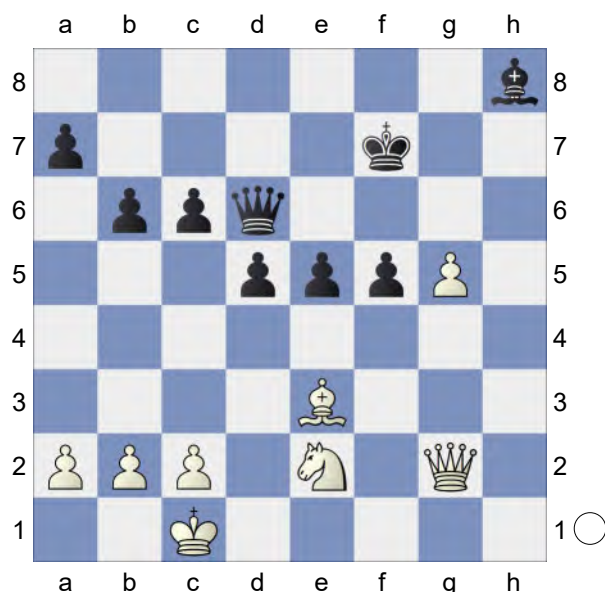
[27...Qe5 $\pm$ 1.51/23 was necessary. 28.Rh7 Rh8 29.Rxh8 Bxh8]

28.Rxh8+- Bxh8 29.f4 e5 3.12/23

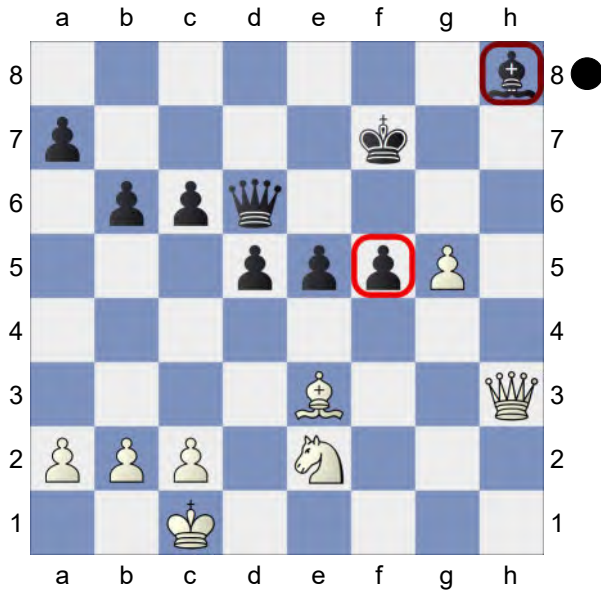
[Δ 29...d4 1.84/22 30.Bd2 (30.Nxd4 gxf4 31.Bf2 c5 $\pm$) 30...d3]

30.fxg5 f5? 4.95/23

[30...fxg5 2.76/21 31.Bxg5 (31.Qxg5 Qg6 $\pm$) 31...Qe6]



31.Qh3!



Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/
Black=0.76
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□ Krawczyk, Flawian

■ Brezis, Ari

Krakow op-A 35th (9)

[Kitty Kat]

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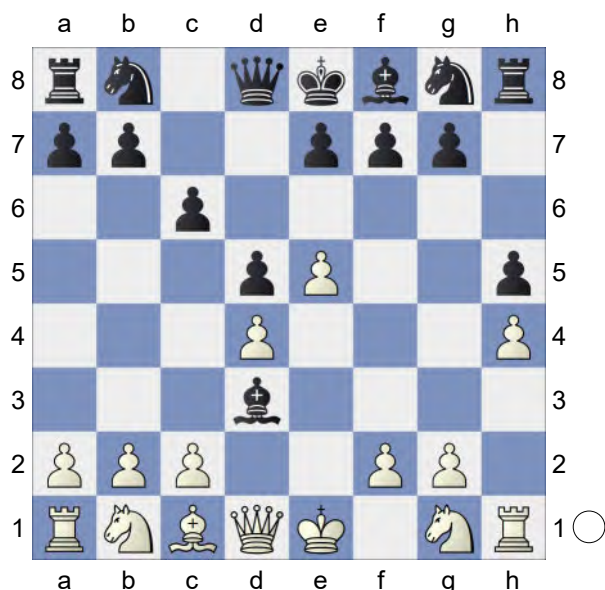
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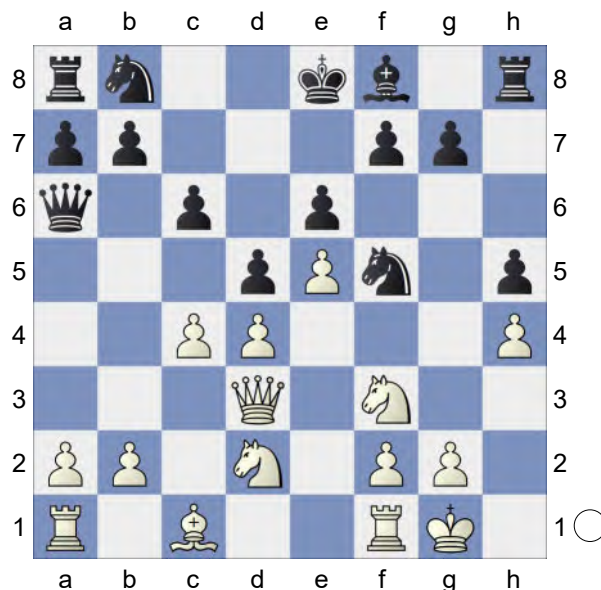
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 e6! is the strong threat.
6...Qa5+! is now more promising than 6...e6.
im Vergleich zu 6...e6 vielversprechender. **7.Nd2 Qa6 8.c4** aiming for e6! White is slightly better.
8...e6! 9.Ngf3 Nh6 10.0-0 Nf5

(Diagram)



11.Rd1N

[11.b3 c5 12.Qb1 Nxd4 (12...Qc6 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.cxd5 Qxd5 15.Ne4 0-0 16.Bf4 40. Caro-Kann 4.h4 h5 – 7. N-Caro-Kann 7.Nf3 Qa5 8.Nbd2 Qa) 13.Nxd4 cxd4 14.cxd5 exd5 15.e6 Qxe6 16.Nf3 Bb4 17.Ba3 Bc3 18.Qd3 40. Caro-Kann 4.h4 h5 – 7.N-Caro-Kann 7.Nf3 Qa5 8.Nbd2 Qa]
[11.a4 Nd7 12.b3 Be7 13.Ba3 (13.a5 c5 14.Ba3 cxd4 15.Bxe7 Nxe7 16.Nxd4 Rd8 17.Qg3 dxc4 18.Nxc4 0-0 19.Qg5 Ng6 20.Nf3 Nc5 21.Qxh5 Nf4 22.Qg4 Ne2+ 23.Kh2 Nxb3 24.Rae1 Ned4 25.Nd6 Nxf3+ 26.gxf3 Rxd6 27.Rg1 g6 1-0 (56) Sinz,B (2308)-Seo,J (2130) Rilton Cup 52nd 2024 (8)) 13...Bxa3 14.Rxa3 Qa5 (14...0-0 15.Rb1 c5 16.dxc5 Nxc5 17.Qe2 Nd7 18.b4 40. Caro-Kann 4.h4 h5 – 7.N-Caro-Kann 7.Nf3 Qa5 8.Nbd2 Qa) 15.b4 Qd8 16.g3 0-0 17.Rb1 f6 18.Re1 fxe5 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.Rxe5 Qf6 21.Nf3 Nd6 22.Rxh5 Ne4 23.Re5 Rf7 24.b5 Raf8 25.Qe2 Qg6 1-0 (51) Maensivu,J (2431)-Stratil,P (2430) 89/184 Wijk aan Zee 2004

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11...Be7 12.g3 Nd7 13.b3 Rd8

14.Qc2 dxc4 15.bxc4N

[15.Nxc4 Nb6 16.Ne3 Nxe3

17.Bxe3 Nd5 18.Bg5 Qa3 0.57/21

(18...Rd7= 0.12/19 deserves

consideration.) 19.Kg2 Bxg5

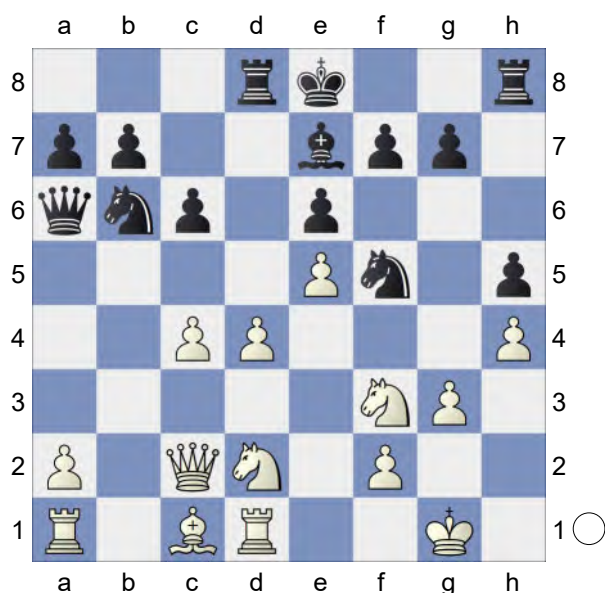
20.Nxg5 Ne7 21.Qe4 ½-½ (53)

Paravyan, D (2592)-Nakamura, H

(2768) Titled Tuesday intern op 20th

Sep Late blitz 2022 (4)]

15...Nb6



16.c5 Qa4! 17.Nb3 Nd5 18.Bd2 0.33/19

[18.Bg5! 0.70/20]

18...Nc7 0.85/21

[18...Ra8± 0.33/19]

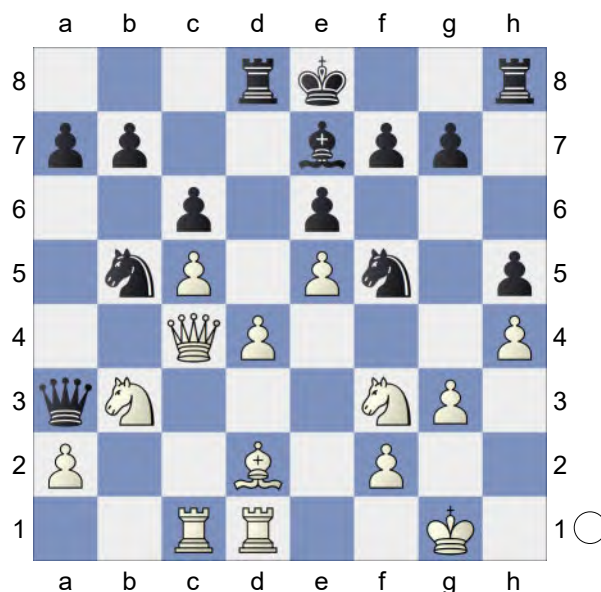
19.Rac1 Nb5 20.Qc4 0.34/21

[Better is 20.Qd3± 0.72/20]

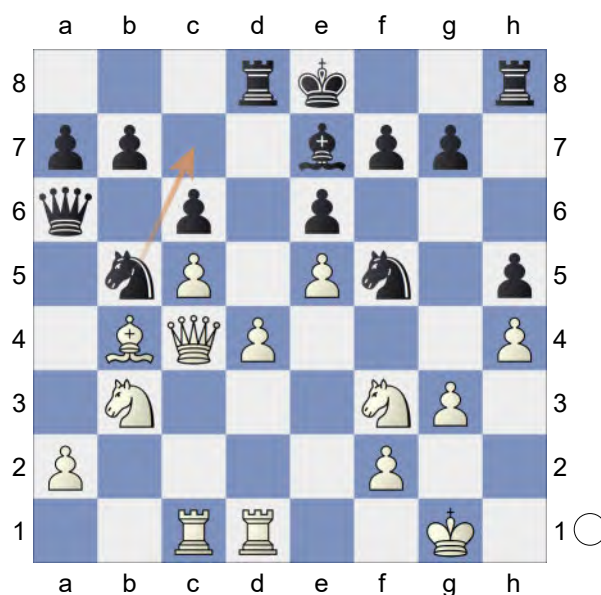
20...Qa3 1.02/18

[20...Qxc4± 0.34/21 21.Rxc4 Kd7]

(Diagram)



21.Bb4!± Qa6



22.a4 0.85/17 Nc7 23.Na5 0.50/20

[23.Ba5± 0.94/22 Qxc4 24.Rxc4]

23...Rb8 1.14/20

[23...Qxc4± 0.50/20 24.Nxc4

(24.Rxc4 Nd5±) 24...Nd5]

24.Bd2 Qxa6 would now be deadly.

White is more active. 24...Kd7 1.62/20

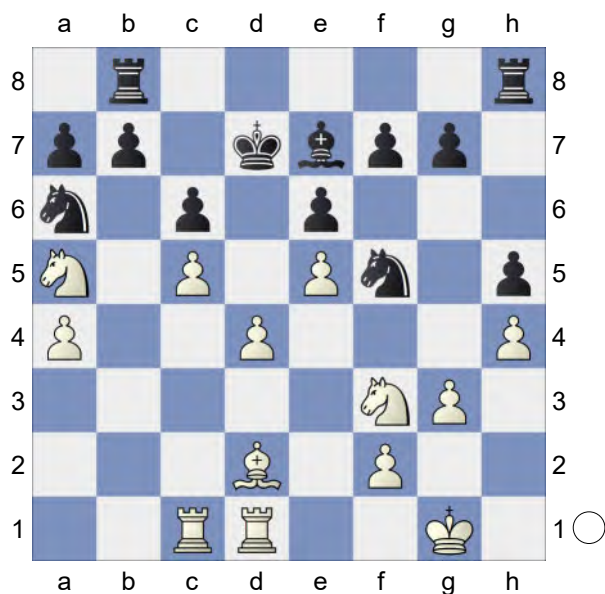
[24...Qxc4± 0.82/22 25.Nxc4 Nd5]

25.Qxa6 0.53/21

[25.Qc2+- 1.62/20]

25...Nxa6±

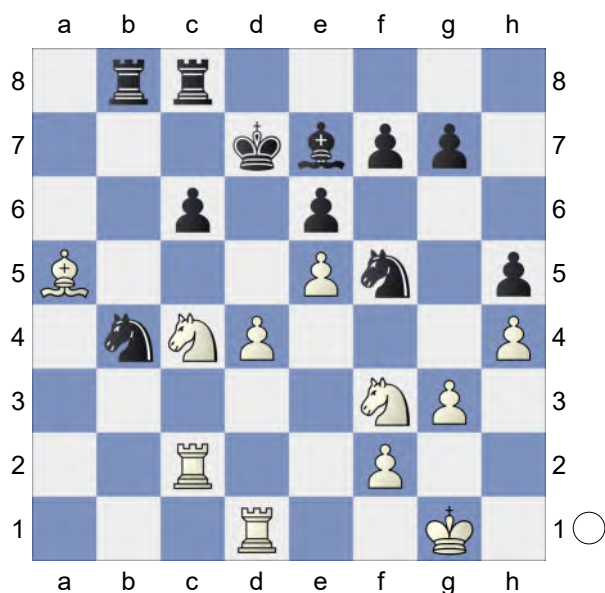
(Diagram)



26.Rc2 Rhc8 27.Nc4 b6 28.cxb6
0.03/17

[28.Bc3± 0.57/21]

28...axb6= The position is equal. 29.a5
bxa5 30.Bxa5 Nb4

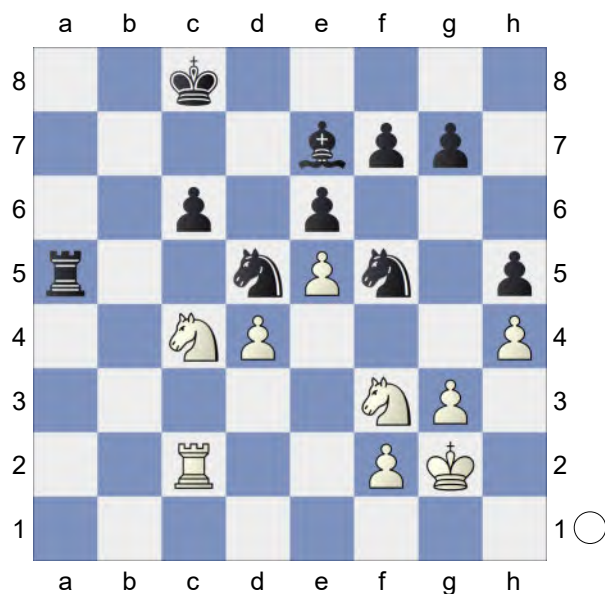


31.Rb2' And now Bxb4 would win.
 White has counterplay

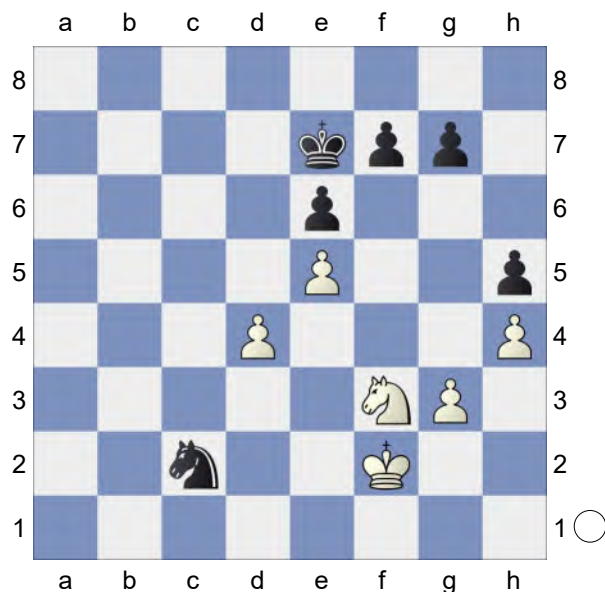
[31.Bxb4 simplifies Rxb4 32.Kg2
 Ra8 33.Rd3]

31...Nd5 32.Rdb1 Rxb2 33.Rxb2 Ra8
34.Kg2 Kc8 35.Rc2 Rxa5

(Diagram)

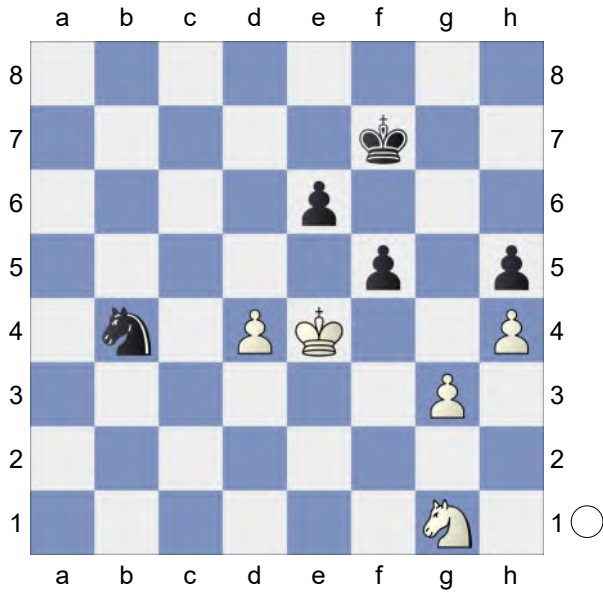


36.Nxa5 Nfe3+ 37.fxe3 Nxe3+ 38.Kf2
Nxc2 39.Nxc6 Kd7 40.Nxe7 Kxe7

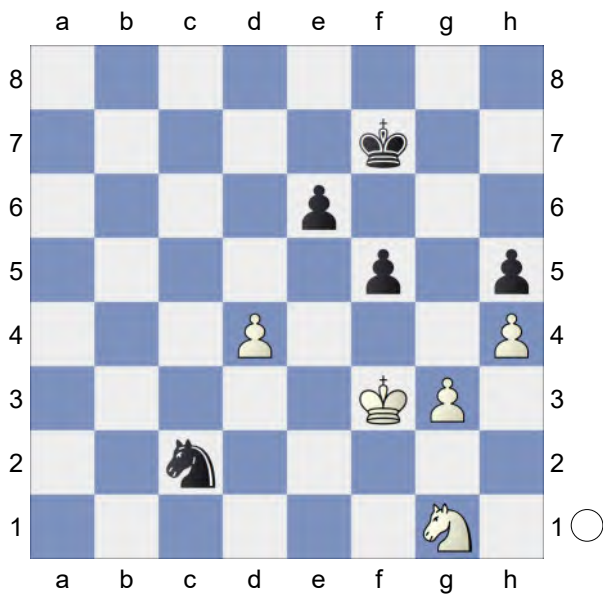


Endgame. KN-KN 41.Ke2 f6 42.exf6+
gxf6 43.Kd3 Nb4+ 44.Ke4 Kf7
45.Ng1 f5+

(Diagram)



46.Kf3 Nc2



Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.12 (very precise)

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□ Aliavdin, Nikolai

■ Girya, Olga

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[Kitty Kat]

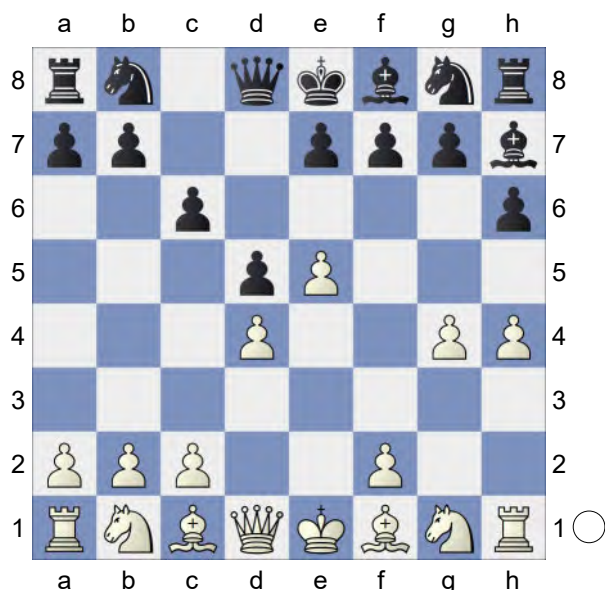
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7



6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6
2.02/21

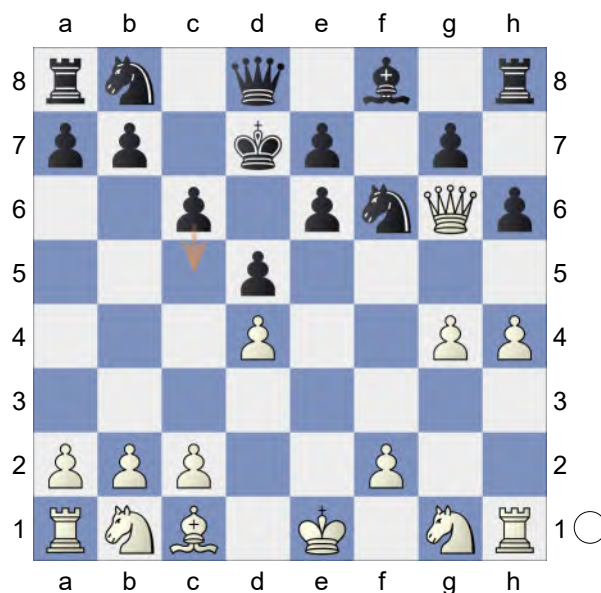
[8...c5± 0.71/21 keeps fighting.]

9.Qg6+N

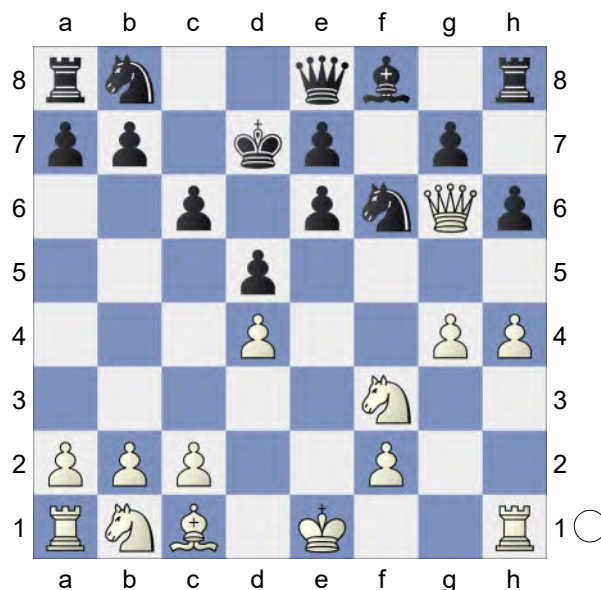
[9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5 11.0-0
Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5
14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5
Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1 Qf3
19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxg4
21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 b6 23.c4 Kb7
1-0 Moen, A (2095)-Blatt, F Izhevsk
Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1)
24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3
b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4
29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5
31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Rxa7 g6
33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+
Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8

1-0 Mastrovasilis, D (2095)-Grischenko,
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9...Kd7



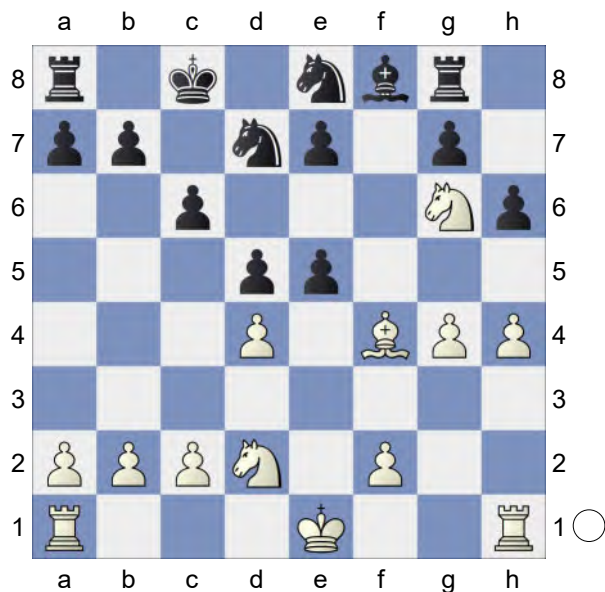
10.Nf3! aiming for Nf3-e5+. 10...Qe8



White is clearly better. 11.Ne5+ Kc8
12.Qxe8+ Nxe8 13.Ng6 Rg8 14.Bf4
Nd7 15.Nd2 White has more active
pieces. 15...e5 1.94/21

[15...Nd6± 1.30/20 was called for.
16.h5 Nf7]

(Diagram)



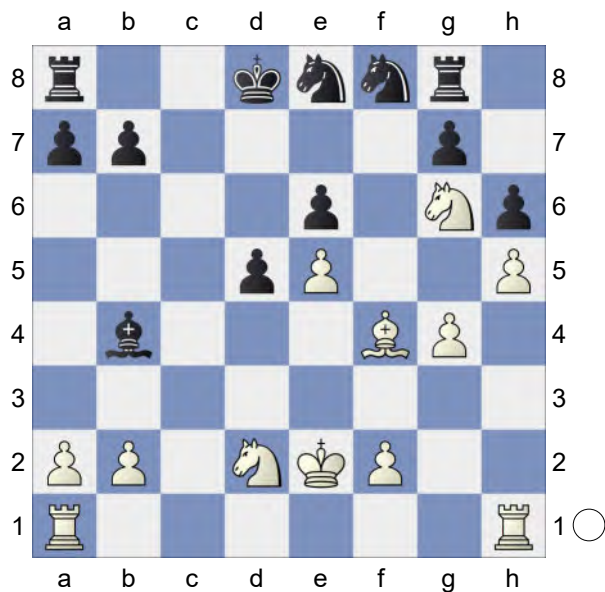
16.dxe5

[Don't do 16.Nxe5?! Nxe5 17.Bxe5 g6±]

16...e6 17.h5 Kd8 2.97/22

[Δ17...b6 2.04/20 18.Ke2 Nc7]

18.c4 Bb4 19.cxd5 cxd5 20.Ke2 Nf8

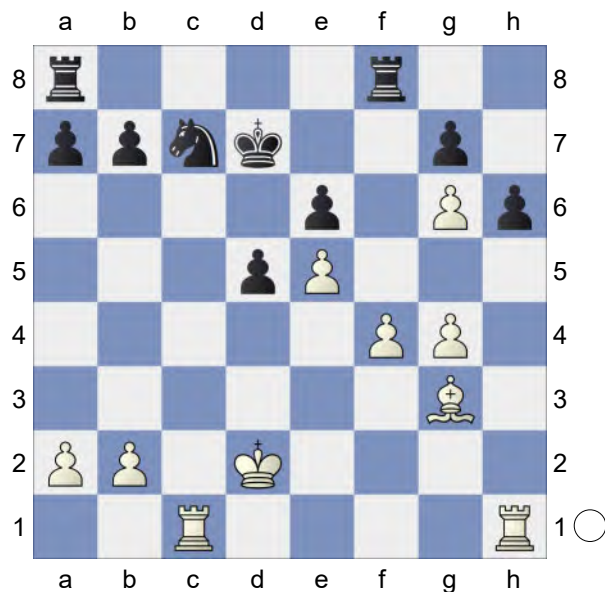


21.Rac1 Nxcg6 22.hxcg6 Rf8 2.62/24

[22...Kd7 1.92/21 was necessary. 23.Nb3 b6]

23.Bg3 Bxd2 24.Kxd2 Nc7 25.f4 Kd7

(Diagram)



26.Ke3 1.89/20

[Δ26.Rhf1 3.28/20]

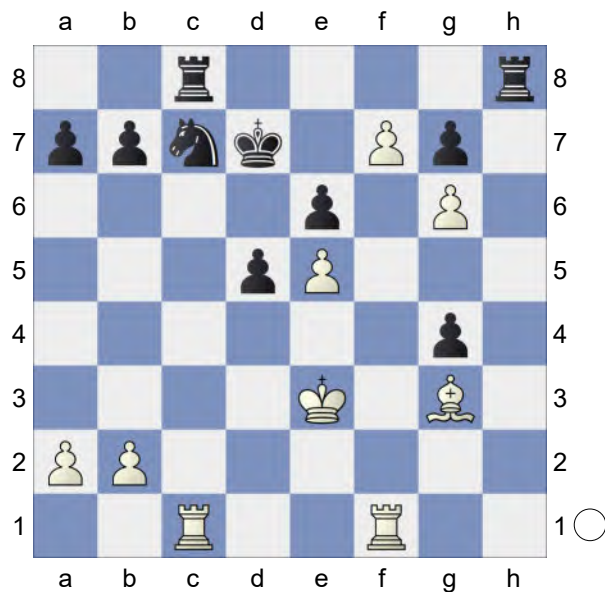
26...Rac8? 3.76/21

[26...Na6 1.89/20 27.Rhf1 Nb4]

27.Rhf1 h5 28.f5 White is clearly winning.

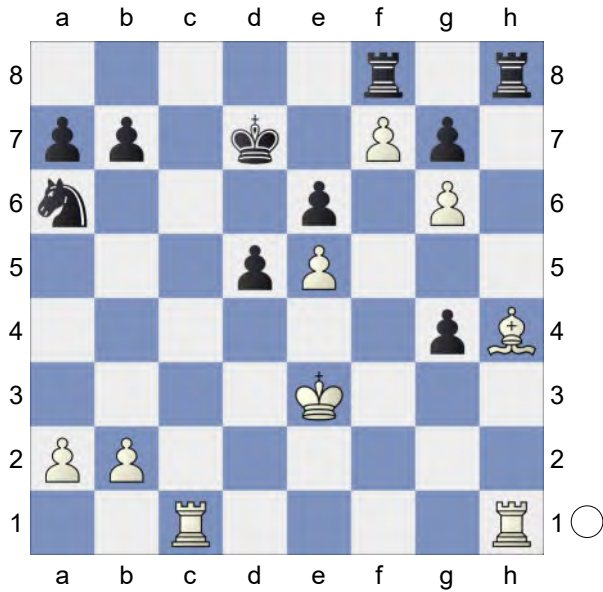
[Weaker is 28.gxh5 Rf5+-]

28...hxg4 29.f6 Rg8 30.f7 Rh8



31.Rh1 Rcf8 32.Bh4 Na6

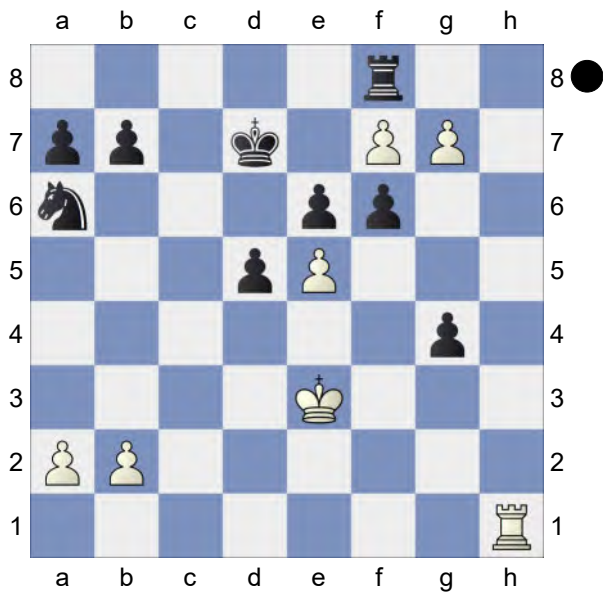
(Diagram)



33.Bf6! Promotion 33...Rhx1

[33...Rhg8 34.fxg8B]

34.Rxh1 gxf6 35.g7



Weighted Error Value: White=0.20
(precise) /Black=0.52

1-0

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□ Khubukshanov, Erdem

■ Goltsev, Dmitry

RUS-ch Rapid (2)

[Kitty Kat]

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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7[5...Bd7 6.h5 c5 (6...e6 7.f4 c5
8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Kf2 0-0-0
11.Kg3 Kb8 12.a4 cxd4 13.a5 Nxa5
14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Nxc6+
Bxc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qd4 Qxd4
19.cxd4 Ne7 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Bd3
0-1 Grünfeld 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 (2470)-

Theis, B (2613) (m/4-rapid) 101/(249)

2007 (5)) 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.Qxd5 Bxg4

9.Nc3 e6 10.Qg2 Bf5 11.Bb5 Qc7

12.Be3 0-0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nf3

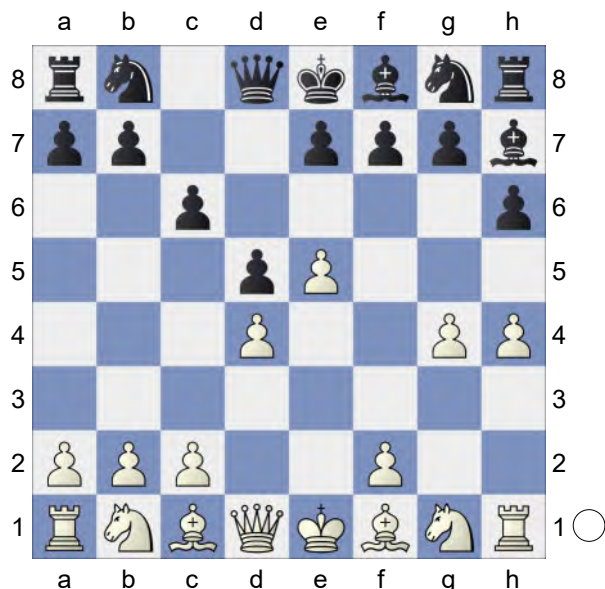
Ne7 15.Nd4 Bh7 16.0-0-0 Nd5

17.Nxd5 Rxd5 18.f4 Rxc5 19.Rd2

Rg8 20.Rhd1 1-0 Vachier Lagrave, M

(2710)-Grischuk, A (2752) Sportaccord

WMG Blindfold rapid 2011 (1)]



6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Nf6N 1.34/19

[Δ7...e5 0.73/20]

[7...Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4

10.Nbd2 Qa5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4

dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8

15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3

h5 18.Rfd1 Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+

20.Qxg4 hxg4 21.e6 c5 22.Rd5

1-0 Moen, A (2095)-Blatt, F Izhevsk

Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) b6

23.c4 Kb7 24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1

Rc8 26.Rc3 b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4

bxc4 29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5

31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6

33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+

Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8

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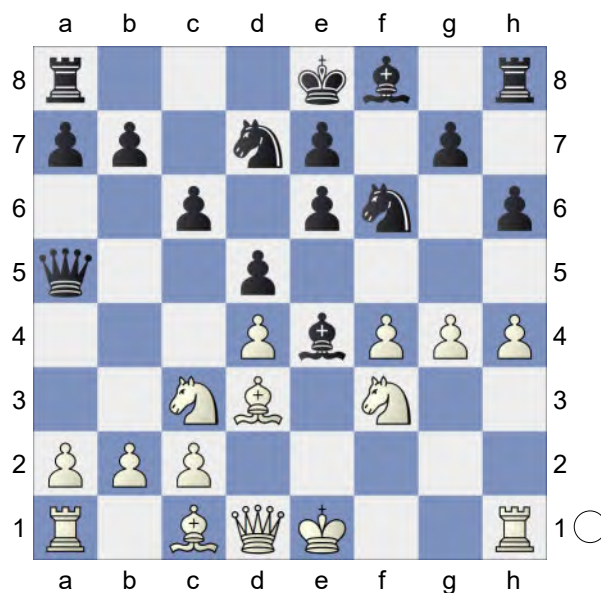
8.f4 0.26/23

[8.Bxh7± 1.34/19 Bh7-g6+ would now

be deadly. Nxb7 9.g5]

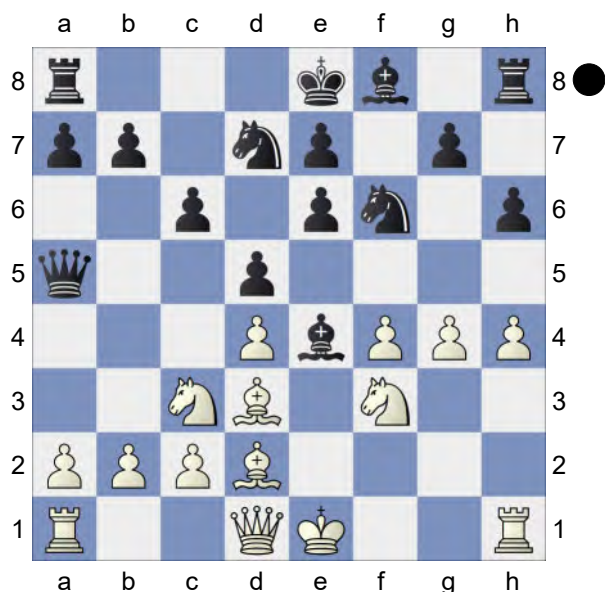
8...Be4 9.Nf3 Nbd7 0.84/23

[9...c5± 0.43/21 feels stronger.]

10.Nc3± White leaves nothing to chance
now. 10...Qa5

11.Bd2

(Diagram)



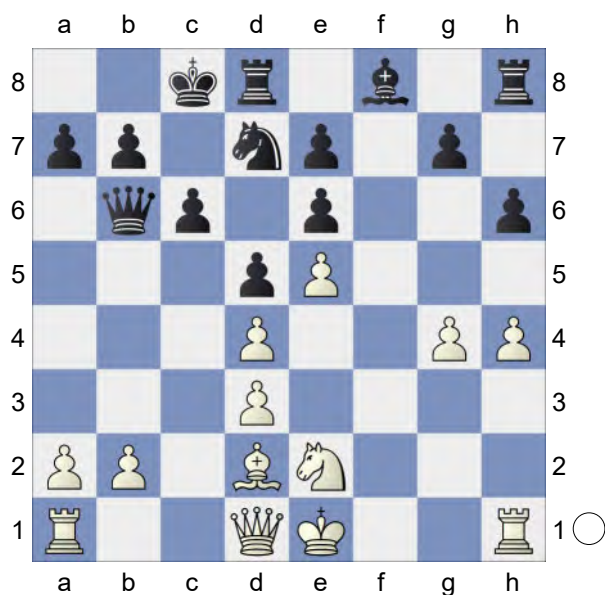
Black must now prevent Nc3xe4.
11...Bxd3

[11...Nxc4? *loses.* 12.Nxe4 Qb6
 13.Nc5 Nxc5 14.Bg6+ (14.dxc5
 Qxc5 15.Qe2 h5+-) 14...Kd7
 15.dxc5 Qxc5 16.Qe2+-]

12.cxd3 0-0-0 1.58/21

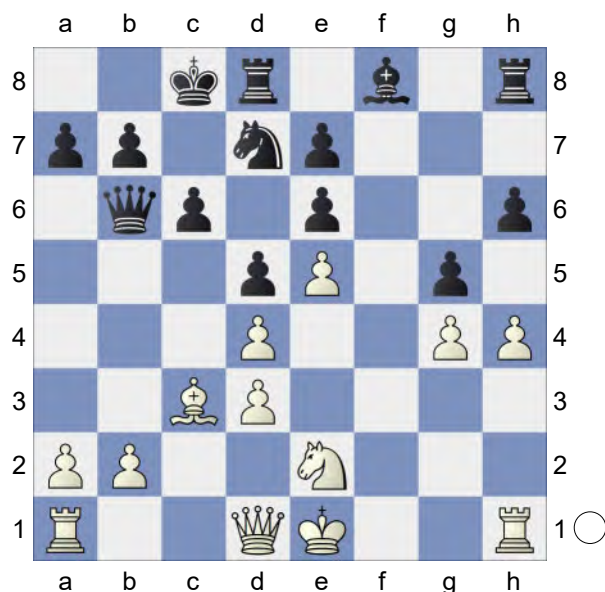
[12...g6 *0.89/22*]

**13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.fxe5 Nd7 15.Ne2
 Qb6**



16.Bc3 g5 2.39/20

[16...c5 *1.82/19*]

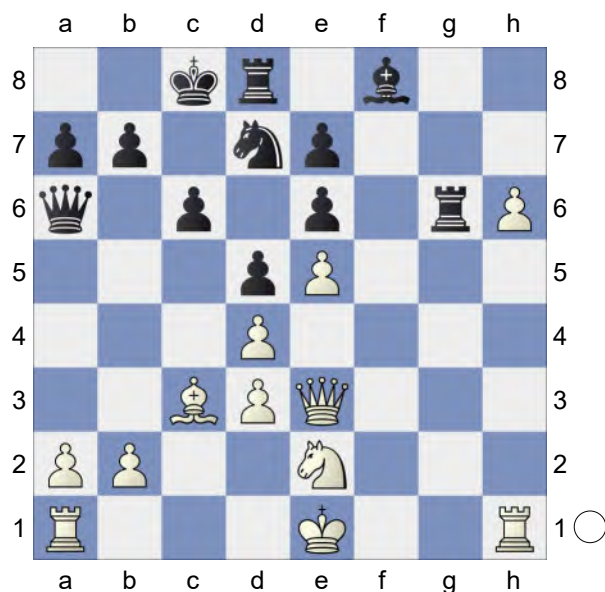


17.Qd2!+- aiming for Bc3-a5.

[17.hxg5 Bg7±]

**17...Qa6 18.hxg5 Rg8 19.gxh6 Rxg4
 20.Qe3 Rg6 4.77/21**

[20...c5 *3.16/19* *might work better.*
 21.Kd2 (21.dxc5 Qa4+-) 21...Bxh6
 22.Rxh6 cxd4 23.Bxd4 Nb6]



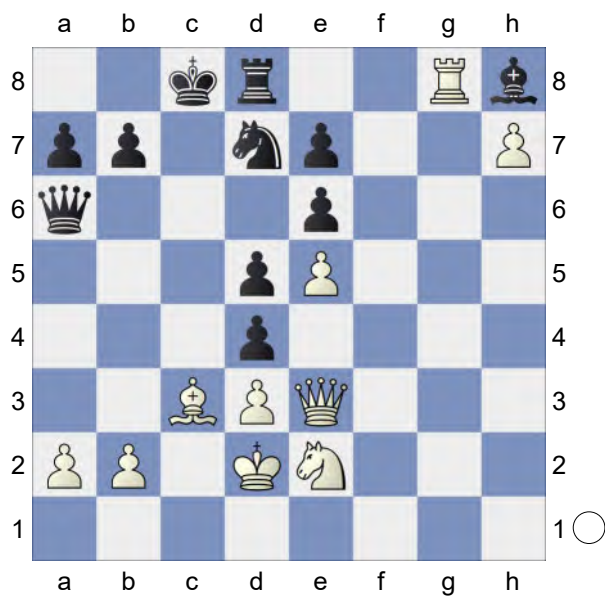
21.Kd2 Threatens to win with h6-h7.

21...c5 22.h7 White is clearly winning.

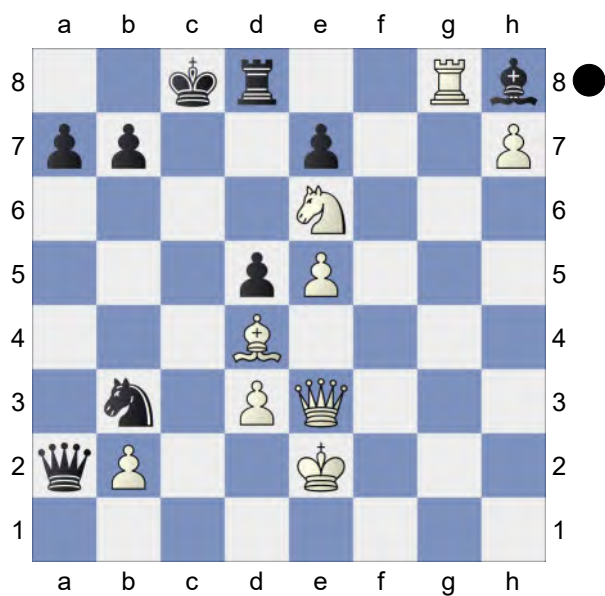
22...Bg7 23.Rag1 Rxg1 24.Rxg1 Bh8

25.Rg8 Against Nd7xe5 **25...cxd4**

(Diagram)



26.Bxd4 Qxa2 27.Nf4 Nc5 28.Ke2
Active counter play! 28...Nb3
Dodges Qe3-c1+ 29.Nxe6



Pin.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.20
(precise) /Black=0.43
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□ Von Buelow, Georg

■ Bilan, Danila

Titled Tuesday intern op 05th Oct blitz (3)

[Kitty Kat]

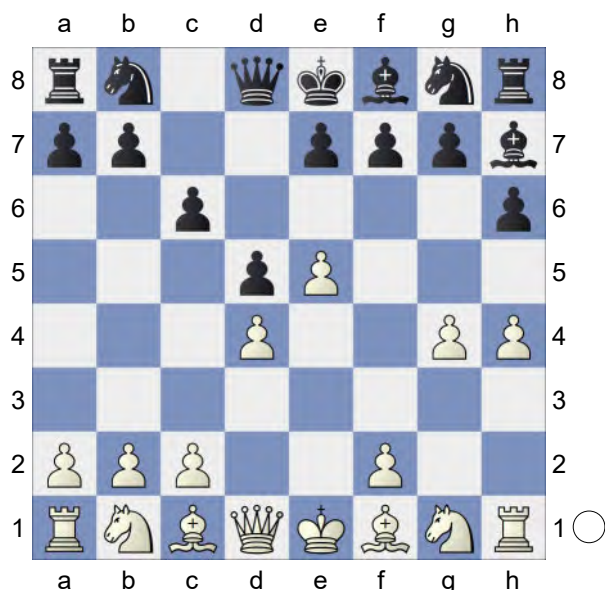
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7



6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Qd6N
1.44/21

[Black should try 8...c5 0.87/20]

[8...Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5
11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4
Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5
16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1
Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxg4
21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 b6 23.c4
1-0 Moen, A (2095)-Blatt, F Izhevsk
Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) Kb7
24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3
b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4
29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5
31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6
33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+
Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8
1-0 Mastrovasilis, D (2095)-Grischenko,

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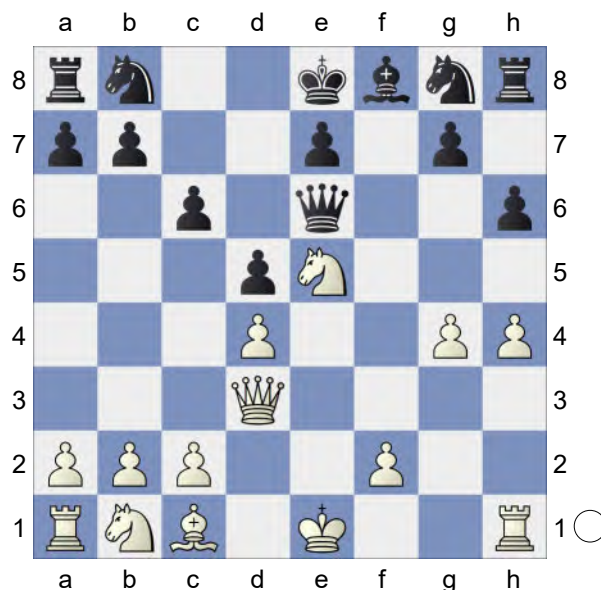
9.Nf3 0.17/22

[9.f4!± 1.44/21]

9...e5? 2.54/22 10.Nxe5+-

[Resist 10.dxe5?! Qe6±]

10...Qe6



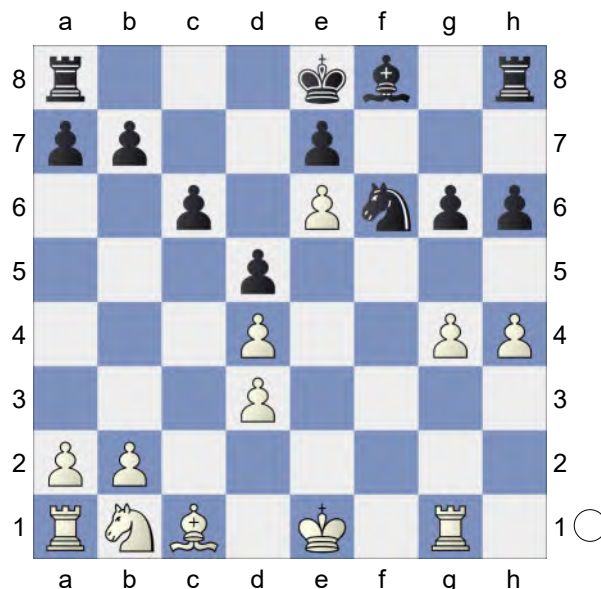
White is clearly better. 11.f4 1.12/20

[11.Be3+- 2.17/20]

11...Nd7± 12.f5? -0.42/21

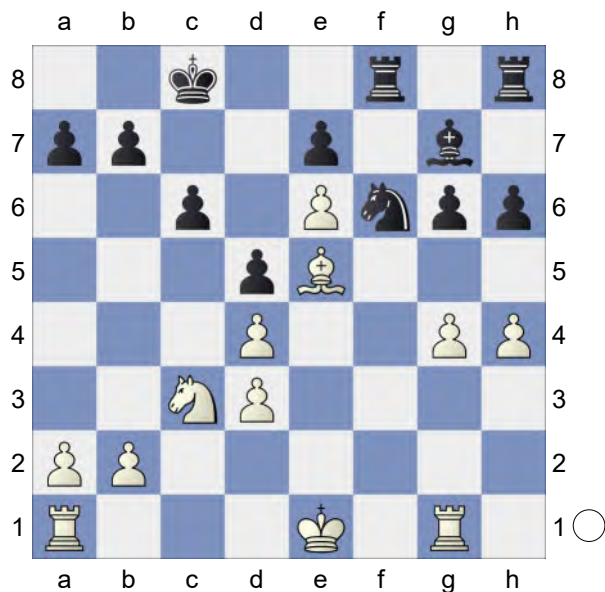
[12.Rg1!± 1.34/20]

12...Nxe5 13.fxe6 Nxd3+ 14.cxd3
Nf6 15.Rg1 g6



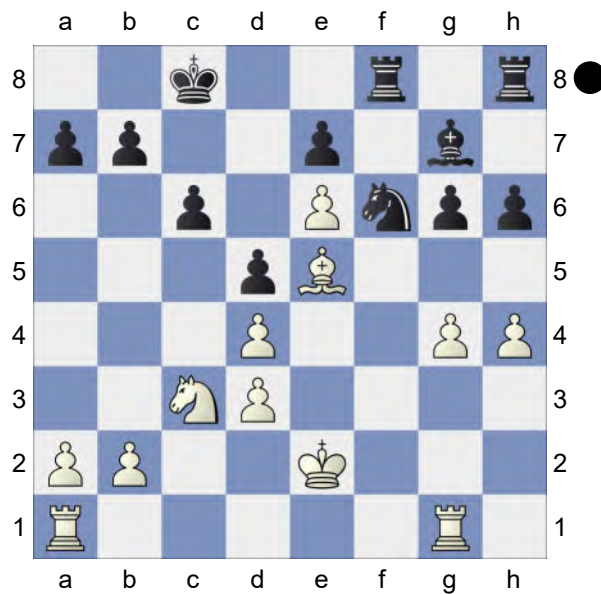
16.Bf4 -1.26/22

[16.Nd2 ♖ -0.60/21]
16...Bg7 ♗ 17.Be5 -1.68/23
 [17.Nd2 ♗ -1.06/21]
17...0-0-0 -0.47/22
 [17...0-0-+ -1.68/23 ...Nf6-e8 would
 now be deadly. 18.Nc3 Ne8]
18.Nc3 -1.15/22
 [18.Nd2! ♗ -0.47/22]
18...Rdf8? 1.75/22
 [18...Ne8 ♗ -1.15/22 and life is bright.
 aiming for ...Bg7xe5. 19.Kd2 Bxe5
 20.dxe5 Ng7]

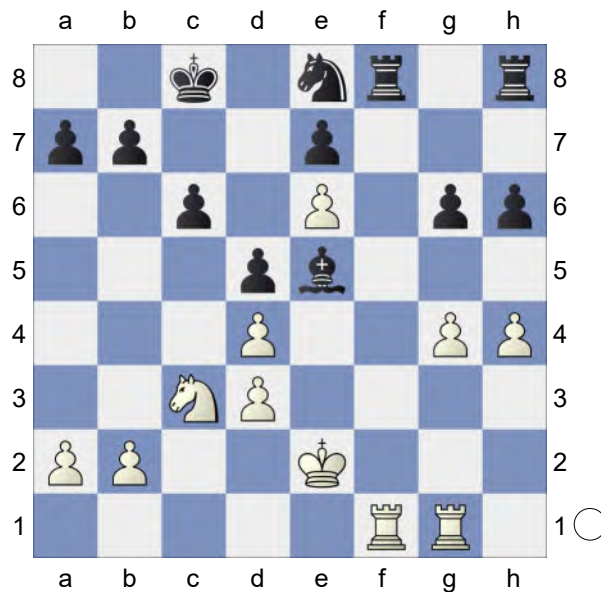


19.Ke2?? -1.63/23
 [19.Nxd5!+- 1.75/22 was the only
 winning move. Re8 (19...cxd5?
 perishes. 20.Rc1+ Kd8 21.Bc7+ Kc8
 22.Bg3+ Kd8 23.Rc7+-) 20.Nf4]

(Diagram)

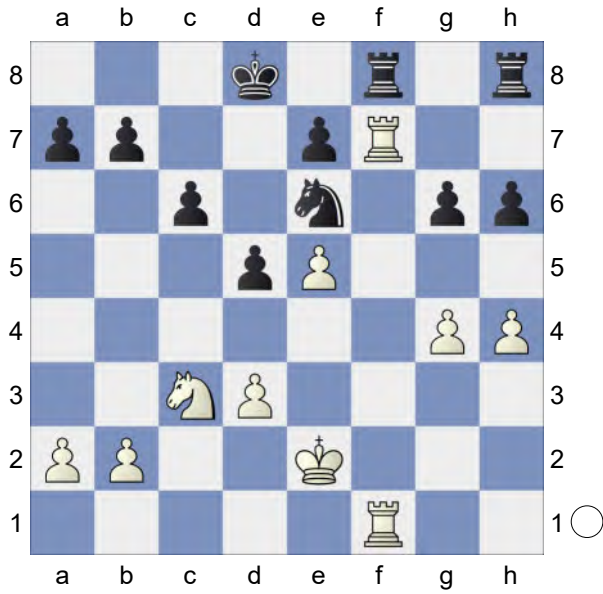


19...Ne8!-+ Black is clearly better.
20.Raf1 Bxe5



21.dxe5 Nc7 22.Rf7 Kd8 23.Rgf1
Nxe6 -1.26/25
 [23...Ke8+- -1.66/25 24.Rxf8+ Rxf8
 25.Rxf8+ Kxf8]

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.74/
Black=0.77

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☐ Thorhallsson, Simon

■ Yaksin, Oleg

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[Kitty Kat]

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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7[5...Bd7 6.h5 c5 (6...e6 7.f4 c5
8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Kf2 0-0-0
11.Kg3 Kb8 12.a4 cxd4 13.a5 Nxa5
14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Nxc6+
Bxc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qd4 Qxd4
19.cxd4 Ne7 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Bd3
0-1 Grünfeld 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 (2470)-

Theis, B (2613) (m/4-rapid) 101/(249)

2007 (5)) 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.Qxd5 Bxg4

9.Nc3 e6 10.Qg2 Bf5 11.Bb5 Qc7

12.Be3 0-0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nf3

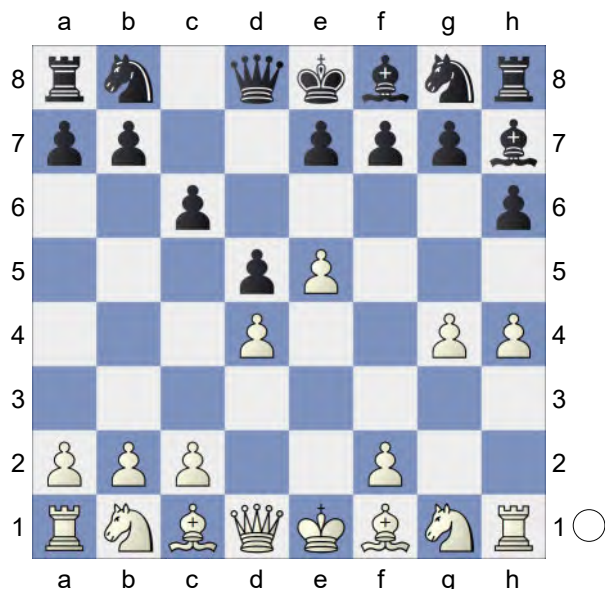
Ne7 15.Nd4 Bh7 16.0-0-0 Nd5

17.Nxd5 Rxd5 18.f4 Rxc5 19.Rd2

Rg8 20.Rhd1 1-0 Vachier Lagrave, M

(2710)-Grischuk, A (2752) Sportaccord

WMG Blindfold rapid 2011 (1)]



6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Nf6N

[7...Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4
10.Nbd2 Qa5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4
dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8
15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3
h5 18.Rfd1 Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+
20.Qxg4 hxc4 21.e6 c5 22.Rd5
1-0 Moen, A (2095)-Blatt, F Izhevsk
Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) b6
23.c4 Kb7 24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1
Rc8 26.Rc3 b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4
bxc4 29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5
31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6
33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+
Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8
1-0 Mastrovasilis, D (2095)-Grischenko,
S Wch U12 St Lorenzo 1995 (1)]

8.Bxh7 Rxh7 9.Qd3 aiming for Ng1-f3.

9...Kd7 1.48/20

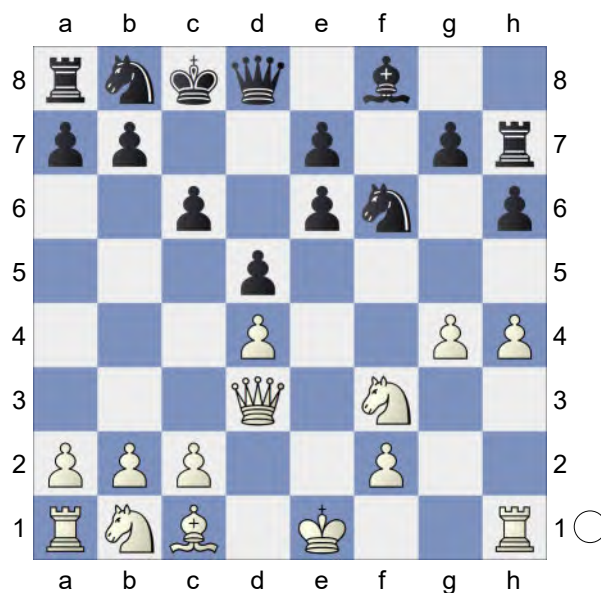
[9...c5!± 0.49/20]

10.Nf3± White has strong compensation.

10...Kc8 2.08/19

[10...c5± 1.48/20 is a better defense.

11.dxc5 Qa5+ 12.Nc3 Nc6]

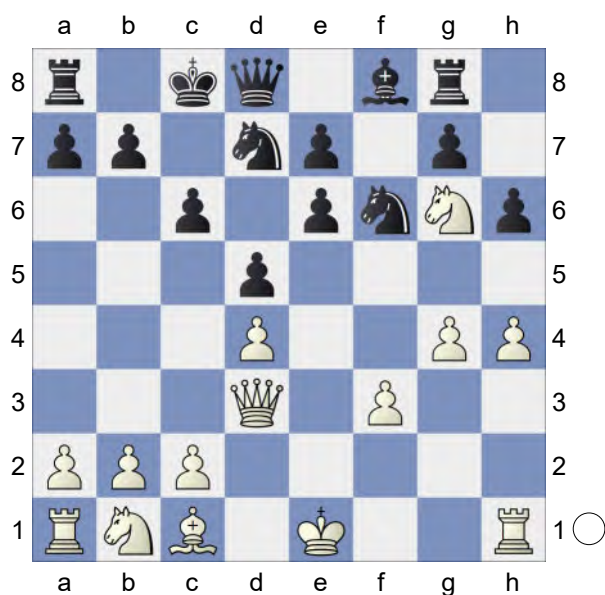


11.Ne5 Nbd7 12.Qg6 0.80/20

[12.Nc3+- 1.65/19 has better winning
chances.]

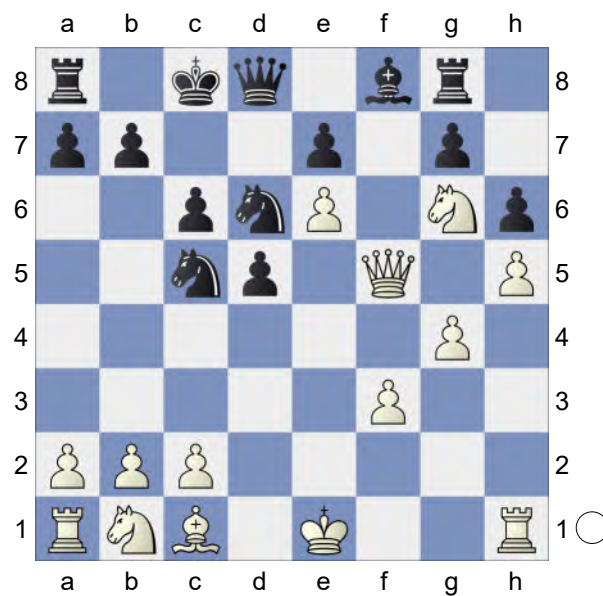
12...Qe8 1.49/20

[Black should try 12...Qb6 0.80/20]
13.Qd3 -0.01/18
 [13.Nf7± 1.49/20]
13...Rh8 1.32/22
 [13...Qd8!= -0.01/18 remains equal.]
14.Ng6 Rg8 15.f3 0.48/22
 [15.h5!± 1.31/20]
15...Qd8? 2.07/19
 [Better is 15...e5± 0.48/22 16.Nxe5
 (16.dxe5 Nc5~~7~~) 16...g5]

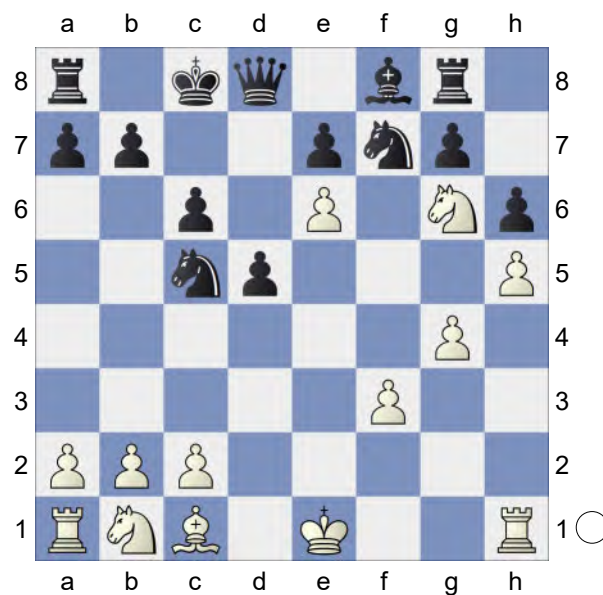


16.h5 e5 17.dxe5 Ne8 18.e6 Nc5
19.Qf5 0.62/20
 [19.Qe2+- 1.72/21]
19...Nd6? 2.24/21
 [19...Qd6!± 0.62/20]

(Diagram)

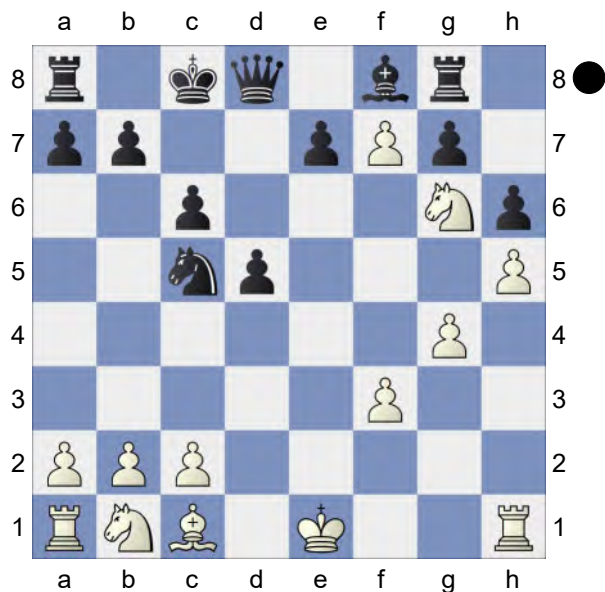


20.Qf7?? -2.83/21 **Nxf7-+**

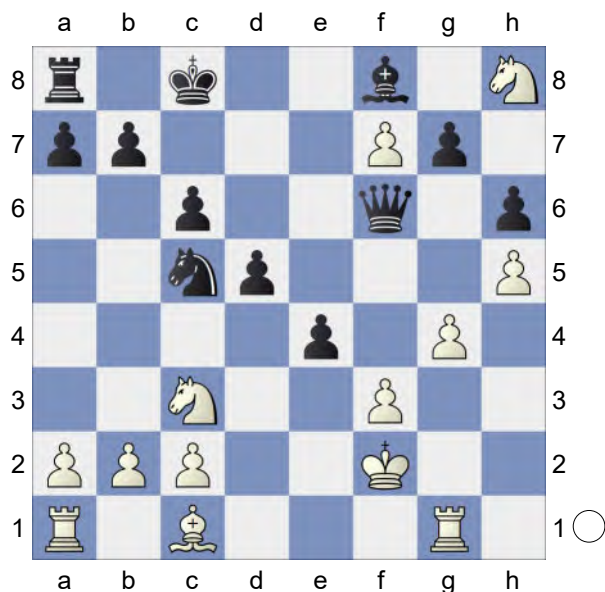


21.exf7

(Diagram)

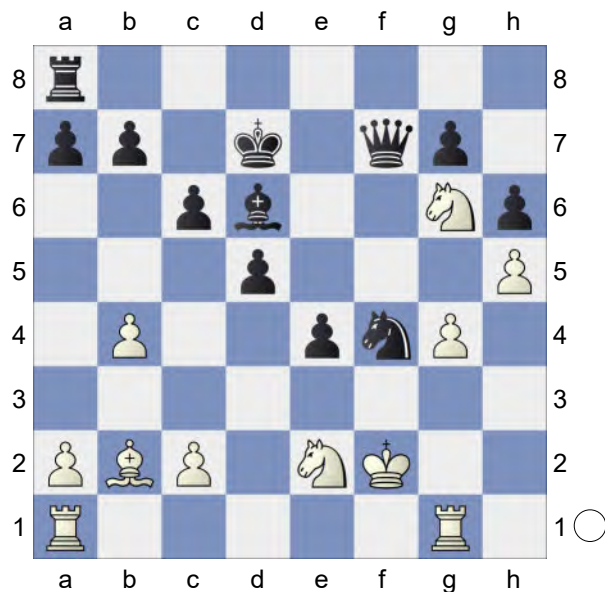


Rh8 22.Nxh8 Qd6 23.Kf2 Against Qd6-g3+ 23...Qf6 24.Nc3 e5 25.Rg1 e4



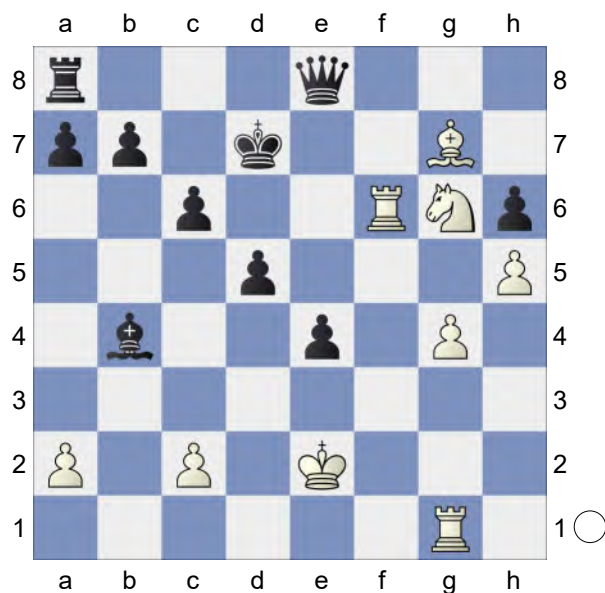
26.f4 Bd6 27.Ne2 Kd7 28.Ng6 Qxf7 29.b4 Ne6 30.Bb2 Nxf4

(Diagram)



31.Nexf4 Bxf4 32.Ke2 Black must now prevent Ra1-f1. 32...Bd6 33.Raf1 Prevents Qf7-f3+ 33...Qe6 34.Bxg7 Bxb4? -0.40/20

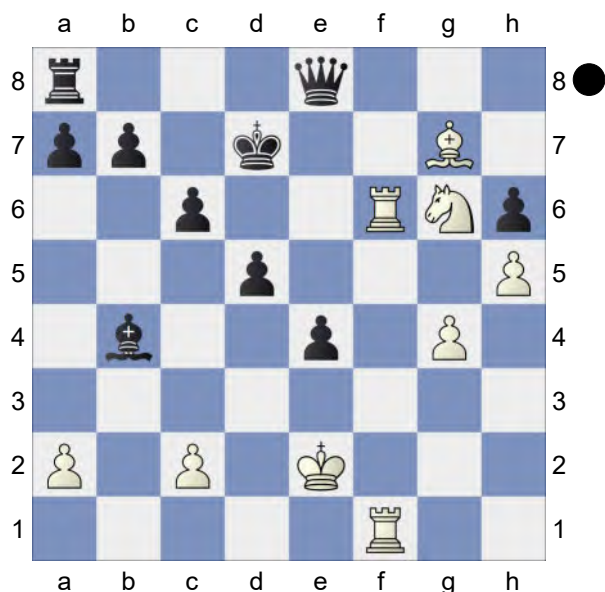
[34...d4-+ -5.35/19 35.Bxd4 Qxa2]
35.Rf6! Qe8
 [35...Qg8!? 36.Rf7+ Ke8 (36...Qxf7 37.Ne5+ Ke7 38.Nxf7=)]



...Kd7-c7 would now be deadly.

36.Rgf1? -2.17/21

[36.Rb1!= 0.01/21 c5 37.a3 (37.Bxh6 b6=; 37.Rf8? Qe6-+)]



36...Kc7!-+ And now ...d5-d4 would win.

37.Bxh6? -3.01/19

[37.c3+ -1.03/19 Bd6 (37...Bxc3 38.Rf7+ Discovered Attack Kb6 39.Bxc3=) 38.Bxh6]

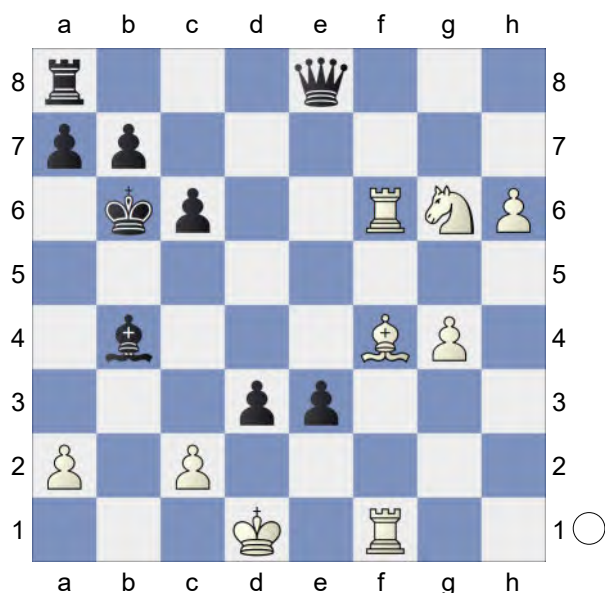
37...d4 38.Bf4+ Kb6 39.h6? -5.49/19

[39.Rb1 -3.19/18 was necessary. Ka5 40.Rf5+ (40.a3? d3+ 41.Kf2 Bc5+ 42.Kg3 dxc2-+) 40...b5 41.Be5]

39...d3+ 40.Kd1 -17.48/17

[♠40.Kf2 -4.69/18 dxc2 41.h7]

40...e3



41.Bxe3+ Qxe3 42.cxd3 Qxd3+

43.Kc1 Qd2+ -12.45/5

[♠43...Ba3# -#1/6]

44.Kb1 Qd3+? 0.01/5

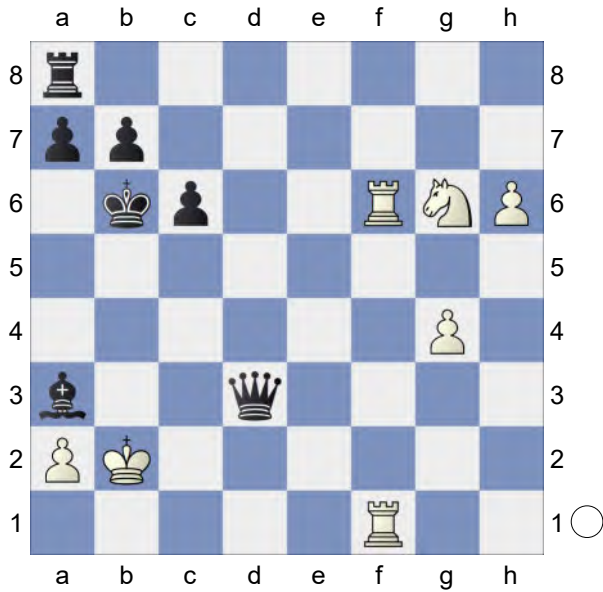
[44...Ba3 -#9/20 mates 45.R6f2 Qb4+ (45...Qxh6? 46.Ne5-+; 45...Qd3+ leads to mate. 46.Ka1 Rd8 47.Rb2+ Bxb2+ 48.Kxb2 Qe2+ Skewer, Double Attack 49.Kc1 Qxf1+ 50.Kc2 Qe2+ Skewer, Double Attack 51.Kc3 Rd3+ 52.Kc4 Qe4#) 46.Kc2 Qe4+ (46...Qxg4? 47.Nf4-+; 46...Qc4+ is a self mate. 47.Kb1 Qd3+ 48.Ka1 Rd8 49.Rb2+ Ka6 50.Rc1 Qd4 Pin 51.Rcc2 Qd1+ 52.Rb1 Qxc2 53.h7 Qc3+ 54.Rb2 Qxb2#) 47.Kd1 Re8 (47...Qxg6 48.Rf3 Rd8+ 49.Ke2 Qc2+ 50.Ke3 Bc5+ 51.Kf4 Bd6+ 52.Kg5 Rg8+ 53.Kh4 Qh2+ Skewer 54.Rh3 Bg3+ Deflection 55.Kh5 Qxh3#; 47...Qd3+ 48.Rd2 Qxf1+ 49.Kc2 Re8 50.Ne7 Qc4+ 51.Kd1 Rxe7 52.Rb2+ Bxb2 53.g5 Qe2#) 48.Ne5 Rxe5 (48...Qxe5 49.Kc2 Qe4+ 50.Kc3 Rd8 51.Rb2+ Ka6 52.Rb6+ axb6 53.Kb3 Qe3+ 54.Kc4 Rd4#; 48...Qb1+? 49.Ke2-+) 49.Rb2+ Bxb2 50.Rf2 Qd3+ 51.Rd2 Qb1#]

45.Kb2? -#3/8

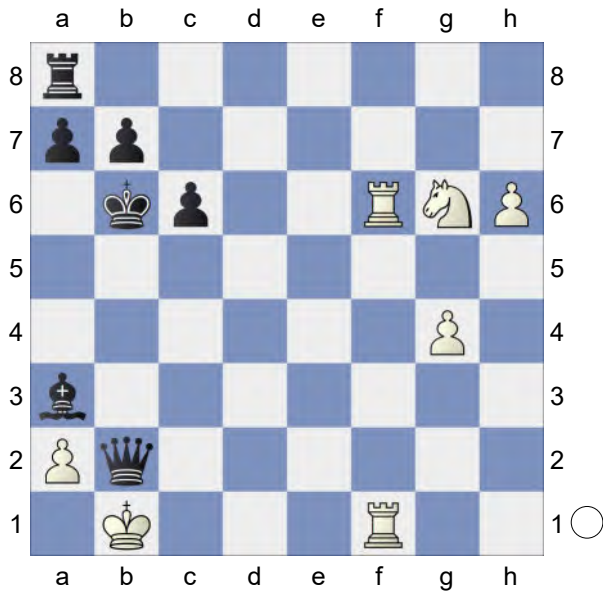
[45.Kc1= 0.01/5 Ba3#]

45...Ba3+

(Diagram)



Black mates. 46.Ka1 Qc3+ 47.Kb1 Qb2#



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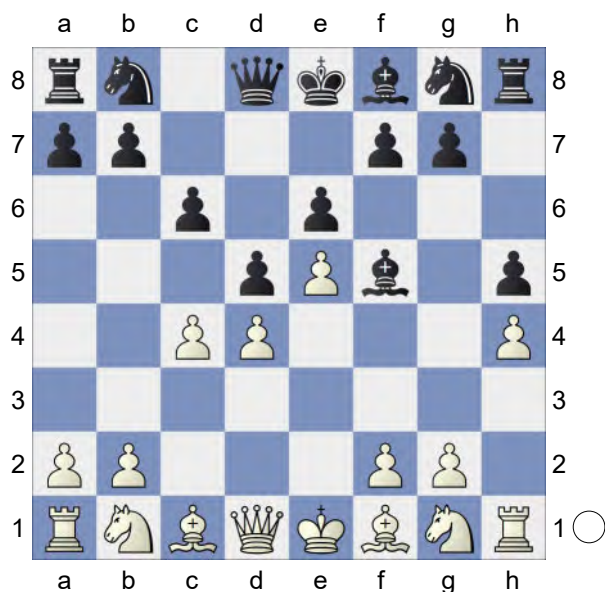
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.c4 e6



6.Nc3 dxc4

[6...Nd7 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Be2
(8.Nge2) 8...Ne7 9.Bg5 Qb6
10.Qd2 Nc6 11.Rd1 Rc8 12.Bb5 a6
13.Bxc6 Qxc6 14.Nge2 Nb6 15.0-0
Nc4]

7.Bxc4 Nd7 8.Bg5 Be7

[8...Ne7]

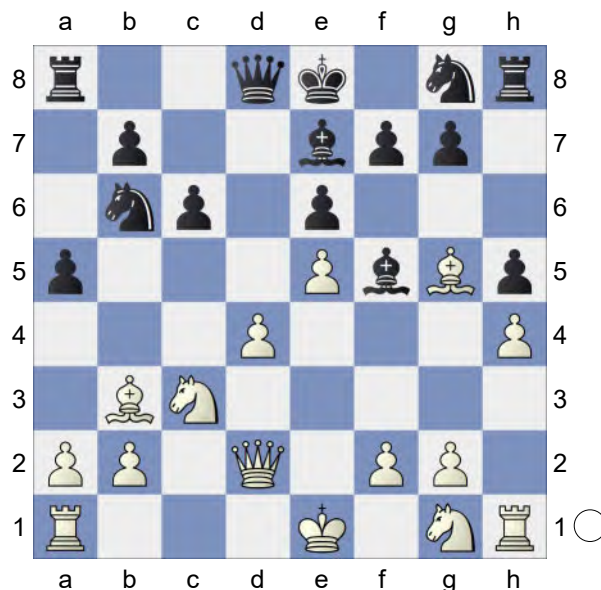
9.Qd2 Nb6 10.Bb3 a5

[10...Qd7 11.Nge2

A) 11...0-0-0 12.Ng3 Qxd4
(12...Bg6 13.Nge4) 13.Qxd4 Rxd4
14.Nxf5 exf5 15.Bxf7;

B) 11...Bb4 12.a3 Ba5 (12...Ba5
13.Ba2 Nd5)]

(Diagram)



11.a3

[11.Nge2 a4 12.Bd1 Nc4]

11...a4 12.Ba2 Bxg5

[12...f6]

13.hxg5 Ne7 14.Nge2 Ned5

[14...Nbd5 15.f3]

15.Ng3 Bg6?!

[15...Nxc3?

A) 16.bxc3 Bg6 (16...Bg6 17.f3);**B)** 16.Nxf5

B1) 16...Ne4 17.Nxg7+ Kd7
(17...Kf8 18.Nxe6+ fxe6
19.Qf4+; 17...Ke7 18.Qb4+ Kd7
19.Bb1 Nxg5 20.f4) 18.Qf4
Nxg5 19.Rxh5 Qe7 20.0-0-0
Rxh5 21.Nxh5 Nh7 22.Qh6 Nf8
23.Nf6+;

B2) 16...exf5 17.bxc3;

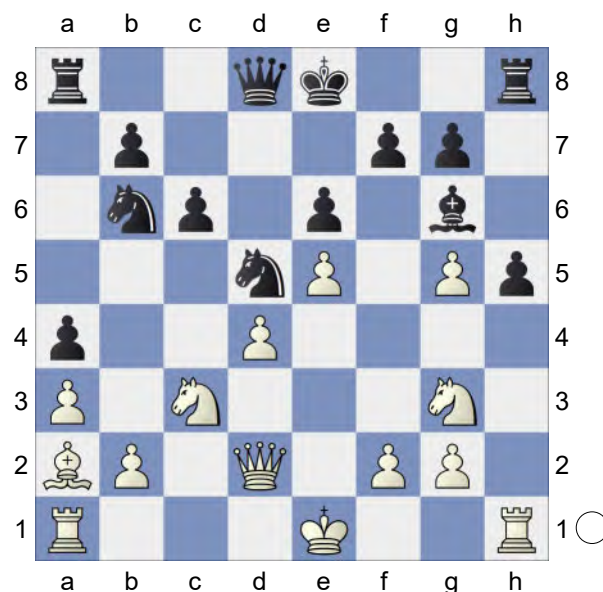
B3) 16...Nxa2 17.Nd6+ Kf8
18.Qf4 (18.Rxa2 Nc8; 18.g6
fxg6 19.Qf4+ Kg8 20.Qf7+∞
Azmaiparashvili-Vaganian/Manila
ol/1992 Kh7!? 21.Rxh5+ gxh5
22.Qxh5+ Kg8 23.Qf7+)

B3a) 18...Qe7 19.g6

B3a1) 19...f5 20.Qf3 h4
(20...Qg5 21.Nf7) 21.g4
Nc8 (21...Kg8 22.Nf7)

22.gxf5 Pomar-Keller/
 Adalboden / 1969 Nxd6
 23.f6;
B3a2) 19...f6= Borisenko-
 Vasilchuk/USSR/1956
 20.Qg4;
B3b) 18...Qd7 19.g6 f5
 20.exf6 (20.Qf3 Nc4
 21.Nxc4 Qxd4 22.Qe2 Nc3)
 20...Nd5 21.fxg7+ Kxg7
 22.Qe5+- Kxg6?!
 (22...Nf6+- ECO 23.Nf7!?
 Unzicker) 23.Rh3 h4
 (23...Qe7 24.Rg3+ Kh6±
 Unzicker-Keller/Zürich/1975
 25.Rg5?; 23...Rag8 24.Rg3+
 Kh6 25.Ke2) 24.Qe4+- Kg7
 (24...Kg5 25.f4+ Nxf4
 26.Qe5+ Kg4 27.Ne4
 Nxc2+= Bannik-Averbah/
 USSR ch / 1958 28.Kf2?;
 24...Kf6 25.Qe5+ Ke7
 26.Nf5+ Kf7 27.Qg7+)
 25.Qg4+± Geller-Matanovic/
 Bled 1961 / Kf8 26.Nc4
 (26.Rf3+ Ke7± Garcia,G-
 Troianescu/Leipzig ol/1960
 27.Rf7+ Kxd6 28.Rxd7+! Xh4
 Kxd7 29.Rxa2 Rag8)]

(Diagram)



16.Nge4! Nc8 17.g4!

[17.Bxd5 cxd5 18.Nc5 b6?
 19.N5xa4]

[17.Nc5 Nxc3 18.bxc3 b6 19.Nd3
 c5± Δf2]

17...Nxc3 18.Nxc3 Kd7! 19.0-0-0 Kc7

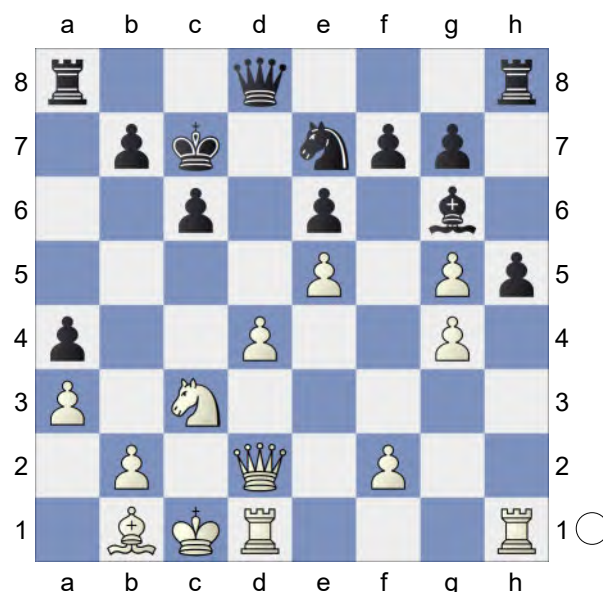
[19...Ne7]

[19...Ne7 20.gxh5 Bxh5]

20.Bb1!? Ne7

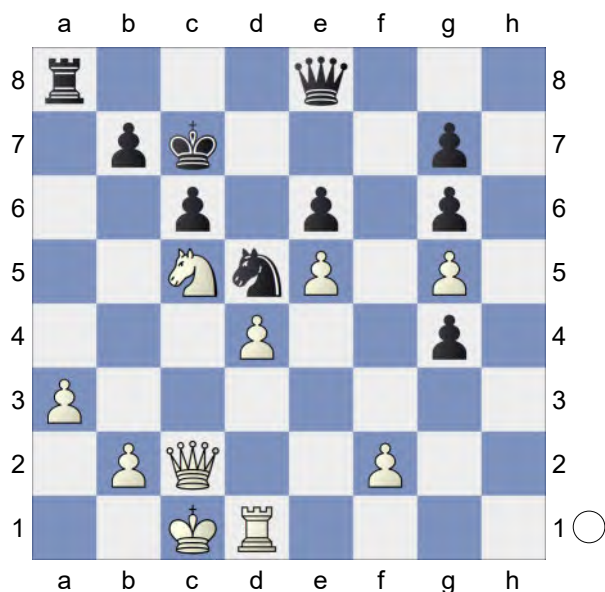
[20...Bxb1! 21.Kxb1 hxg4]

[20...Bxb1]



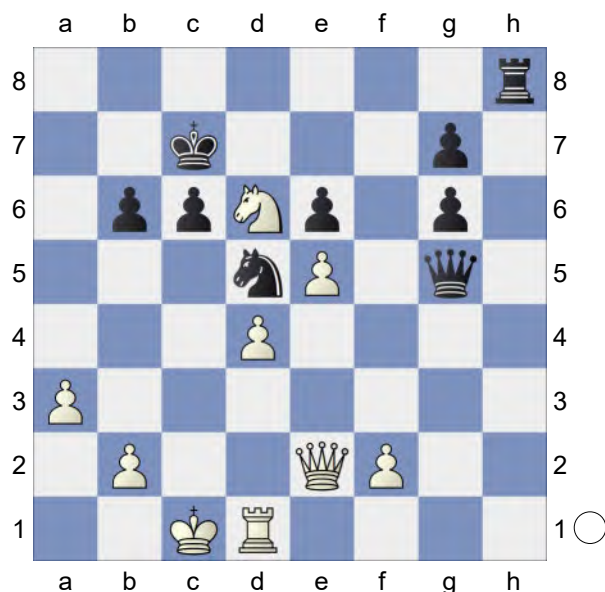
21.Bxg6 fxg6

[21...Nxc6 22.gxh5]
22.Qc2 hxc4 23.Rxh8!
 [23.Nb5+ Kb8 24.Nd6+- Rxh1
 25.Rxh1 Nf5]
23...Qxh8? 24.Nxa4± ♖c8 24...Nd5
 [24...b6 25.Nxb6 Kxb6 26.Qc5+]
 [24...Qh5 25.Nc5 Qxc5+ 26.Rd2
 Qf5 27.Qb3 b6 28.Nxe6+?]
25.Nc5!+- Qe8

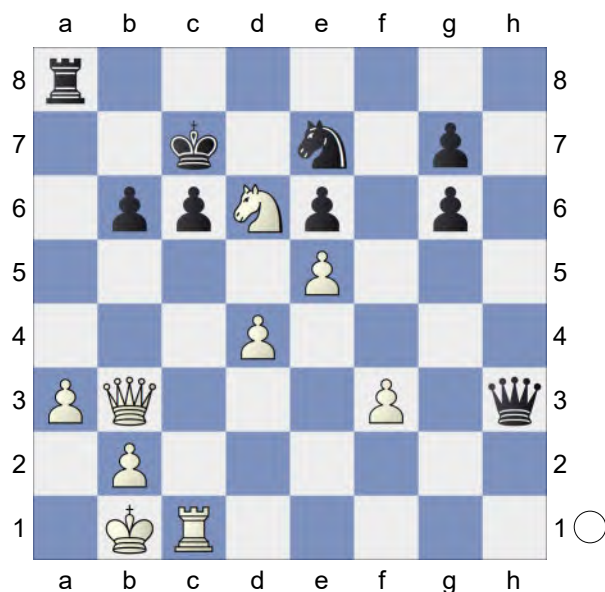


26.Qe2 b6 27.Ne4 Qf7 28.Qxg4
Yusupov 28...Qf5?
 [28...Rh8↑ 29.Nd6? Qf4+ ♗h3
 30.Qxf4 Nxf4! 31.Kd2]
 [28...Qf4+! 29.Qxf4 Nxf4]
29.Qe2 Rh8 30.Nd6 Qxc5+-

(Diagram)



♞31.Kb1 Qh5
 [31...Qg2 32.Qa6 33.Qb7+
 Nc7 34.Nc4]
32.Qc2 Ra8 33.Rc1 Ne7 34.Qb3 Qg4
 [34...Nd5 35.Qc4 36.Qh3]
35.f3 Qh3



36.Qb4 Qh4
 [36...Nd5 37.Ne8+ Kb7 (37...Rxe8
 38.Qd6+) 38.Qd6 Rc8 39.Qd7+ Kb8
 40.Nd6 Rc7 41.Qe8+ Ka7
 42.Rxc6?!]
 [36...Nc8 37.Rc3]
 [36...Nc8]

37.Nc4 Nc8± Xc4 38.d5

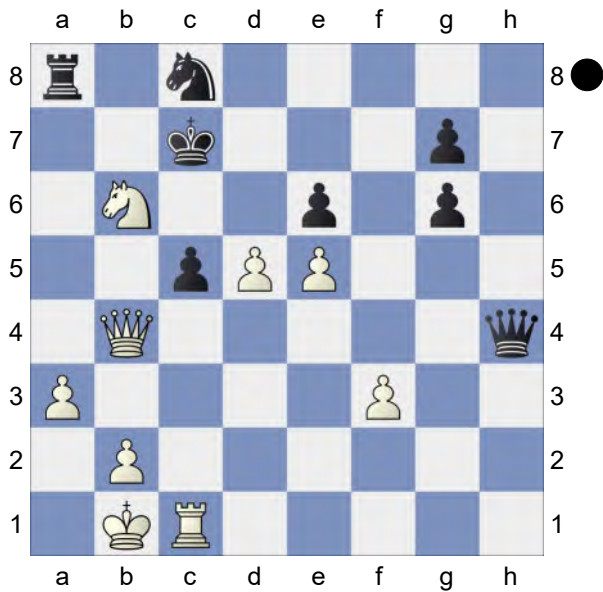
[38.Nxb6↑ Nxb6?! 39.Rxc6+ Kxc6
40.d5+]

38...c5

[38...exd5? 39.Nxb6 (39.Nxb6 Qxb4
Δh3 ◻40.Nxa8+ Kb7≡ 41.axb4◻
Ne7 42.b5)]

39.Nxb6

[39.Nxb6= Qxb4 40.Nxa8+-]



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[Kitty Kat]

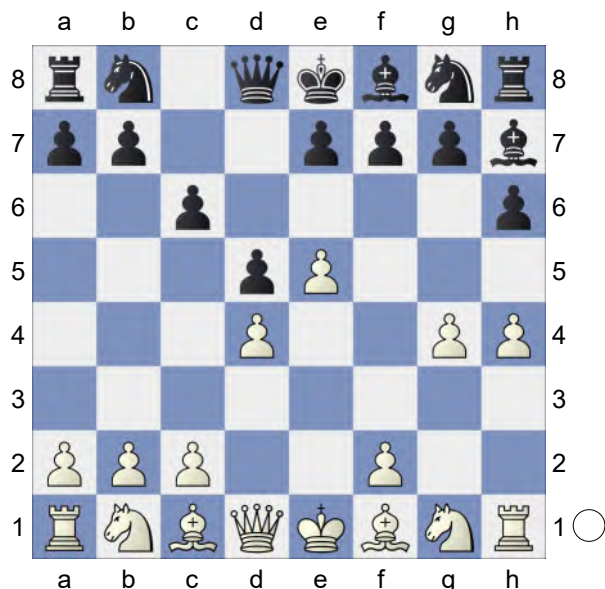
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6 5.g4 Bh7**

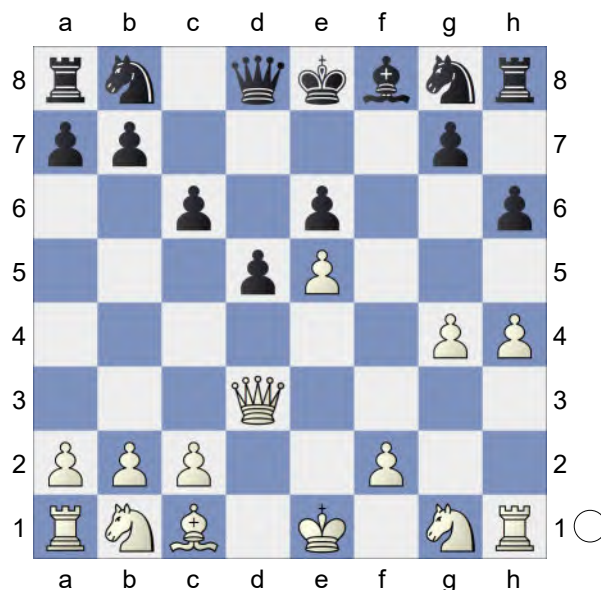
[5...Bd7 6.h5 c5 (6...e6 7.f4 c5 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Kf2 0-0-0 11.Kg3 Kb8 12.a4 cxd4 13.a5 Nxa5 14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Nxc6+ Bxc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qd4 Qxd4 19.cxd4 Ne7 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Bd3 0-1 Grünfeld 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 (2470)-

Theis,B (2613) (m/4-rapid) 101/(249) 2007 (5)) 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.Qxd5 Bxg4 9.Nc3 e6 10.Qg2 Bf5 11.Bb5 Qc7 12.Be3 0-0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nf3 Ne7 15.Nd4 Bh7 16.0-0-0 Nd5 17.Nxd5 Rxd5 18.f4 Rxc5 19.Rd2 Rg8 20.Rhd1 1-0 Vachier Lagrave,M (2710)-Grischuk,A (2752) Sportaccord WMG Blindfold rapid 2011 (1)]

**6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 e5N**

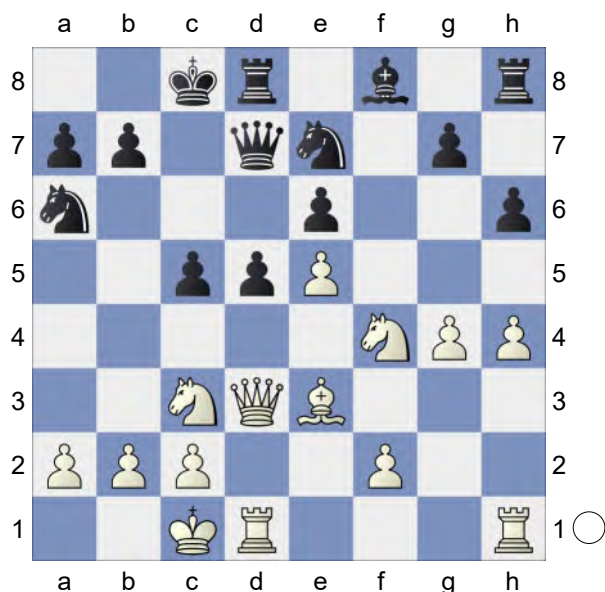
[7...Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1 Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxg4 21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 1-0 Moen,A (2095)-Blatt,F Izhevsk Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) b6 23.c4 Kb7 24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3 b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4 29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5 31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6 33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+ Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8 1-0 Mastrovasilis,D (2095)-Grischenko, S Wch U12 St Lorenzo 1995 (1)]

8.Bxh7 Rxh7 9.dxe5 e6 White is better. **10.Qd3** Prevents g7-g6. Threatens to win with Qd3-g6+. **10...Rh8**

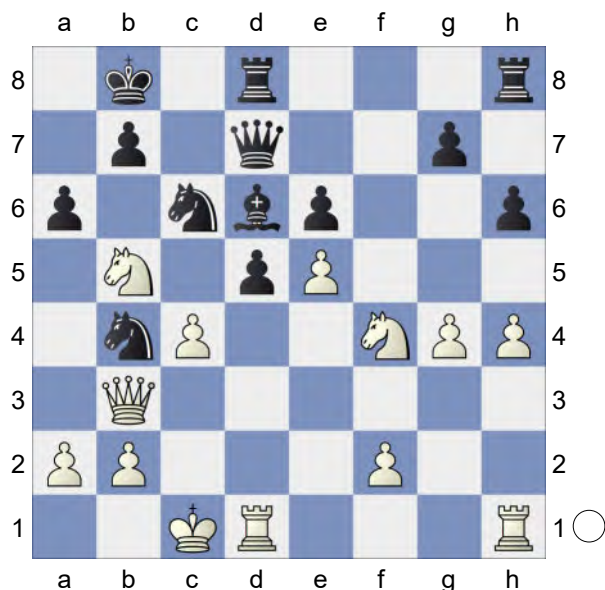


11.Ne2 Ne7 Dodges Qd3-g6+ **12.Nbc3 Qd7 13.Be3 Na6 14.Nf4 c5 15.0-0-0 Nc3-e4!** is the strong threat. **15...0-0-0**

(Diagram)



16.Nb5 Kb8 17.c4! White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive. 17...Nb4 18.Qb3 a6 19.Bxc5 Nec6 20.Bd6+ Bxd6

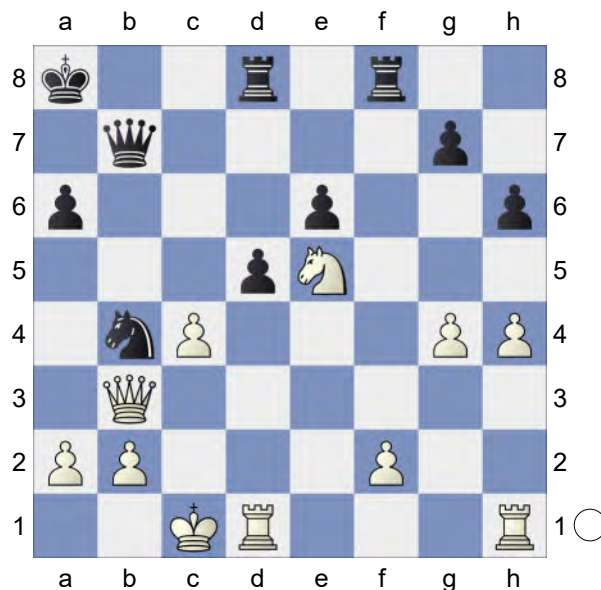


21.Nxd6 Rhf8 22.Ng6

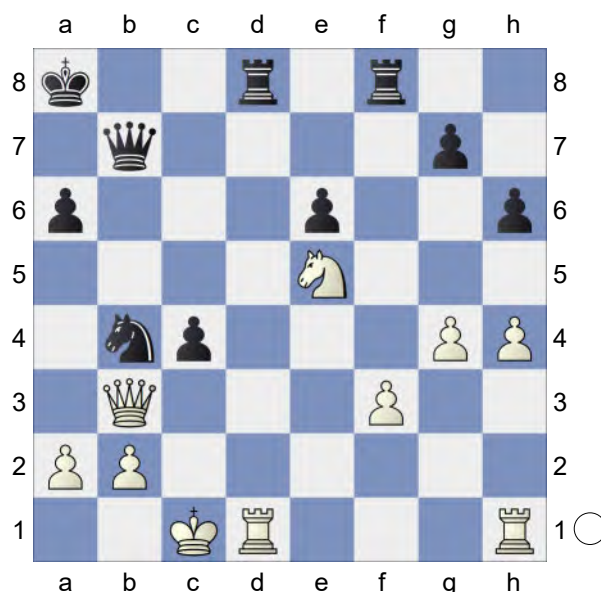
[22.cxd5?! Rxf4 23.dxc6 Qxc6+ 24.Kb1 Rxd6 25.exd6 Qe4+ 26.Ka1 (26.Kc1 Rxf2 27.Rd2 Nxa2+ 28.Qxa2 Qxh1+ 29.Rd1 Qc6+ 30.Kb1 Qc2+ 31.Ka1 Qxd1+ 32.Qb1 Qa4+ 33.Qa2 Rf1#) 26...Nc2+= (26...Rxc4? 27.Rc1+-; 26...Rxc4? 27.Rc1+-)

22...Nxe5 Remove Defender 23.Nxb7! Qxb7 24.Nxe5 a2-a3 would now be deadly. 24...Ka8

[24...Rxf2? 25.Qxb4 Qxb4 (25...Rc2+? 26.Kxc2 Qxb4 27.Nc6+ Kb7 28.Nxb4+-) 26.Nc6+ Ka8 27.Nxb4+-]



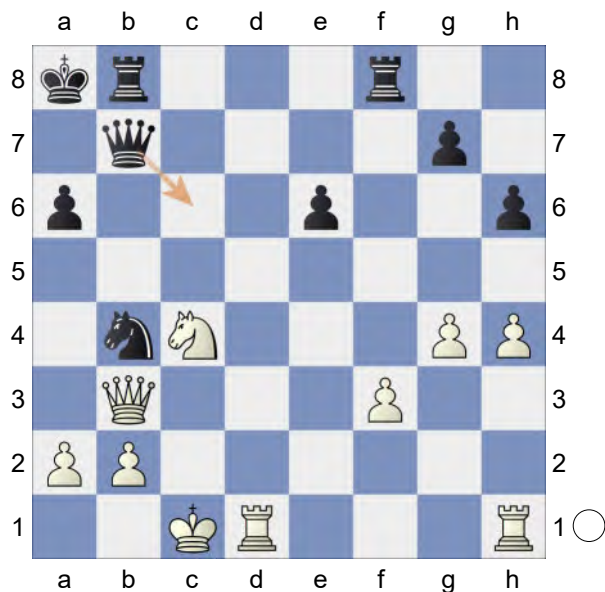
Strongly threatening ...d5xc4. 25.f3! dxc4



26.Nxc4

[26.Qxc4? Rc8 27.Kb1 Rxc4+-]

26...Rb8



27.Rhe1 0.44/23

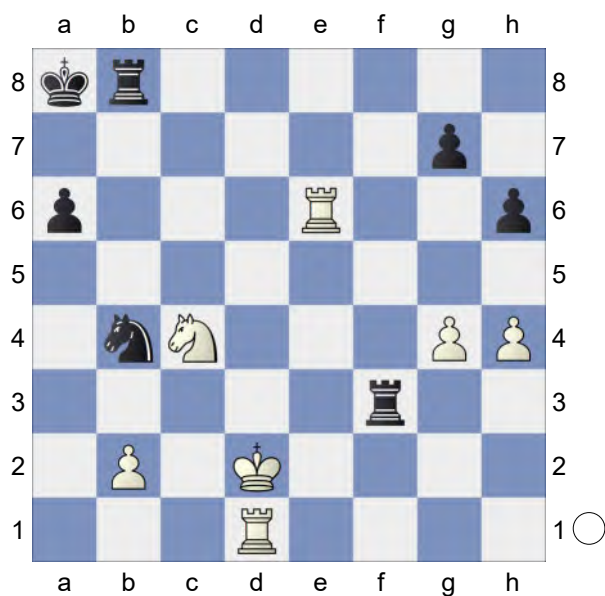
[27.a3 Nd5 28.Qxb7+ Rxb7±]

[White should try 27.Kb1!± 0.87/24]

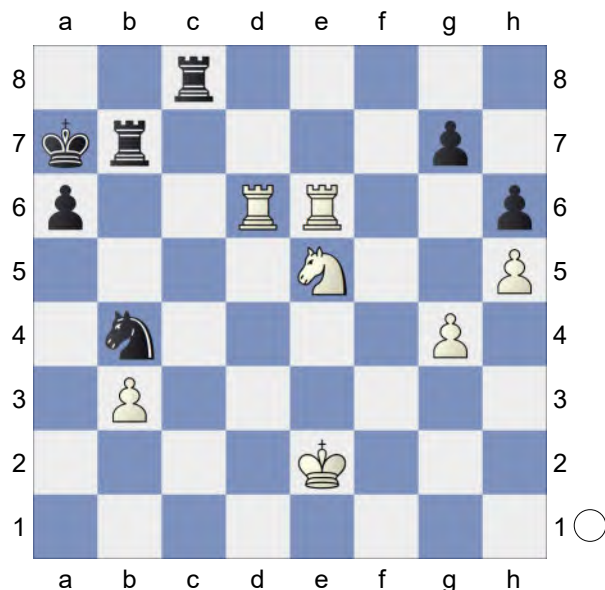
27...Qxf3± 28.Qxf3+

[28.Rxe6 Qxg4 29.Ne3 Nd3+
(29...Qxh4? 30.a3+-) 30.Rxd3 Rf1+
31.Kd2 (31.Nxf1? loses. Rxb3
32.Rxa6+ Kb7-+) 31...Rf2+ 32.Kc1
Rf1+ 33.Kd2 (33.Nxf1? Rxb3
34.Rxa6+ Kb7-+) 33...Rf2+ 34.Kc1
Rf1+=]

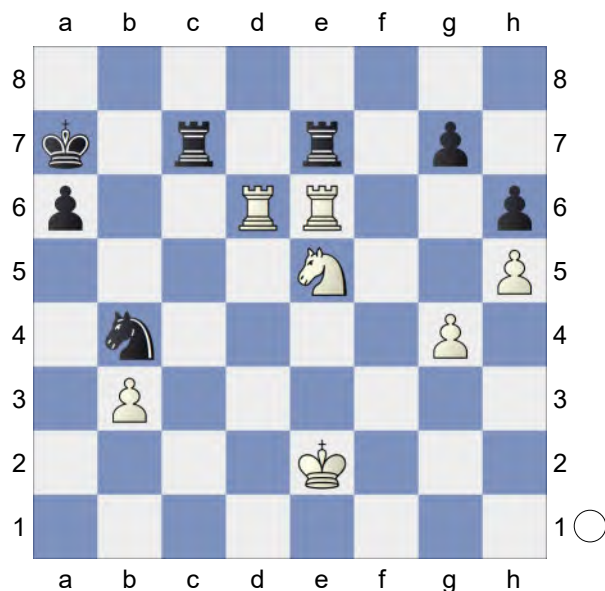
28...Rxf3 29.Rxe6 Hoping for Rd1-d4.
29...Nxa2+ 30.Kd2 Nb4



**31.Ke2 Rf7 32.b3 Ka7 33.h5 Rbf8
34.Rdd6 Rb7! 35.Ne5 Rc8**



36.Nc4 Rf8 37.Re4 Black must now
prevent Nc4-a5. **37...Rff7! 38.Re8
Rbd7 39.Ree6 Rc7 40.Ne5 Rfe7**

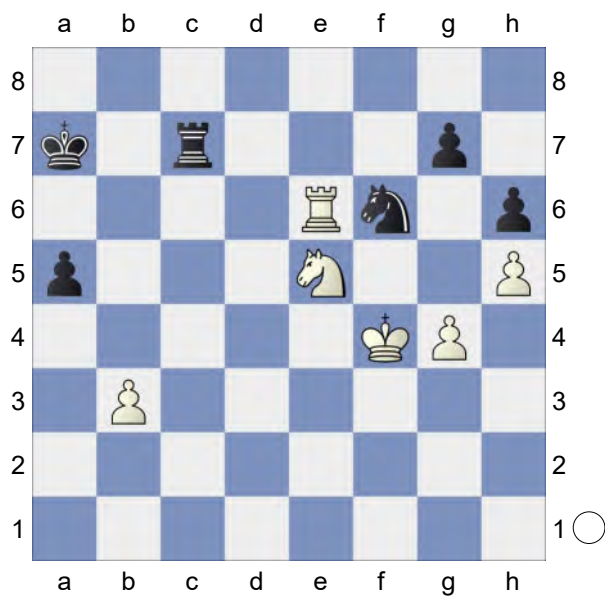


The position is equal. **41.Ke3**
And now Re6xe7 would win. **41...Nd5+**
Deflection **42.Ke4**

[42.Rxd5? perishes. Rxe6 43.Kd2
Rce7-+]

42...Rxe6 43.Rxe6 Nf6+ 44.Kf4 a5

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.03
(flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
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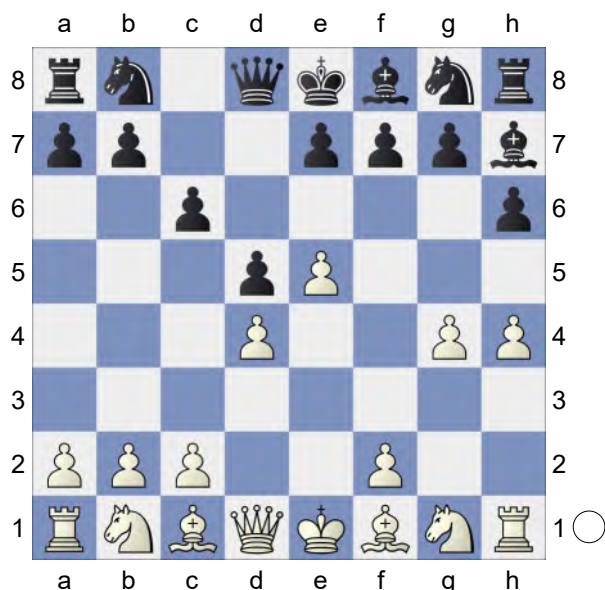
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

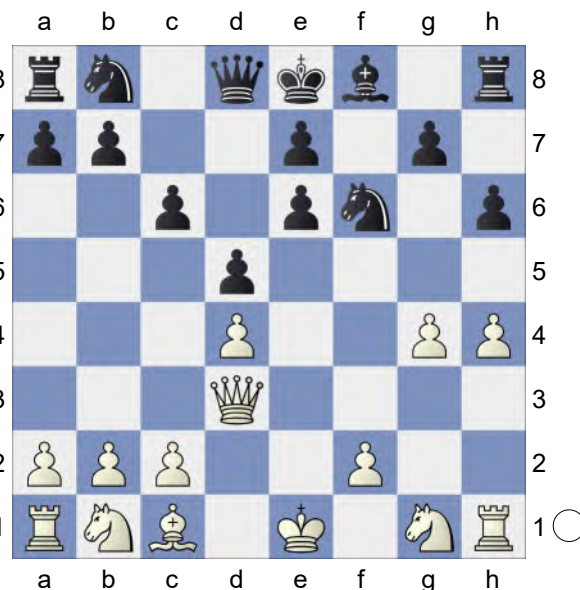
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7



6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6?
1.96/21

[8...c5!± 0.33/20]

(Diagram)



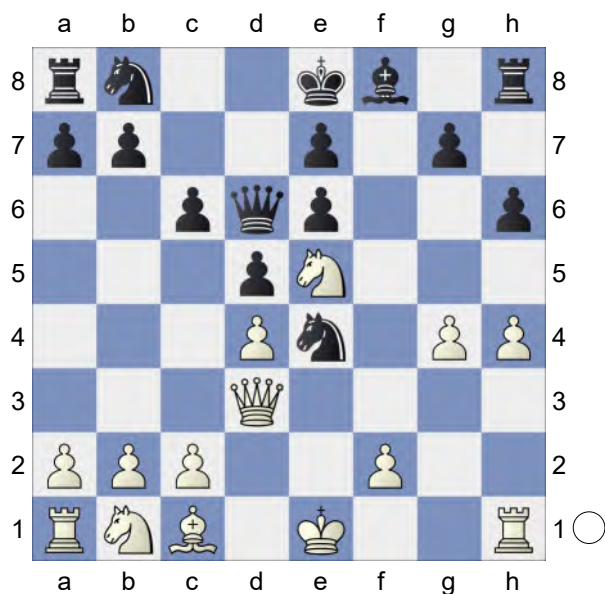
9.Nf3+- Qd6N 5.20/21

[9...Ne4 1.82/19 is more resistant.

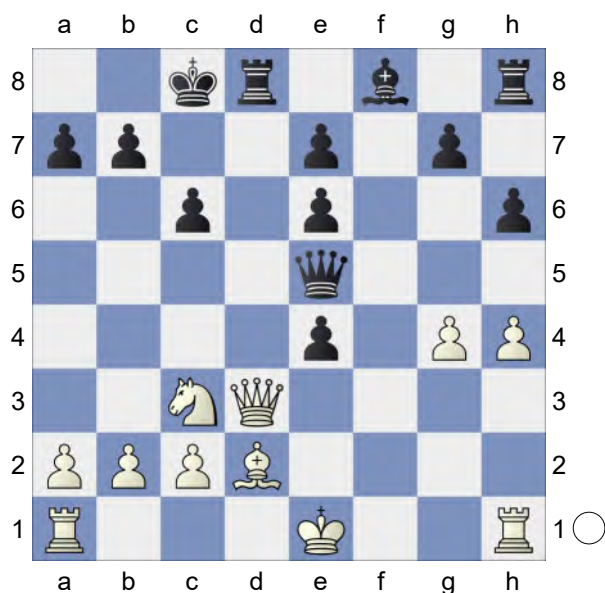
10.Nbd2 Nd7 (10...Qa5 11.0-0 Nd7
12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5
14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5
Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1 Qf3
19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxg4
21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 b6 23.c4 Kb7
24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 1-0 Moen,A
(2095)-Blatt,F Izhevsk Corporation
Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) Rc8 26.Rc3 b5
27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4 29.Bxc5+
Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5 31.Rc7+ Kb4
32.Raxa7 g6 33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8
Kd4 35.Rd7+ Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3
37.Rxf8 1-0 Mastrovasilis,D (2095)-
Grischenko,S Wch U12 St Lorenzo
1995 (1)) 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Qxe4
Qa5+ 13.Bd2 Qb5 14.Qg6+
(14.Qxe6 Qd5+-) 14...Kd8]

10.Ne5 Ne4

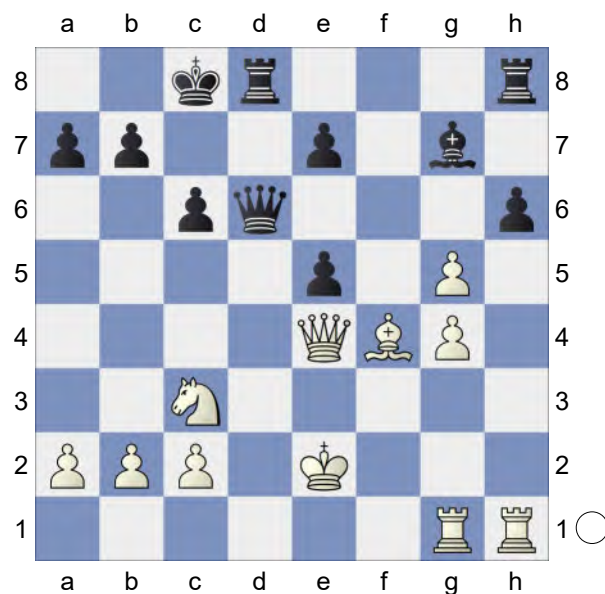
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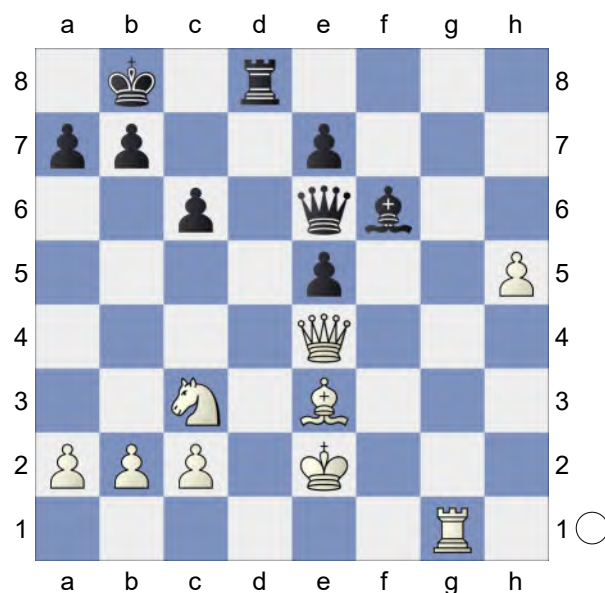
White has a decisive advantage. 11.f3
 Nd7 12.fxe4 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Qxe5
 14.Nc3 0-0-0 15.Bd2 dxe4 4.87/22
 [15...g6 3.38/19 16.0-0-0 Bg7]



16.Qxe4
 [Don't take 16.Qe3 h5 17.g5
 (17.Qxe4 Qxe4+ 18.Nxe4 hxg4+-;
 17.Nxe4 Qxb2 18.0-0 Qd4+-)
 17...Qd4]
 16...Qg3+ 17.Ke2 g5 18.hxg5 Bg7
 19.Rag1 Qd6 20.Bf4 e5
 (Diagram)

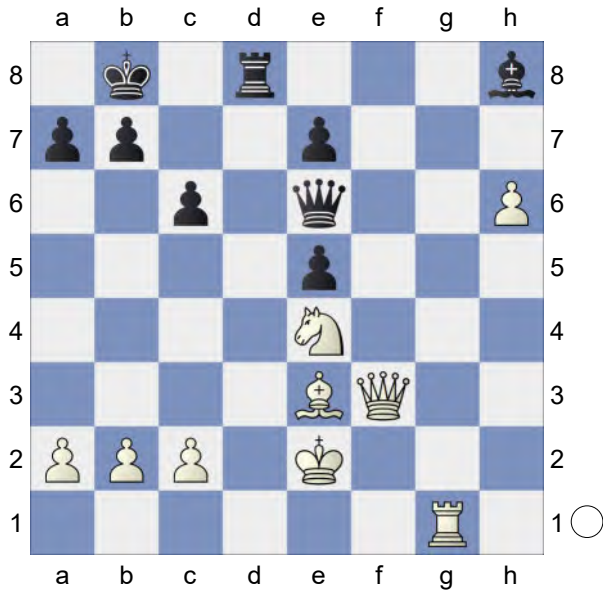


21.Be3 hxd5 22.Rh5
 [Inferior is 22.Bxa7 Qd2+ 23.Kf3
 Rhf8+ 24.Kg3 Rf4#]
 22...Kb8 23.Bxg5 Bf6 24.Be3 Rxh5
 25.gxh5 Qe6

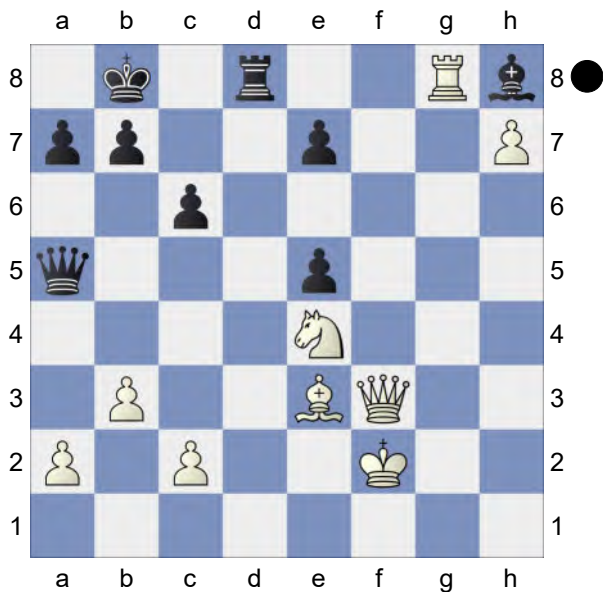


26.h6 Qh3 27.Rh1 Qg3 28.Qf3 Qg6
 29.Ne4 Bh8 30.Rg1 Qe6

(Diagram)

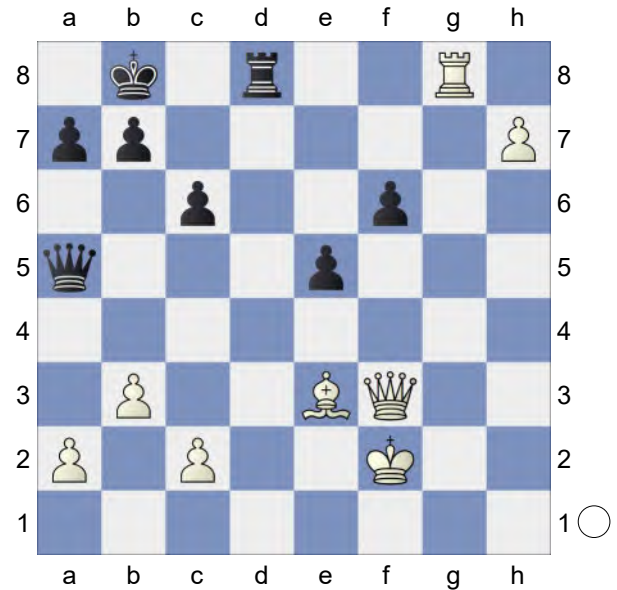


31.b3 Inhibits Qe6-c4+. **31...Qd5** **32.h7**
Qb5+ **33.Kf2** **Qa5** **34.Rg8**

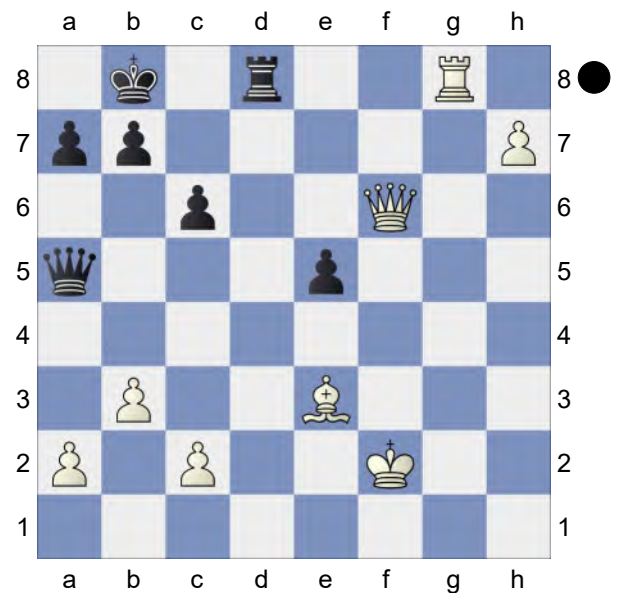


White threatens Qf3-d1 and mate.
34...Bf6 **35.Nxf6** **exf6**

(Diagram)



36.Qxf6



White took control after the opening.
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.25
 (precise) /Black=0.65
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■ Fernandez, Daniel

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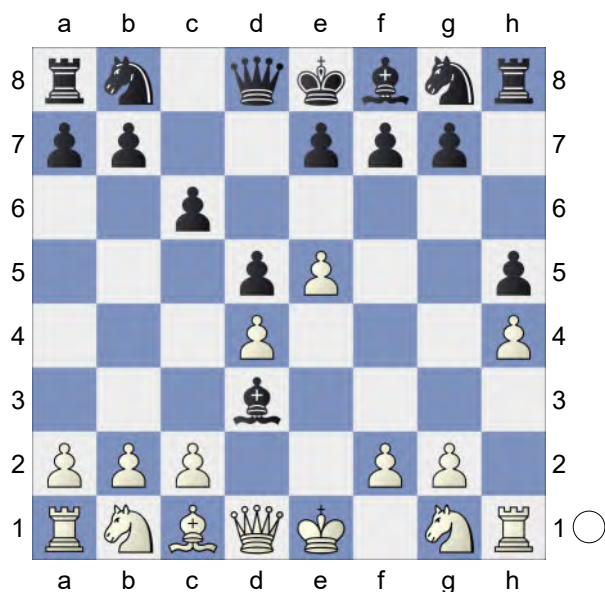
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 Qa5+

[I had already established in enough of my previous OTB encounters that the adventurous lines after 6...e6 7.Bg5 Qb6 8.Nd2 c5 are not so much my cup of tea.]

7.Nd2

[My opponent looked so interested when I mentioned the possibility of 7.b4 in a post-mortem that it left very little doubt what he wanted to play next time- if there is a next time!]

7...e6 8.Ngf3 Nh6

[It is difficult to isolate any noticeable difference between 8...Ne7 and the text move, but the text has the optical benefit of not blocking the f8-bishop. As mentioned a couple of times before in this column, the move

which is most plausible out of those to be avoided is possibly 8...Qa6, a 'wishful thinking' kind of exchange offer.]

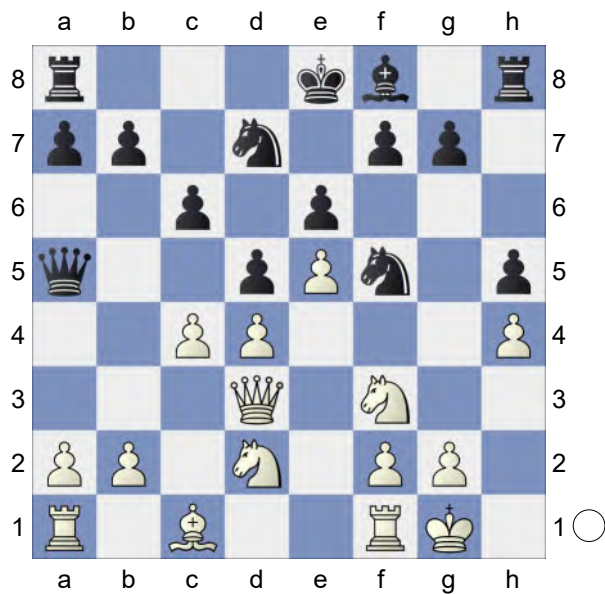
[I found myself speculating a bit at the board about the idea of 8...c5 and possibly ...c4 soon after, but it seems White gets an advantage by relatively simple means if they simply keep the game open. 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.c4±]

9.0-0 Nf5 10.c4 This was new to me and so I began thinking.

[10.Nb3 is something we've considered before a couple of times and was also tried this month. Qb5! An accurate move, staying in touch with the c5-square. (For 10...Qa6 11.Qd1 see Abdusattorov,N-Murzin,V INT 2021 from the Sep 2021 update.) 11.Qd1 c5 12.a4 Qb6 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.Nxc5 Qxc5 15.c3 Nc6 16.Re1 Rd8 (16...Rc8! looks more accurate, anticipating White's future b4 push and lining up against the c3-pawn.) 17.Bg5 Rd7 18.Rc1 Qb6 and here in Fier, A-Vazquez,G Mexico City 2022 a good approach would have been simply 19.b4± to take some queenside space.]

10...Nd7

(Diagram)



It seems that there is now no serious downside to developing the knight, as chances are if/when I play ... Qa6 in the future, the c4-pawn will still be present and so piece support will not be required. **11.b3 Rd8!?** In a drive to keep maximum flexibility, Black perhaps makes a slight concession.

[11...Be7 was a reasonable alternative, followed by simply castling and ...Rac8/...Rfd8. De Borba,G-Najer, E INT 2020]

12.Bb2

[An idea from later on in the game, 12.Qc2!? might have been applicable here. Essentially this move removes the queen from the unwelcome attentions of ...Rd8 (and possibly ... Qa6) and prepares for the eventual scenario in which Black is pushing ... c5. Be7 13.g3 0-0 14.a3 White has some small initiative and it isn't yet clear whether any of Black's central actions like ...dxc4 or ...c5 will work in their favour. Ponkratov,P-Dreev,A Sochi 2017]

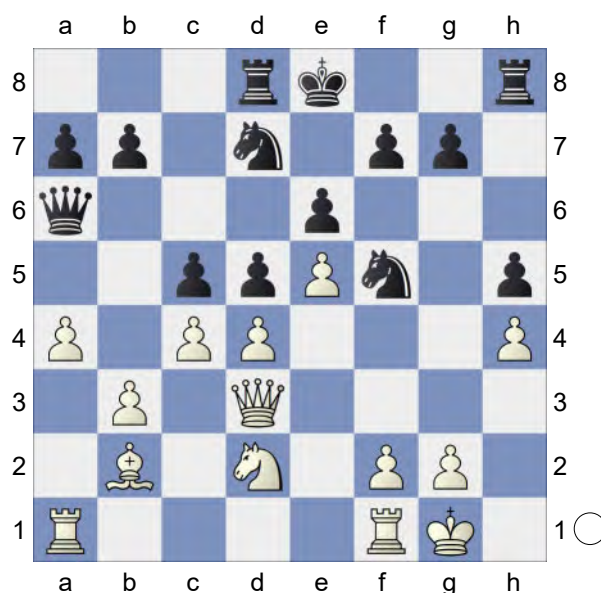
12...Bb4 13.a3 Bxd2 14.Nxd2 Qa6

[Of course the silicon companion

wants to grab the pawn with 14...Nxb4, but I was relatively unenthused about the prospect of allowing 15.b4 with a possible b5 to follow.]

15.a4 c5!?

[It crossed my mind to play 15...dxc4 16.Nxc4 Nb6 but I could not decide whether it was consistent to take on c4 afterwards, or to play ...Nd5. In both cases it felt as if my queen would be isolated on a6. 17.Rfd1"]



Ratcheting up the tension a bit. This move is neither good nor bad really, just fairly principled. Under some circumstances I wanted to swing the queen back into action with ...Qc6.

16.Qc2!?

[16.dxc5 dxc4 17.Nxc4 Nxe5! 18.Nd6+ Rxd6 19.Qxa6 Rxa6 20.Bxe5]

[White can certainly also embrace the tension with 16.Nf3 and challenge Black to find some simplification that keeps winning chances. This is easier said than done.]

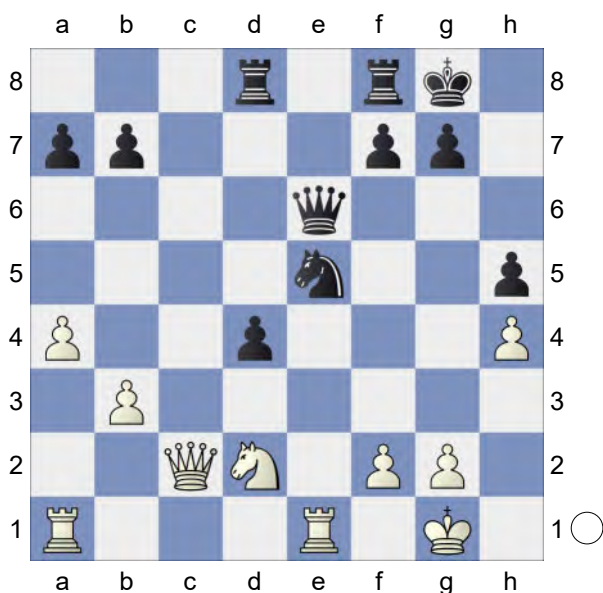
16...Nxd4 17.Bxd4 cxd4 18.cxd5 Nxe5

[In view of the next note, safer (but not objectively better) was 18...0-0 when Black's king will have decent pawn cover in all cases.]

19.dxe6?!

[Correct was 19.Rfe1! (or indeed the other rook), offering an exchange sacrifice. Qd3! (The likes of 19...Nd3 20.dxe6 fxe6 21.Nc4 Nxe1 22.Qg6+∞ would be way too risky to be practical in this scenario, and probably offer White at least a draw in hand even in objective terms.; 19...Rxd5?? 20.Rxe5 Rxe5 21.Qc8+-) 20.Qc7 Qxd2 21.dxe6!? fxe6 22.Qxe5 0-0∞ when there is a lot of play left in the position. Compared to the game, Black's king safety is much worse.]

19...Qxe6 20.Rfe1 0-0



21.Qc7 Qh6 Maybe not the most optimistic continuation.

[21...Rfe8 22.Qxb7 Qf6↑ was more maximalist, allowing White to lay waste to the queenside but attacking on the rest of the board, and retaining knights since it is not difficult to see that Black's knight is

the stronger.]

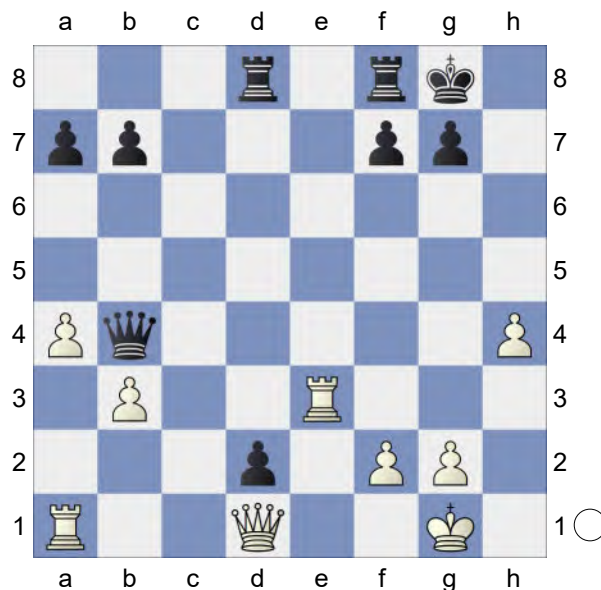
22.Qxe5

[22.Ne4? is natural, looking for Ng5 and possible activity, but Black can play simply Qf4! 23.Qxb7 Ng4!-+ with amazing pressure.]

22...Qxd2 23.Qxh5?! After this White is probably lost.

[With the accurate 23.Rad1! Qc3 24.Re4! Qxb3 25.Rdx4 White could have captured the most critical pawn, hampering Black's winning efforts or at least necessitating an extremely long conversion attempt in a queen ending.]

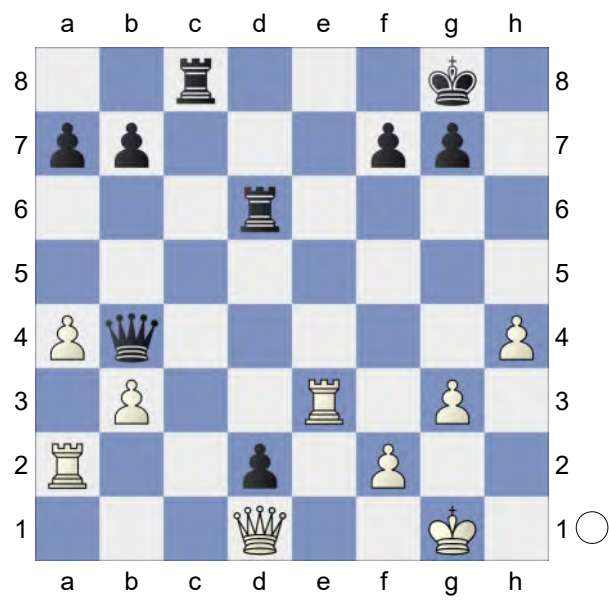
23...d3 One major piece will be forced into defensive duty, leaving Black with three functional major pieces to White's two in the rest of the struggle. 24.Qd1 Qb4 25.Re3 d2



26.Ra2 Rd6 27.g3

[27.Rc2 was absolutely compulsory, but White is also not surviving in the long run after Rfd8 and ...Rd3. The queen is ill-suited to her present blockading role.]

27...Rc8



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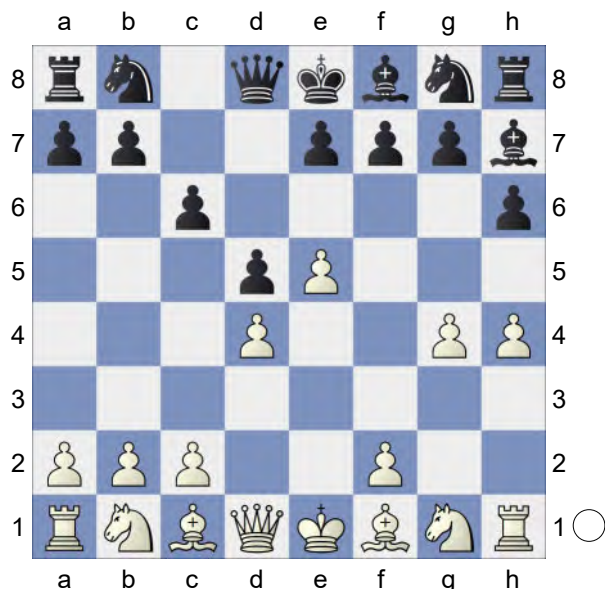
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7

[5...Bd7 6.h5 c5 (6...e6 7.f4 c5
8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Kf2 0-0-0
11.Kg3 Kb8 12.a4 cxd4 13.a5 Nxa5
14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Nxc6+
Bxc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qd4 Qxd4
19.cxd4 Ne7 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Bd3
0-1 Grünfeld 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 (2470)-

Theis, B (2613) (m/4-rapid) 101/(249)
2007 (5)) 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.Qxd5 Bxg4
9.Nc3 e6 10.Qg2 Bf5 11.Bb5 Qc7
12.Be3 0-0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nf3
Ne7 15.Nd4 Bh7 16.0-0-0 Nd5
17.Nxd5 Rxd5 18.f4 Rxc5 19.Rd2
Rg8 20.Rhd1 1-0 Vachier Lagrave, M
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6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 e5N aiming for ...e5-

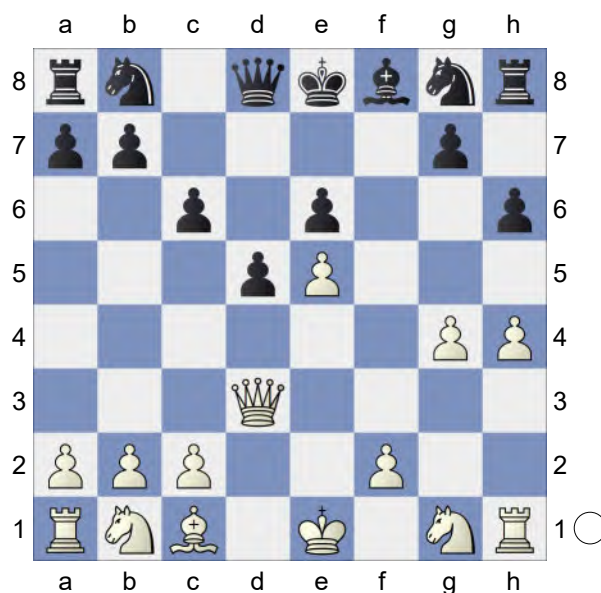
e4.

[7...Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4
10.Nbd2 Qa5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4
dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8
15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3
h5 18.Rfd1 Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+
20.Qxg4 hxg4 21.e6 c5 22.Rd5
1-0 Moen, A (2095)-Blatt, F Izhevsk
Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) b6
23.c4 Kb7 24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1
Rc8 26.Rc3 b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4
bxc4 29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5
31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6
33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+
Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8
1-0 Mastrovasilis, D (2095)-Grischenko,
S Wch U12 St Lorenzo 1995 (1)]

8.dxe5 Black must now prevent Bd3xh7.

8...e6 9.Bxh7 Rxh7 White is better.

10.Qd3 Inhibits g7-g6. 10...Rh8



11.Bf4 0.38/21

[11.Ne2± 0.78/20]

11...Na6 12.Ne2 Qd7 13.Nd2

White is more active. 13...0-0-0 14.a3

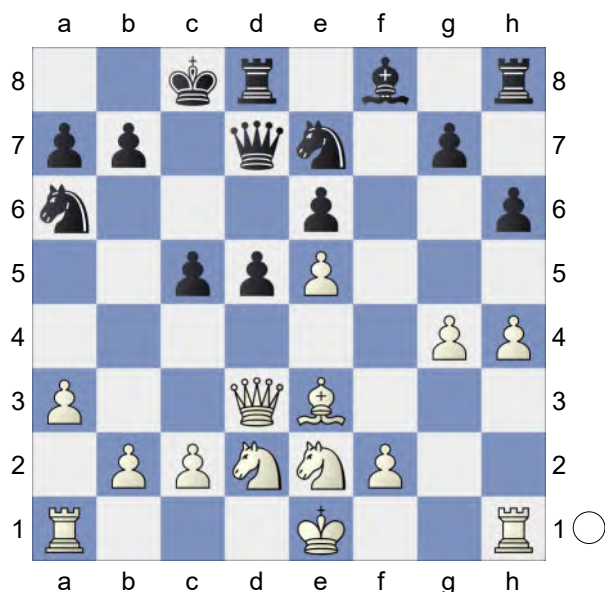
Ne7 15.Be3 0.09/20

[15.0-0-0± 0.52/20

deserves

consideration.]

15...c5=



16.f4 -0.34/20

[16.0-0-0= 0.13/20 feels stronger.]

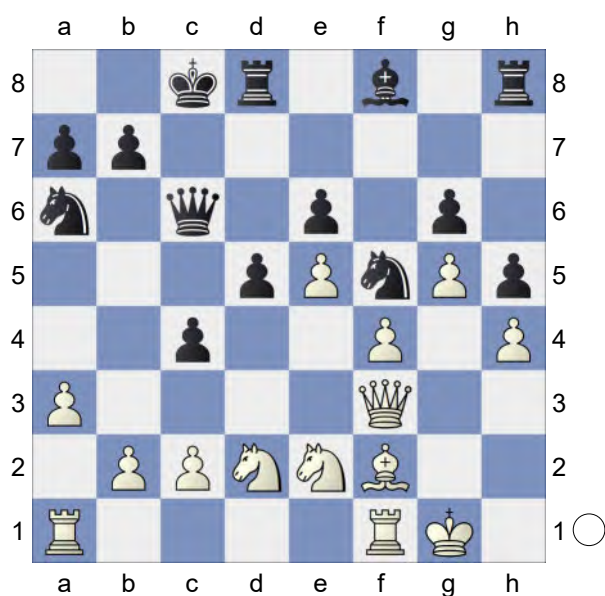
16...h5! 17.g5 Nf5 Hoping for ...c5-c4.

18.Bf2 Qc6 -0.04/21

[18...c4 19.Qf3 Bc5]

19.Qf3 g6 20.0-0 c4 0.42/21

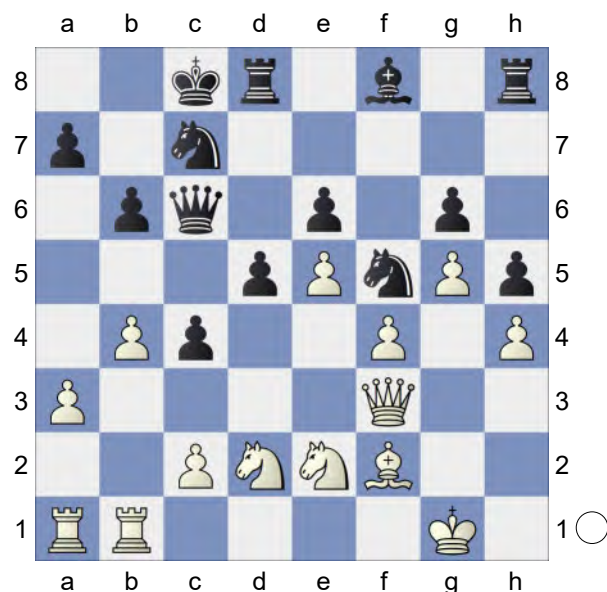
[20...Kd7= 0.00/21 should be considered.]



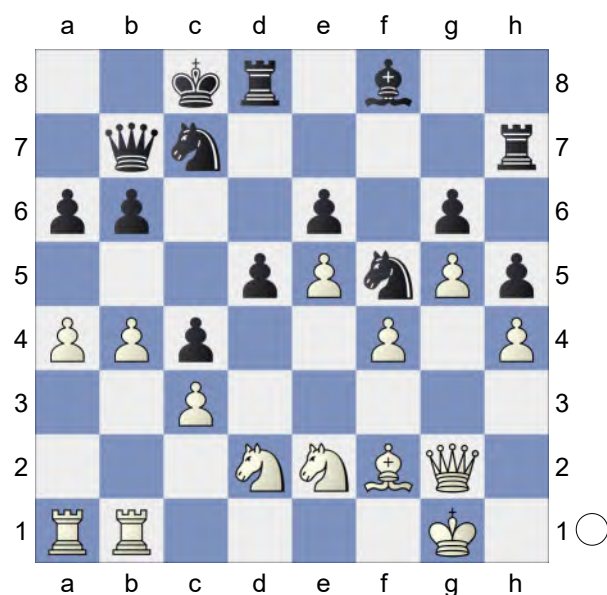
21.b4! Nc7 22.Rfb1 b6 1.04/25

[22...Qa4!= 0.25/20 remains equal.]

(Diagram)



23.a4! Qb7 24.c3 a6 25.Qg2 Rh7



26.Rd1 Strongly threatening Nd2xc4!

26...Ne8 27.Nf3 Rf7! 28.Kh2

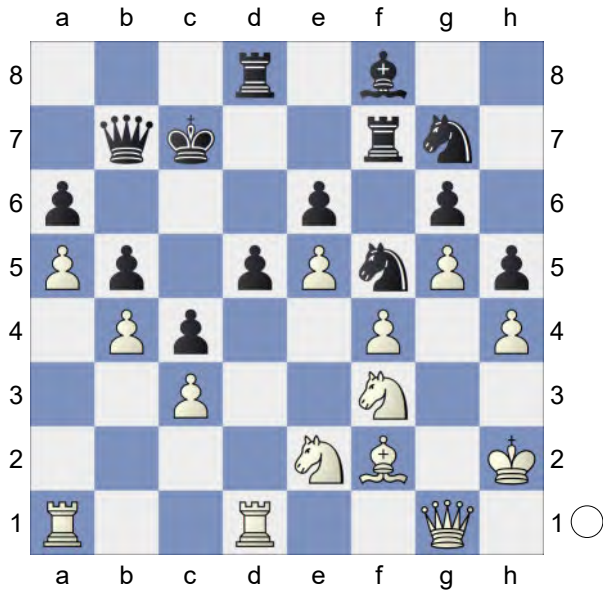
[28.a5!? b5 29.Kh2±]

28...Neg7 29.Qg1 Kc7 1.12/20

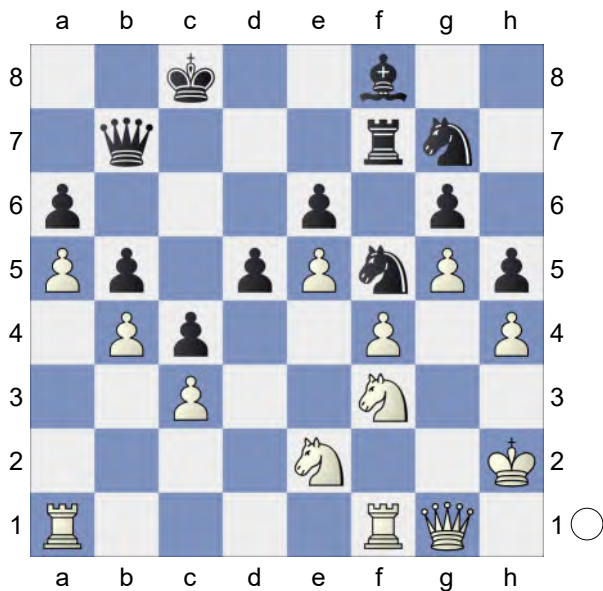
[29...Re8= 0.20/22 keeps the balance.]

30.a5 b5

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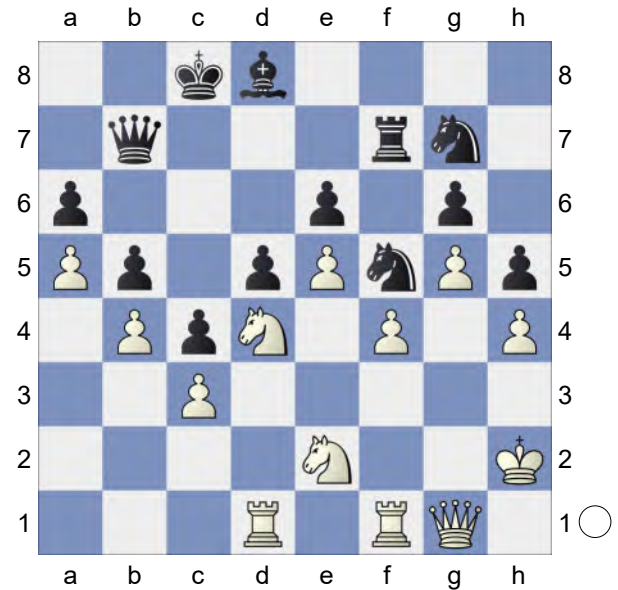


31.Bb6+ Kc8 32.Bxd8 Kxd8 33.Rf1 Kc8 1.42/19
 [Better is 33...Rc7 0.87/22 34.Qb6 Kd7]

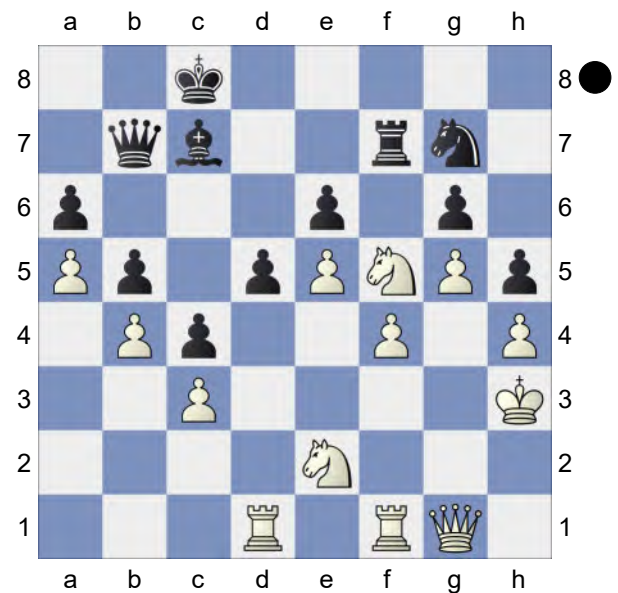


34.Rad1 0.55/20
 [34.Qb6!± 1.42/19]
34...Be7± White is slightly better.
35.Nfd4 Bd8

(Diagram)



36.Kh3 Bc7 37.Nxf5



Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.18 (very precise)
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5.g4 Bh7

[5...Bd7 6.h5 c5 (6...e6 7.f4 c5
8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Kf2 0-0-0
11.Kg3 Kb8 12.a4 cxd4 13.a5 Nxa5
14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Nxc6+
Bxc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qd4 Qxd4
19.cxd4 Ne7 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Bd3
0-1 Grünfeld 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 (2470)-

Theis,B (2613) (m/4-rapid) 101/(249)

2007 (5)) 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.Qxd5 Bxg4

9.Nc3 e6 10.Qg2 Bf5 11.Bb5 Qc7

12.Be3 0-0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nf3

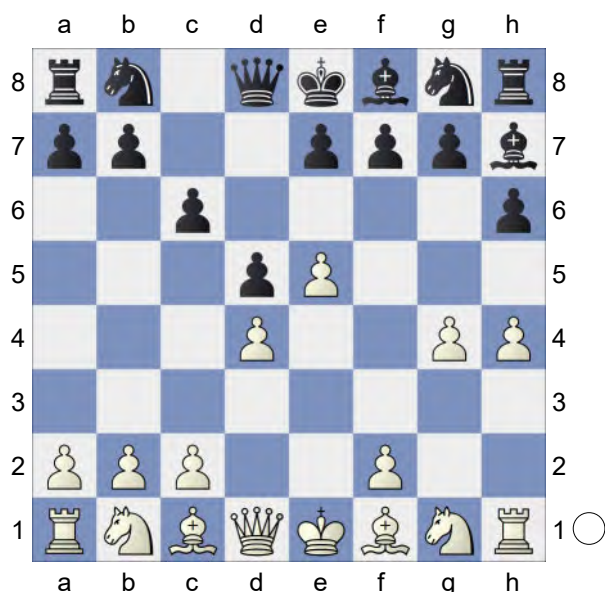
Ne7 15.Nd4 Bh7 16.0-0-0 Nd5

17.Nxd5 Rxd5 18.f4 Rxc5 19.Rd2

Rg8 20.Rhd1 1-0 Vachier Lagrave,M

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6.e6 Qd6 0.87/21

[6...c5± 0.44/19 is more appropriate.]

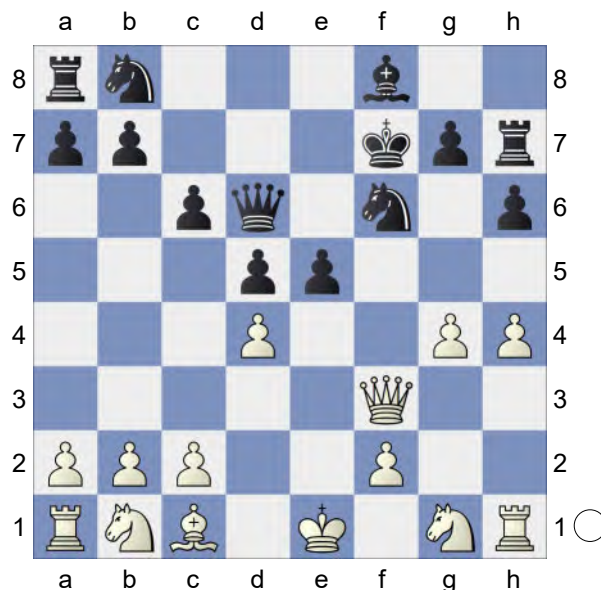
7.exf7+± Kxf7 8.Bd3N 0.01/21

[8.g5± 0.75/19]

[8.Nc3 e5 9.Qf3+ Nf6 10.g5 hxg5
11.hxg5 Be4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qb3+
Nd5 14.Rxh8 exd4 15.Ne2 Nd7
16.Nxd4 Qe5 17.Qxb7 Bb4+ 18.c3
Rxh8 19.Qxd7+ Kg6 20.Nxc6 Bxc3+
21.Kd1 Qf5 22.Qxf5+ 1-0 Moeller,J
(2550)-Goldsmith,J (2580) (ol) 86/177

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8...e5 The position is equal. 9.Bxh7
Rxh7 10.Qf3+ Nf6



11.Nh3 -0.44/19

[11.g5= -0.01/20 hxg5 12.Bxg5]

11...exd4 0.66/23

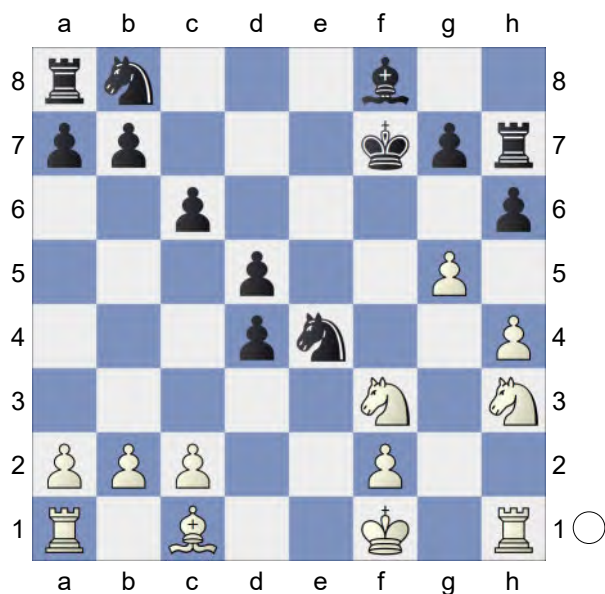
[11...Kg8!± -0.44/19 12.g5 hxg5
13.hxg5 Nh5]

12.g5!↑ Pin. White has the initiative.

12...Qe6+ 13.Kf1 Qe4 14.Nd2 Qxf3

15.Nxf3 Ne4

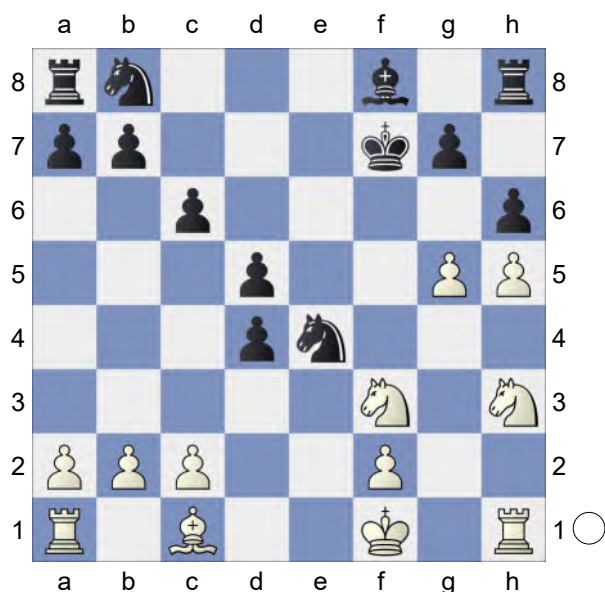
(Diagram)



16.h5! White has strong compensation.

[16.Nxd4 Nd7=]

16...Rh8



17.Ne5+

[17.Nxd4 hgx5 18.Nxg5+ Nxg5
19.Bxg5 Nd7]

17...Ke8 18.Ng6 Rg8 19.Kg2 -0.12/20

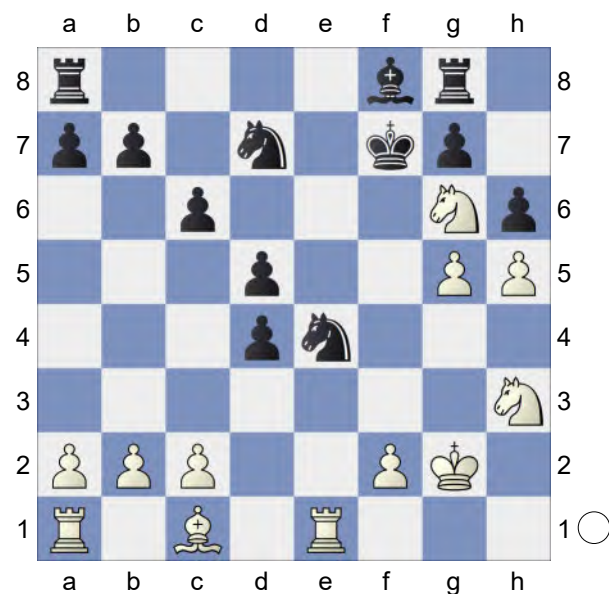
[19.Rg1± 0.84/22]

19...Nd7 0.71/25

[19...Kd7= -0.12/20]

20.Re1 Hoping for f2-f3. **20...Kf7 1.33/23**

[Black should play 20...Kd8± 0.52/23]



21.f3± Nd6 22.Nxf8

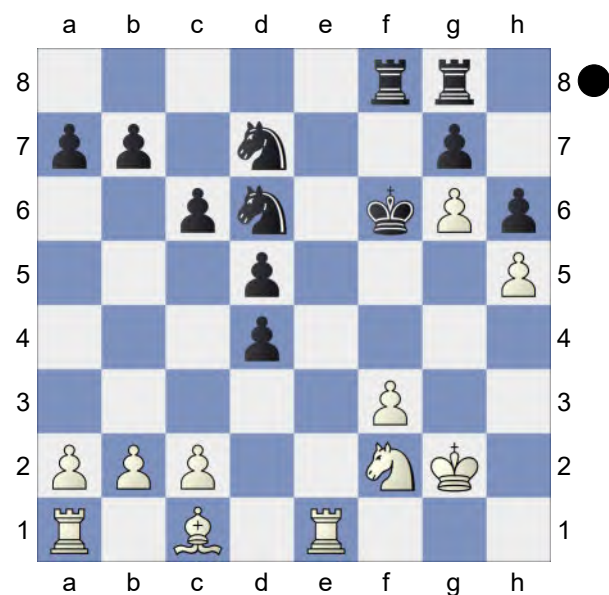
[22.Nh4 with more complications. Nc4
23.c3 d3 24.b3]

22...Raxf8 0.66/29

[22...Kxf8= -0.01/25 23.a4 hgx5]

23.g6+± Kf6 24.Nf2? -1.30/24

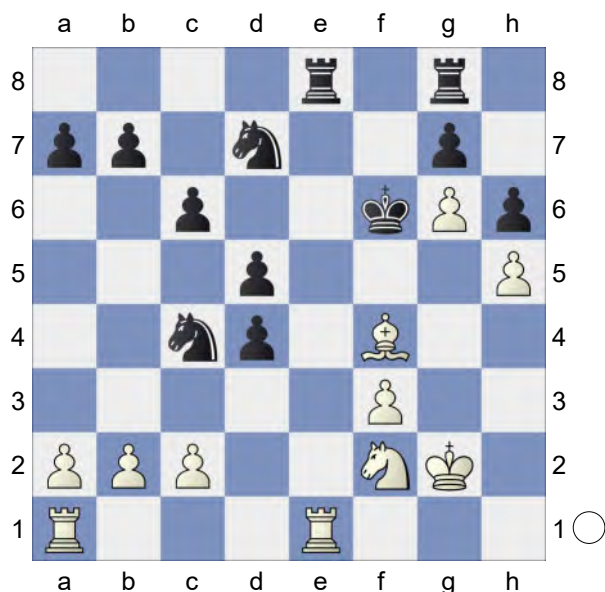
[24.Bf4!± 0.52/24 was forced to keep
a grip. Nf5 25.Nf2 Ne3+ 26.Bxe3
dxe3 27.Rxe3]



24...Re8 -0.85/24

[24...Kf5! -1.30/24 Threatens to win
with ...Rf8-e8. 25.Ng4 Re8]

25.Bf4± Nc4



...Nc4-e3+ would now be deadly. **26.c3**
-1.56/25

[Δ26.Kg3 -0.80/24]

26...Kf5 -1.05/23

[26...Nxb2 27.cxd4 Kf5 28.Kg3=]

[♟26...dxc3 -1.56/25 27.bxc3 Kf5]

27.b3 -4.00/25 This move loses the game for White.

[27.Kg37 -1.05/23 was necessary.]

27...Kxf4 28.bxc4 dxc3

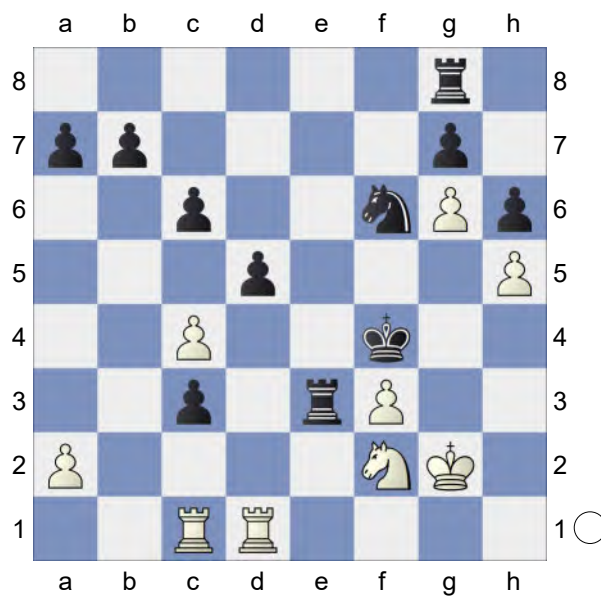
[28...Rxe1? 29.Rxe1 dxc3
(29...dxc4 30.Re4+ Kf5 31.cxd4?)
30.Nd3+ Kg5 (30...Kf5? 31.cxd5
cxd5 32.Re7-+) 31.cxd5 cxd5
(31...Kxh5? 32.dxc6 bxc6 33.Kg3?)
32.Re7-+]

29.Red1 Nf6 30.Rac1 Re3

[30...dxc4 31.Rd4+ Kf5 32.Rxc4-+]

[30...Nxb5 31.cxd5 Kf5 (31...cxd5?
32.Rxd5 Re5 33.Nd3+ Deflection,
Double Attack Kg5 34.Rxe5+-)
32.dxc6 Nf4+ (32...Kxg6 33.c7#)
33.Kh1 bxc6 (33...Ne2 34.Rc2±)
34.Rxc3#]

(Diagram)

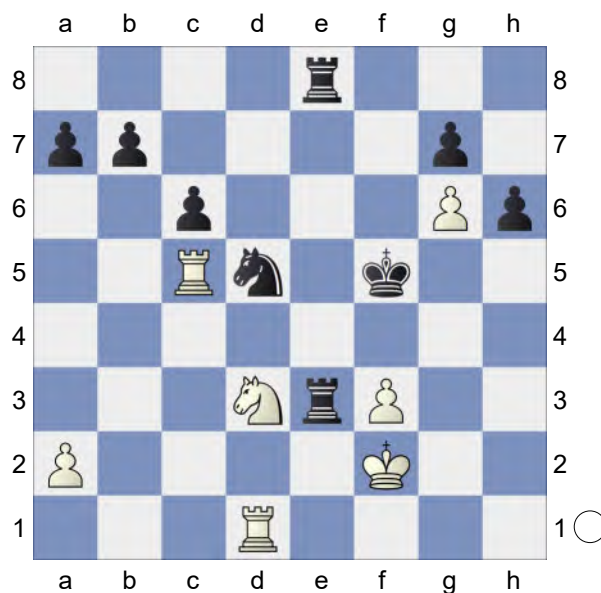


31.Nd3+ Kf5 32.Rxc3 Nxe5 33.cxd5
Nf4+ Zwischenzug, Double Attack. Black
is clearly winning.

[Less strong is 33...Kxg6 34.Kf2
Ree8 (34...Rge8 35.Nf4+ Nx f4
36.Rxe3±) 35.d6 $\bar{7}$]

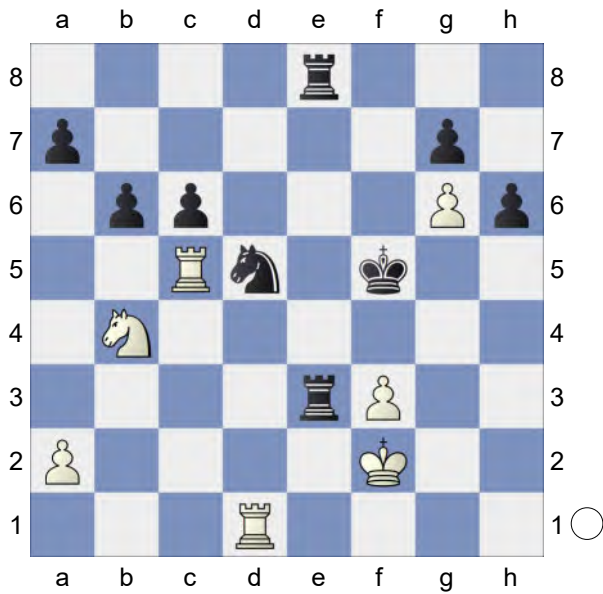
34.Kf2 Nxd5 35.Rc5 Rge8

[Stronger than 35...Kxg6 36.Rxd5±]



36.Nb4 b6

[36...Kxg6 37.Nxd5 Re2+
 (37...cxd5? 38.Rdxd5 Re2+
 39.Kg3-+) 38.Kg3 cxd5 39.Rdxd5-+]



Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/
Black=0.25 (precise)

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□ Baum,Jonasz

■ Sanz Wawer,Daniel

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[Kitty Kat]

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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7[5...Bd7 6.h5 c5 (6...e6 7.f4 c5
8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Kf2 0-0-0
11.Kg3 Kb8 12.a4 cxd4 13.a5 Nxa5
14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Nxc6+
Bxc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qd4 Qxd4
19.cxd4 Ne7 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Bd3
0-1 Grünfeld 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 (2470)-

Theis,B (2613) (m/4-rapid) 101/(249)

2007 (5)) 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.Qxd5 Bxg4

9.Nc3 e6 10.Qg2 Bf5 11.Bb5 Qc7

12.Be3 0-0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nf3

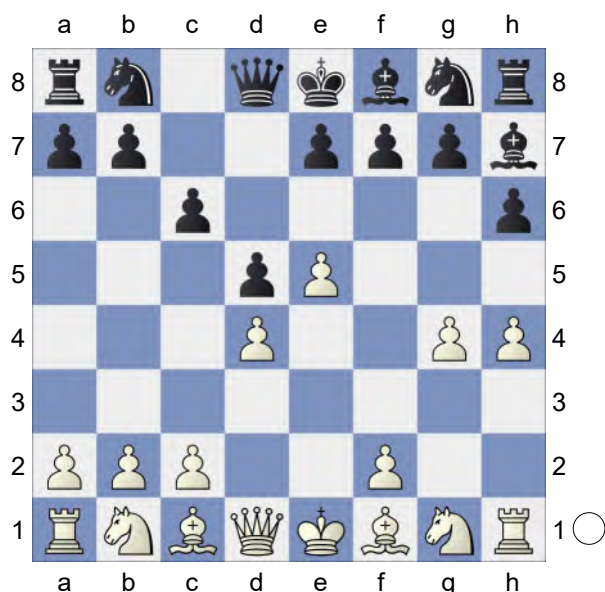
Ne7 15.Nd4 Bh7 16.0-0-0 Nd5

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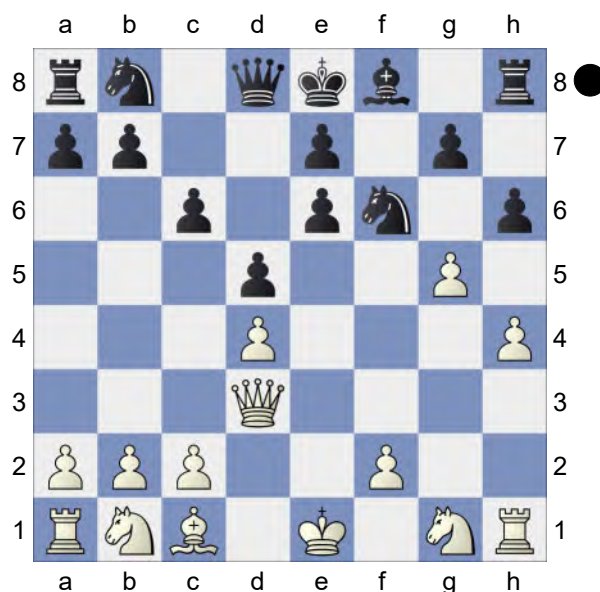


6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Bd3xh7 would now be

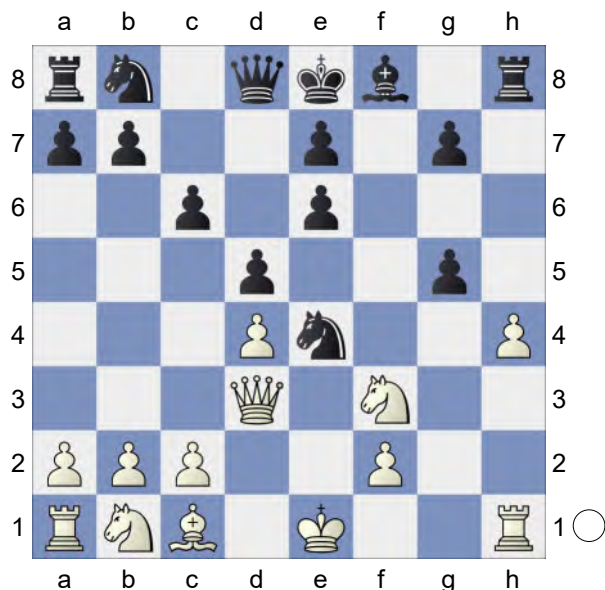
deadly. 7...Nf6N

[7...Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4
10.Nbd2 Qa5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4
dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8
15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3
h5 18.Rfd1 Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+
20.Qxg4 hxg4 21.e6 c5 22.Rd5
1-0 Moen,A (2095)-Blatt,F Izhevsk
Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) b6
23.c4 Kb7 24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1
Rc8 26.Rc3 b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4
bxc4 29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5
31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6
33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+
Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8
1-0 Mastrovasilis,D (2095)-Grischenko,
S Wch U12 St Lorenzo 1995 (1)]

8.g5 Bxd3 9.Qxd3

aiming for Qd3 - g6 + . 9...hxg5
White is slightly better. 10.Nf3 Ne4

(Diagram)



11.Nbd2 -0.09/21

[11.Nxg5 e5±]

[11.Bxg5± 1.03/21 Strongly threatening Nb1-c3. Qb6 12.Nbd2]

11...Nd7 0.95/23

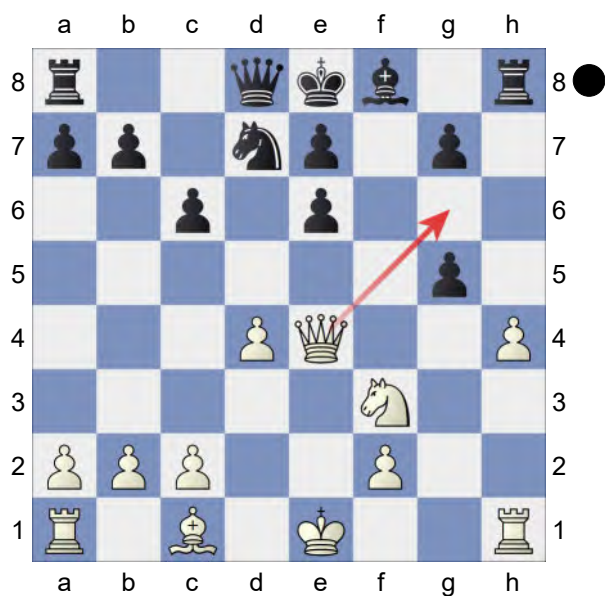
[11...gxh4= -0.09/21 remains equal.

12.Rxh4 (12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qa5+ 14.Bd2 Qf5±) 12...Rxh4 13.Nxh4 c5]

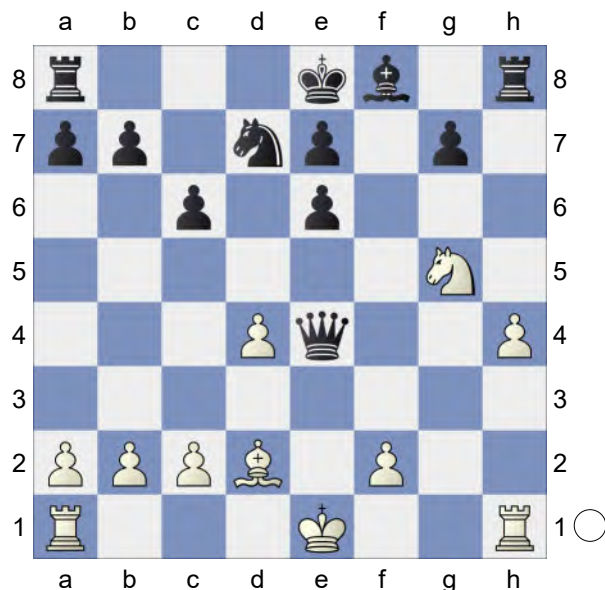
12.Nxe4±

[12.Nxg5? is the wrong capture. Nxg5 13.Qg6+ Nf7-+]

12...dxe4 13.Qxe4



Qa5+ 14.Bd2 Qd5 15.Nxg5
Qe4-g6+ is the strong threat. 15...Qxe4+



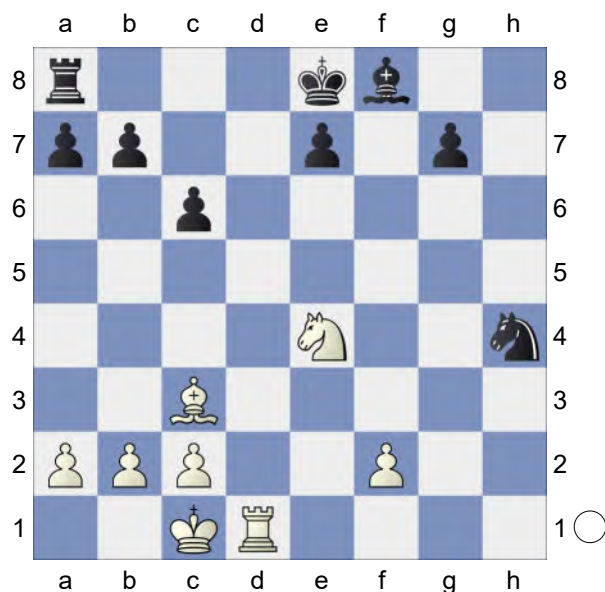
16.Nxe4 e5 17.dxe5 White is more active. 17...Nxe5 18.0-0-0 0.56/22

[White should try 18.Ke2± 0.92/21]

18...Nf3 19.Bc3 0.01/25

[19.Ng5± 0.85/23 Nxd2 20.Rxd2]

19...Rxh4= 20.Rxh4 Nxh4

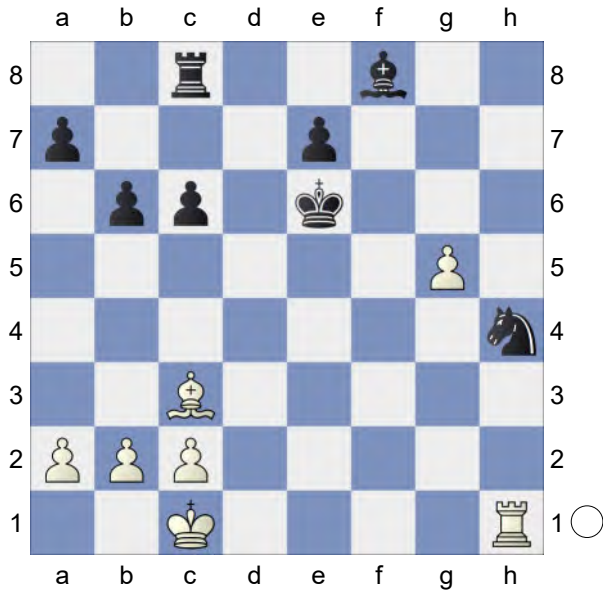


21.Nc5 b6 22.Ne6 Rc8 Prevents Ne6-c7+ 23.Rh1

[23.Bxg7 Bxg7 24.Nxg7+ Kf7-+]

23...g5 24.f4 Kd7 25.fxg5 Kxe6

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.26
 (precise) /Black=0.17 (very precise)
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205□ **Kiraly,Istvan**■ **Balta,Mihai**

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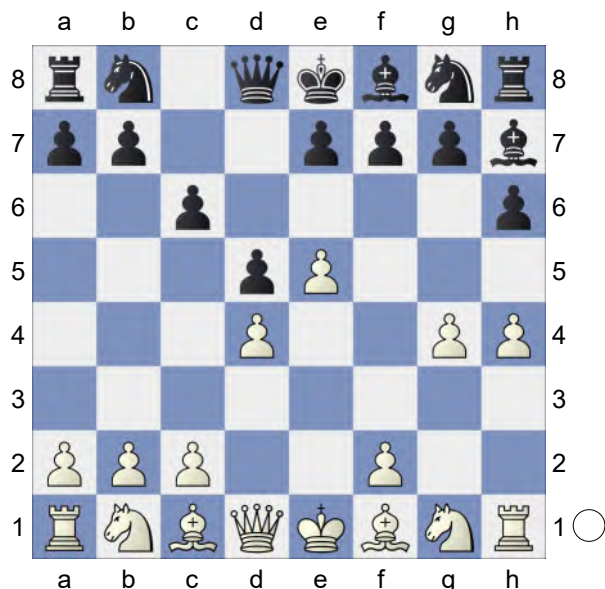
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B12**2289****2293****B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation****1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6 5.g4 Bh7**

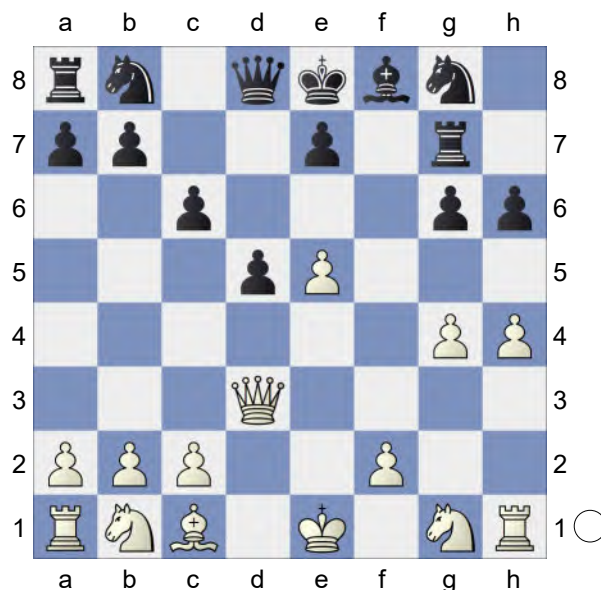
[5...Bd7 6.h5 c5 (6...e6 7.f4 c5 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Kf2 0-0-0 11.Kg3 Kb8 12.a4 cxd4 13.a5 Nxa5 14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Nxc6+ Bxc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qd4 Qxd4 19.cxd4 Ne7 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Bd3 0-1 Grünfeld 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 (2470)-

Theis,B (2613) (m/4-rapid) 101/(249) 2007 (5)) 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.Qxd5 Bxg4 9.Nc3 e6 10.Qg2 Bf5 11.Bb5 Qc7 12.Be3 0-0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nf3 Ne7 15.Nd4 Bh7 16.0-0-0 Nd5 17.Nxd5 Rxd5 18.f4 Rxc5 19.Rd2 Rg8 20.Rhd1 1-0 Vachier Lagrave,M (2710)-Grischuk,A (2752) Sportaccord WMG Blindfold rapid 2011 (1)]

**6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 e5N**

[7...Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1 Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxg4 21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 1-0 Moen,A (2095)-Blatt,F Izhevsk Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) b6 23.c4 Kb7 24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3 b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4 29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5 31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6 33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+ Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8 1-0 Mastrovasilis,D (2095)-Grischenko, S Wch U12 St Lorenzo 1995 (1)]

8.Bxh7 Rxh7 9.dxe5 Hoping for Qd1-d3. **9...g6** White is slightly better. **10.Qd3 Rg7**

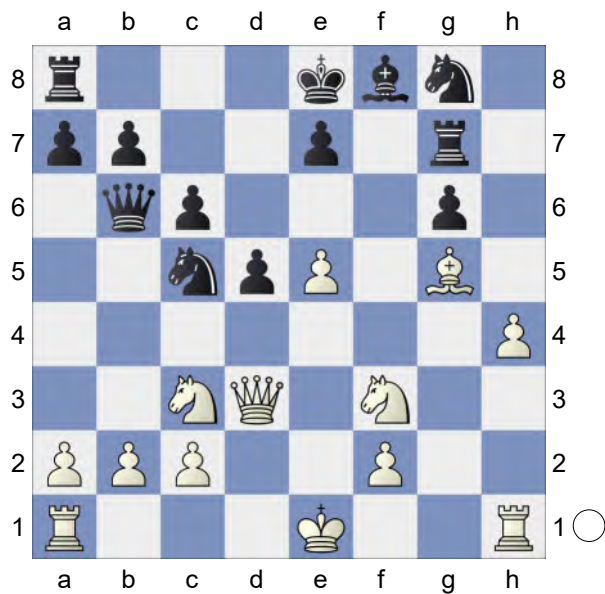


11.g5 White is more active. **11...hxg5 12.Bxg5**

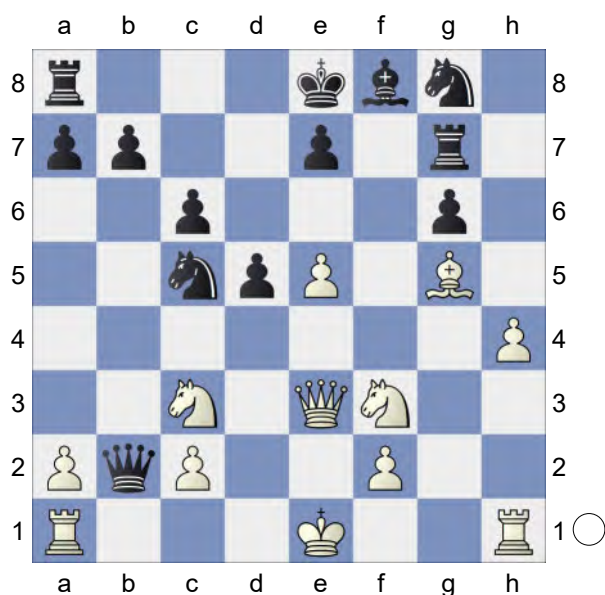
[12.hxg5 Nd7=]

12...Qb6 13.Nc3↑ Black must now prevent 0-0-0. White has good play. **13...Nd7** White stays focused until the end. **14.Nf3 Nc5**

(Diagram)

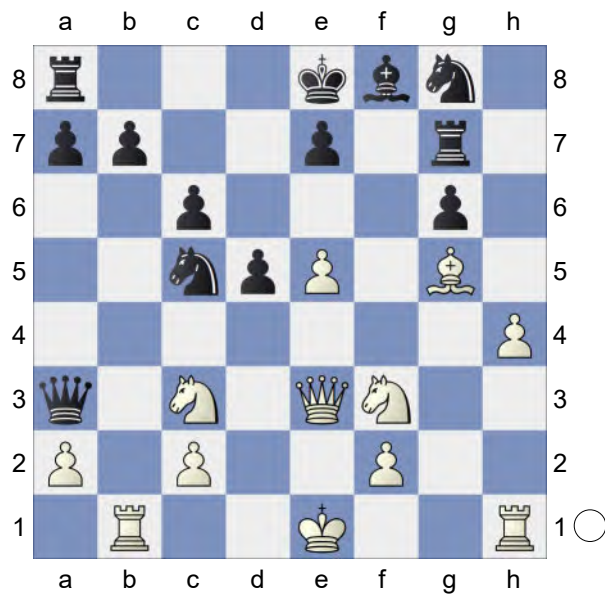


15.Qe3 Qxb2



16.Rb1 Qa3

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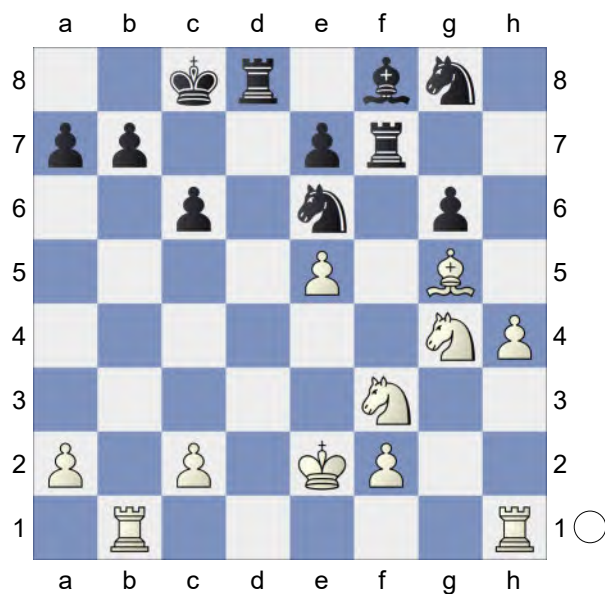


17.Nxd5! Discovered Attack 17...Qxe3+ 18.Nxe3

[18.Bxe3?! cxd5 19.Bxc5 b6=]

[18.Bxe3 **simplifies** cxd5 19.Bxc5 b6 20.Be3]

18...Rf7 19.Ke2 0-0-0 20.Ng4
Wards off Bf8-h6 20...Ne6



21.Be3 Inhibits Ne6-d4+. 21...Rf5
Repels Nf3-g5 22.Ng5

[22.Bxa7?! Nf4+ 23.Ke1 Ne6=]

22...Nc7 23.f4 Bg7 1.87/23

[23...Bh6± **1.24/21** **was called for.**
 24.Rb4 (24.Bxa7 Nd5=) 24...b6]

24.Nf2+-

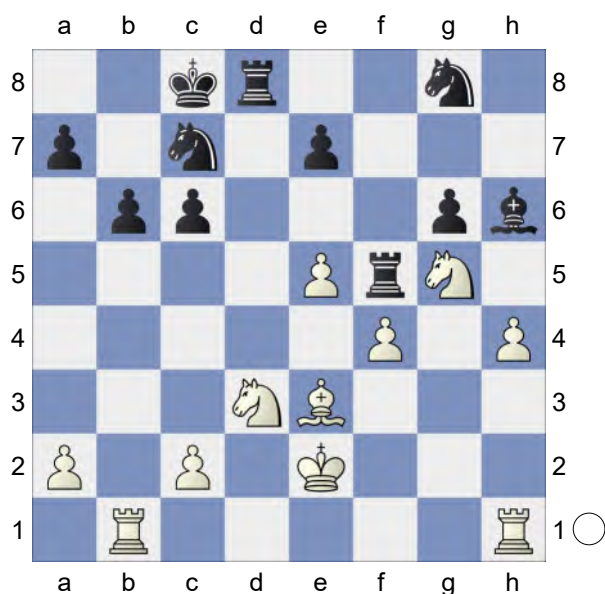
[24.Bxa7 Rxf4 25.Rbg1 Nh6
26.Nxh6 Bxh6+-]

24...Bh6 25.Nd3

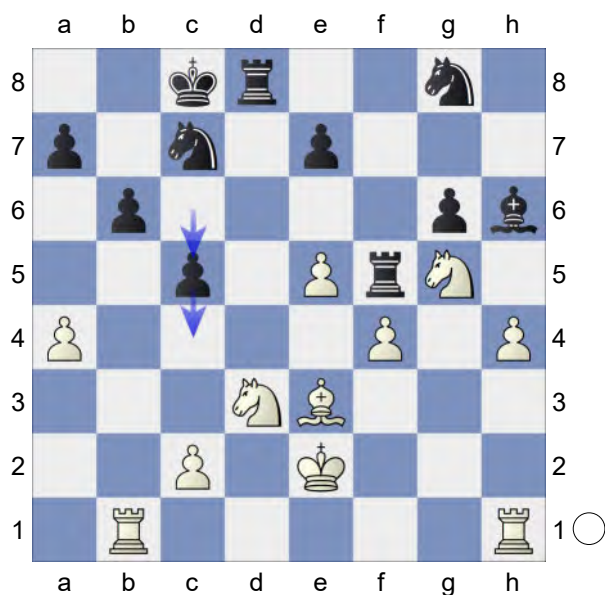
[25.Bxa7 Bxg5 26.hxg5 (26.fxg5
Nb5 $\bar{f}$) 26...Rxf4=]

25...b6 2.29/25

[25...Bxg5 $\pm$ 1.58/22 26.hxg5 Rdf8]

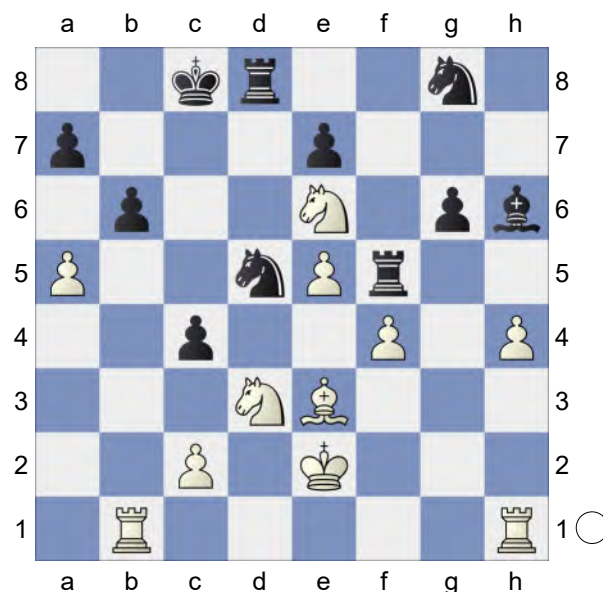


26.a4 c5



27.a5! Nd5 28.Ne6 c4

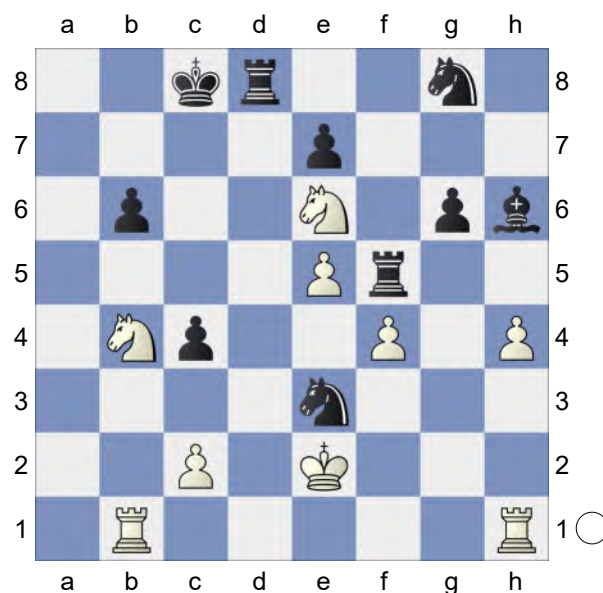
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29.Nb4 Nxe3 30.axb6

[Resist 30.Nxd8?! Kxd8 31.Kxe3
Rxe5+ (31...Bxf4+? 32.Ke4+-)
32.Kd4 Rf5+-]

30...axb6



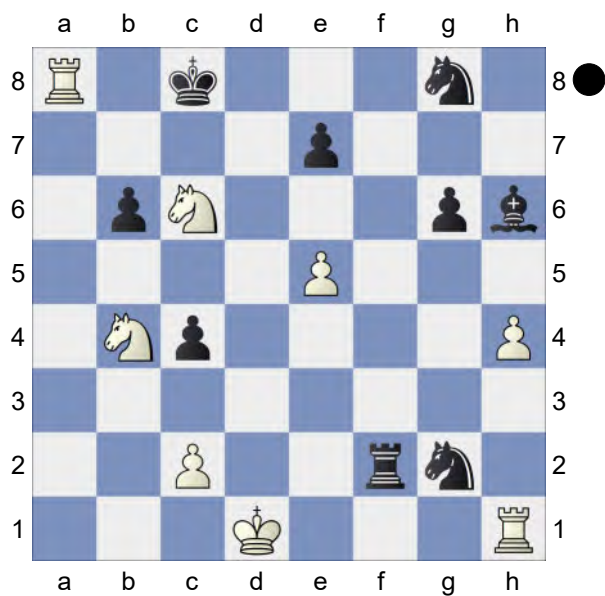
Strongly threatening ...Ne3-d5. 31.Nxd8

[31.Kxe3? loses. Rxe5+ 32.Kf3
Rxe6+-]

31...Ng2 32.Ndc6 Nxf4+ 33.Kd1
aiming for Rb1-a1. **33...Ng2 3.80/24**

[33...Kd7 2.68/22 keeps fighting.
34.Ra1 Ke6 35.Nd4+ Kxe5 36.Nxf5
Kxf5]

34.Ra1 Rf2 35.Ra8+



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Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.18 (very precise)

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■ Uddin, Mubassar

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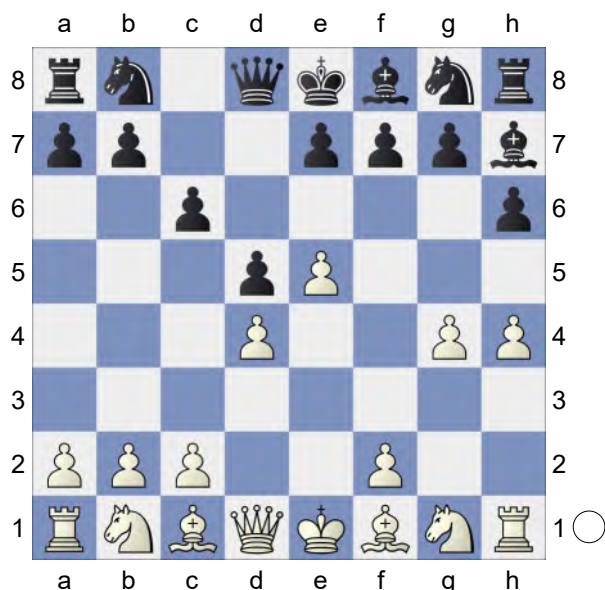
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7



6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Qd6N
1.15/19

[8...c5± 0.52/19]

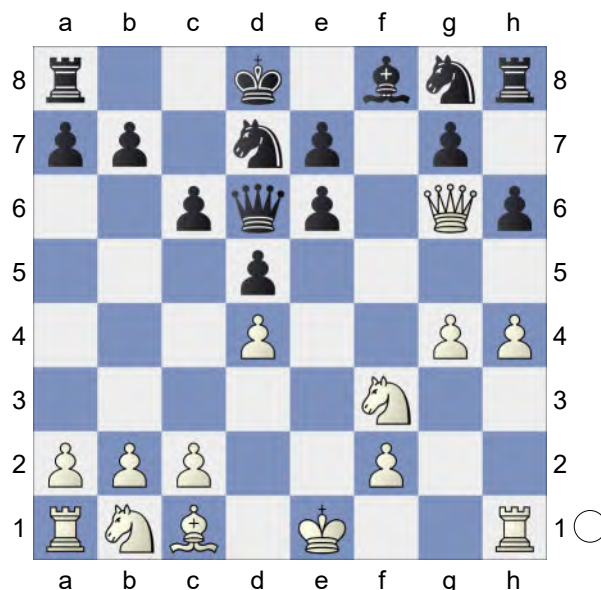
[8...Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5
11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4
Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5
16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1
Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxg4
21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 b6 23.c4
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Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) Kb7
24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3
b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4
29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5
31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6
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Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8
1-0 Mastrovasilis,D (2095)-Grischenko,

S Wch U12 St Lorenzo 1995 (1)]

9.Qg6+ 0.39/21

[White should play 9.f4± 1.15/19]

9...Kd8!± 10.Nf3 Nd7



Prevents Nf3-e5 11.Qf7! Strongly
threatening Nf3-e5! 11...Ngf6 12.g5
Ne4 1.12/18

[12...hxg5= -0.07/19 13.Nxg5 Kc8]

13.gxh6 -0.17/19

[13.Nbd2± 1.12/18]

13...gxh6= 14.c3 -1.39/20

[14.Nc3± -0.37/20]

14...e5 -0.83/20

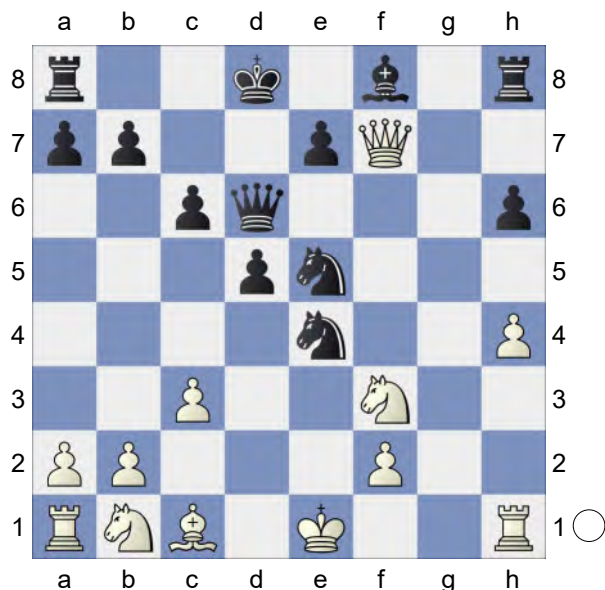
[14...Nef6 -1.39/20 And now ...Rh8-g8 would win. 15.Be3 Rh7]

15.dxe5 -1.26/19

[15.Be3 -0.83/20 Qf6 16.Qxf6 exf6
17.h5]

15...Nxe5±

(Diagram)



16.Nxe5 Qxe5 17.Be3 -2.07/20

[17.Bf4+ -1.43/20 Qg7 (17...Nxc3+?
18.Bxe5 Na4 19.Bxh8+-) 18.Qxg7
Bxg7 19.Nd2]

17...Qf6 -1.09/18

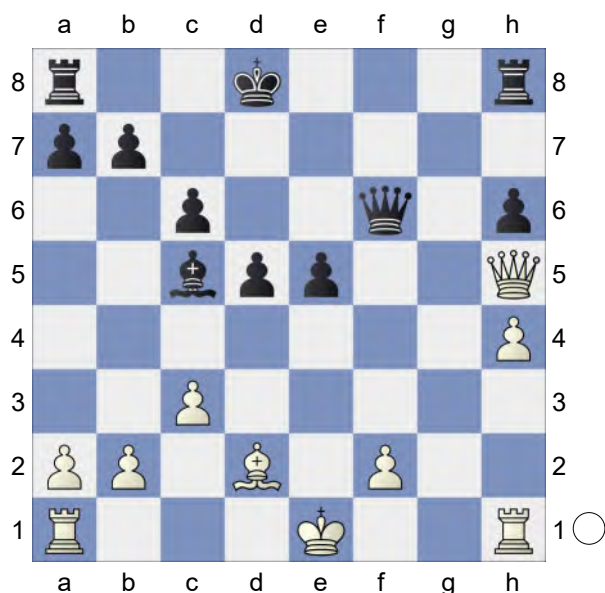
[17...Ng3+- -2.07/20 18.Rh3 Qf5
19.Qxf5 Nxf5]

**18.Qh5 e5 aiming for ...d5-d4. 19.Nd2
-1.52/21**

[Better is 19.Rg1 -0.84/23]

19...Nxd2 20.Bxd2 Bc5 -1.10/22

[20...Kc7+- -1.61/21 21.Be3 d4]



21.0-0-0 -1.55/20

[21.Be3 -1.10/22 Bxe3 22.fxe3]

21...Kc7!

[21...Qxf2 22.Rhf1 (22.Bxh6? Qe3+
23.Kb1 Rxh6+-; 22.Qxe5 Re8±)
22...Qg3 23.Rf3+-]

**22.Rhg1 Rag8 -1.25/22 Wards off
Rg1-g6**

[22...Qxf2? too greedy. 23.Qxe5+
(23.Bxh6? Rxh6 24.Qxe5+ Kb6+-)
23...Kb6 24.b4+-]

[22...Bxf2 23.Rgf1 (23.Rg6 Qe7±)
23...Rh8 (23...Qxh4? 24.Qxe5+
Kb6 25.Rxf2+-) 24.c4]

[22...Raf8+- -1.62/22 23.Rg6 Qf5
(23...Qxf2? 24.Qxe5+ Kb6 25.b4+-)
24.Rg7+ Kb8 25.Qxf5 Rxf5]

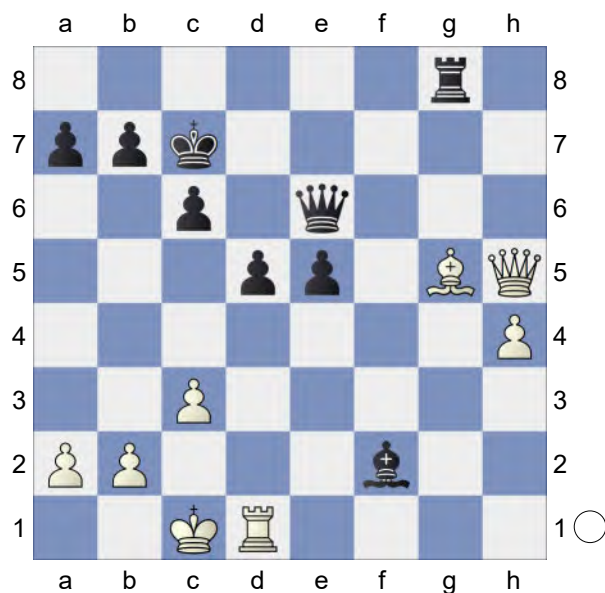
23.Rxg8 Rxg8 24.Bxh6 -2.33/21

[24.Rf1+ -1.42/23]

24...Bxf2 -1.20/22

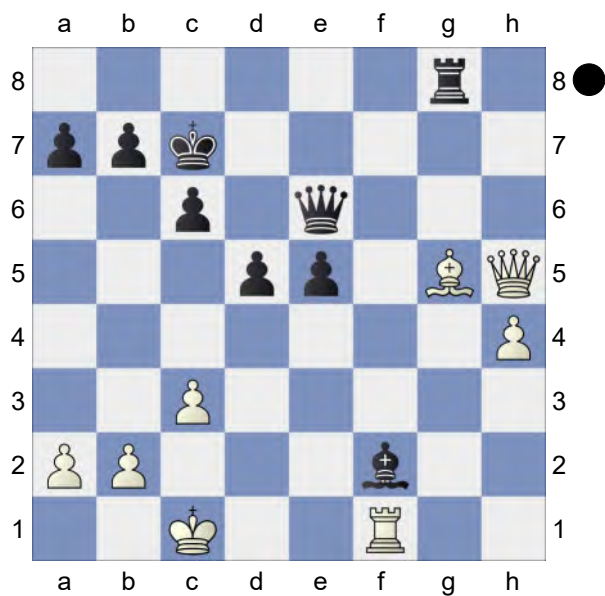
[24...Rh8!+- -2.33/21 25.Bg5 Rxh5
(25...Qxf2? perishes. 26.Qxh8 Be3+
27.Kb1+-) 26.Bxf6 Bxf2]

25.Bg5 Qe6



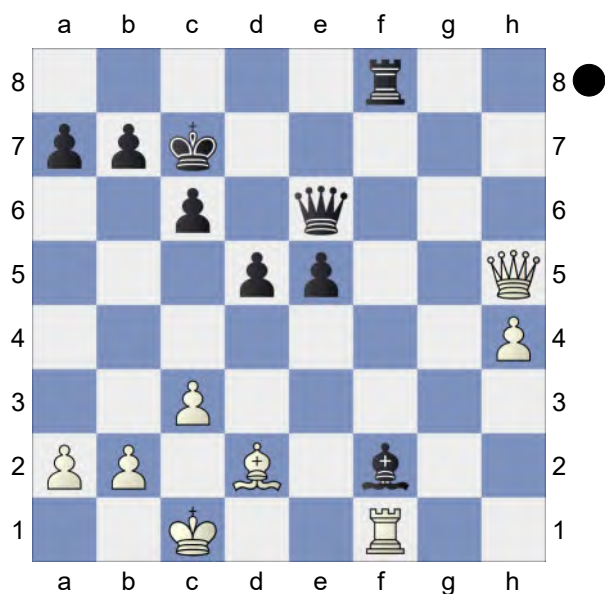
26.Rf1

(Diagram)



Rf8! 27.Bd2 -2.59/22

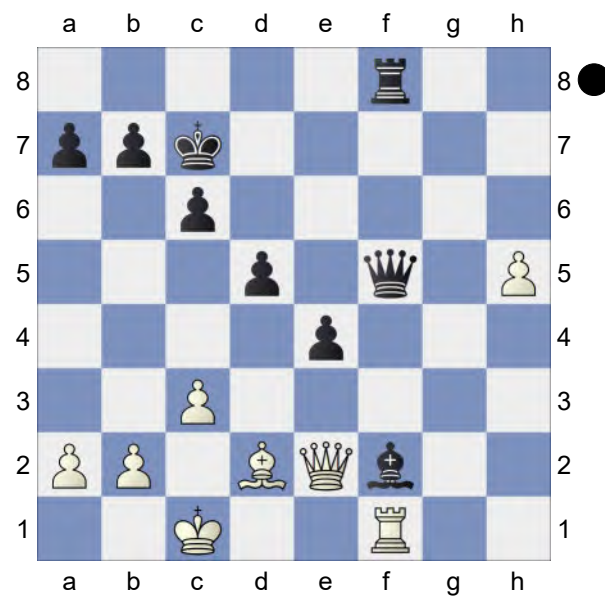
[27.Qh7+ ♣ -1.28/21 Rf7 28.Qh8]



27...e4!+ 28.Qe2 Qf5 -1.34/21

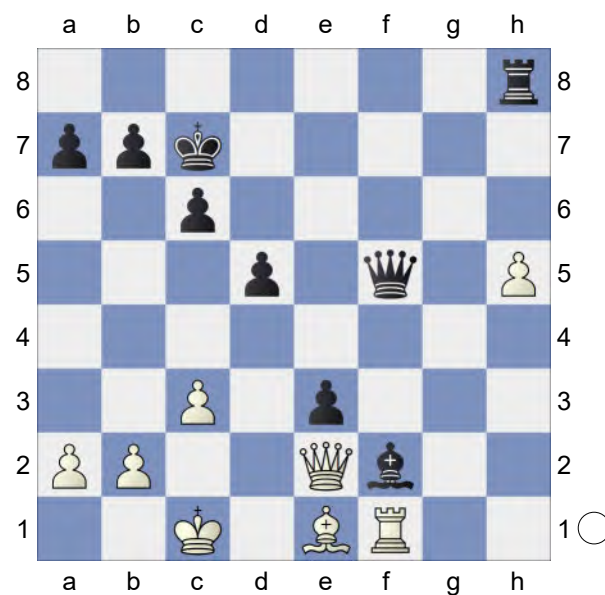
[28...e3+ -2.36/22 29.Be1 Qh6]
29.h5 ♣

(Diagram)



e3! 30.Be1 Rh8? 0.01/21

[Black should try 30...Qg5 ♣ -1.51/20
White must now prevent ...Rf8-f4.
31.Kc2 Qh4]



31.Bxf2= The position is equal. 31...exf2
32.Rxf2 Endgame. KQR-KQR

[32.Qe7+ with more complications.
Kc8 33.Rxf2 Qxf2 34.Qe6+]

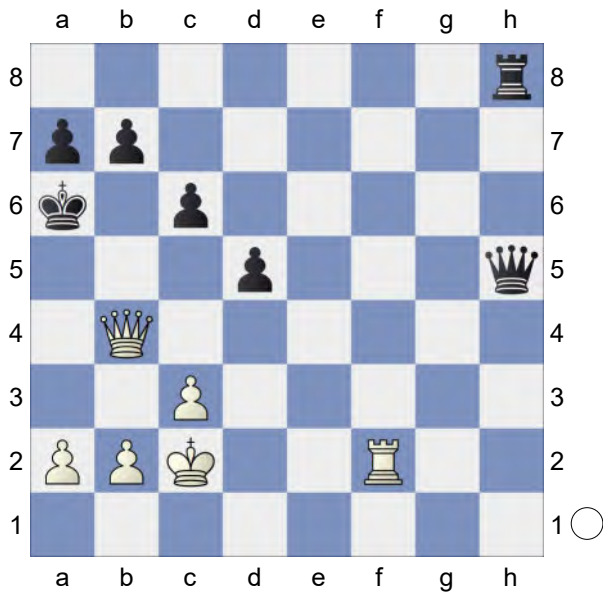
32...Qg5+

[32...Qxh5!? 33.Qe7+ ♢ Kb6=]

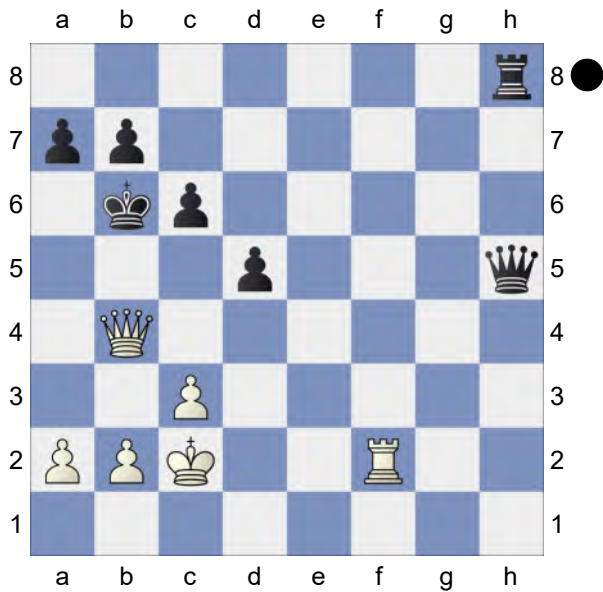
33.Kc2! Qxh5 34.Qe7+ Kb6!'

Black is fighting back 35.Qb4+

[35.Rf7!? Qh2+□ 36.Kb3=]
35...Ka6



36.Qa4+ Kb6 37.Qb4+ Kc7 38.Qe7+ Kb6! 39.Qb4+
 [39.Rf7!? Qh2+□ 40.Kb3=]



White happily takes the draw.
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/
 Black=0.38
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□ Wall, Gavin

■ Loos, Roland

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[Kitty Kat]

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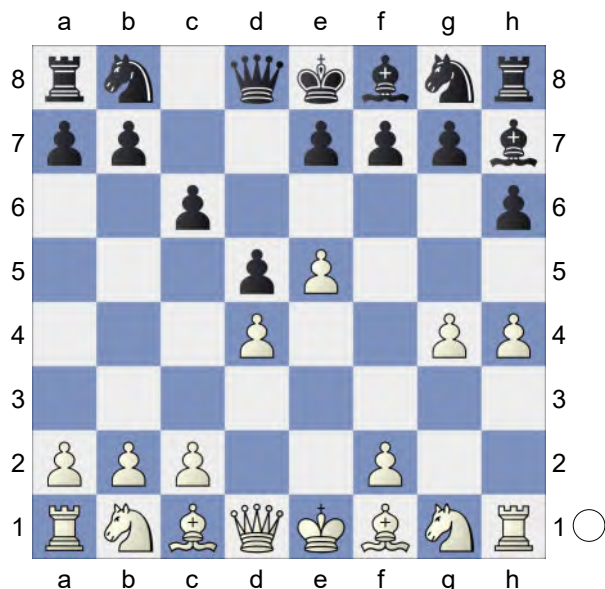
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7

[5...Bd7 6.h5 c5 (6...e6 7.f4 c5
8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Kf2 0-0-0
11.Kg3 Kb8 12.a4 cxd4 13.a5 Nxa5
14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Nxc6+
Bxc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qd4 Qxd4
19.cxd4 Ne7 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Bd3
0-1 Grünfeld 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 (2470)-

Theis,B (2613) (m/4-rapid) 101/(249)
2007 (5)) 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.Qxd5 Bxg4
9.Nc3 e6 10.Qg2 Bf5 11.Bb5 Qc7
12.Be3 0-0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nf3
Ne7 15.Nd4 Bh7 16.0-0-0 Nd5
17.Nxd5 Rxd5 18.f4 Rxc5 19.Rd2
Rg8 20.Rhd1 1-0 Vachier Lagrave,M
(2710)-Grischuk,A (2752) Sportaccord
WMG Blindfold rapid 2011 (1)]



6.e6! Qd6 0.87/21

[6...c5± 0.40/19]

[6...fxe6 7.Bd3]

7.exf7+± Kxf7 8.Nf3N

[8.Nc3 e5 9.Qf3+ Nf6 10.g5 hxg5
11.hxg5 Be4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qb3+
Nd5 14.Rxh8 exd4 15.Ne2 Nd7
16.Nxd4 Qe5 17.Qxb7 Bb4+ 18.c3
Rxh8 19.Qxd7+ Kg6 20.Nxc6 Bxc3+
21.Kd1 Qf5 22.Qxf5+ 1-0 Moeller,J
(2550)-Goldsmith,J (2580) (ol) 86/177
Bled 2002 (8)]

8...Nd7 White is slightly better. 9.c4
0.07/20

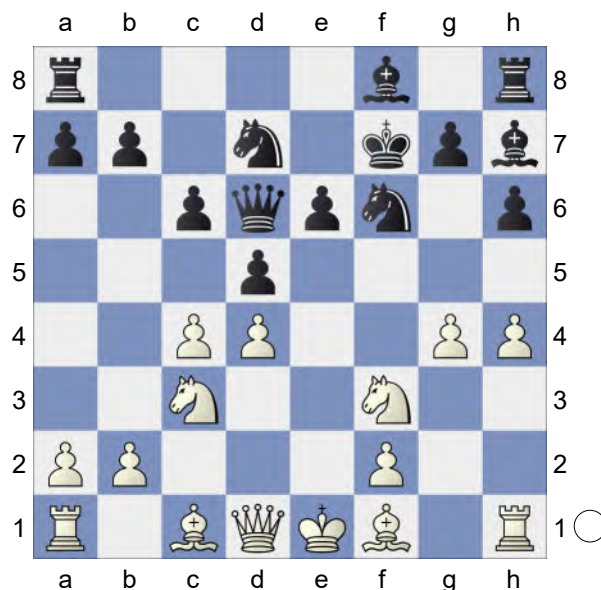
[9.Bh3± 0.85/19]

9...e6 0.48/19

[9...e5= 0.07/20 is superior.]

10.Nc3± Ngf6 0.82/20

[10...Re8± 0.42/19]



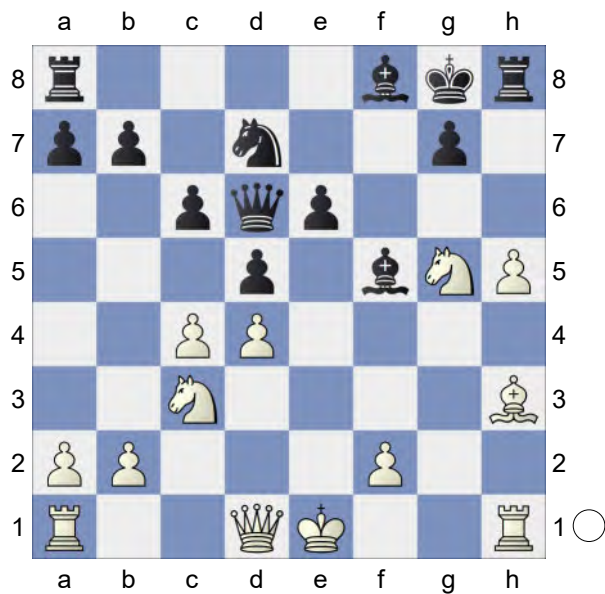
11.g5 Ne4 12.h5 Nxg5 13.Bxg5 hxg5
14.Nxg5+ A dynamic duo of knights.

14...Kg8! 15.Bh3 0.33/23

[15.cxd5± 0.72/22 aiming for Bf1-h3.
exd5 16.Bh3 Re8+ 17.Kf1]

15...Bf5

(Diagram)

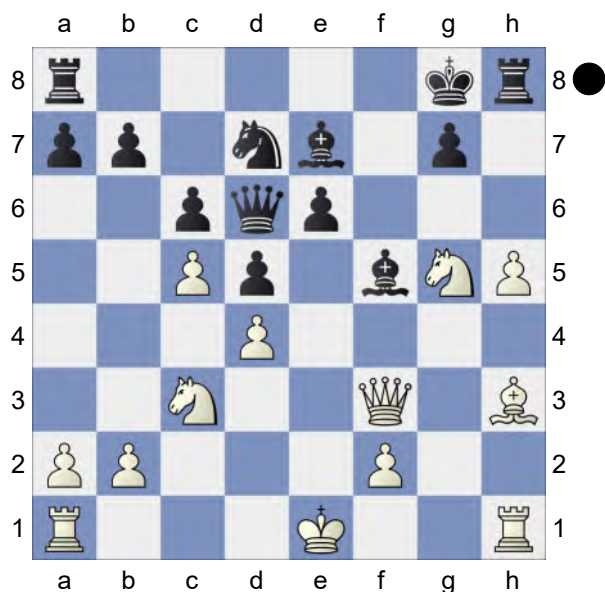


16.Qf3 -0.01/20

[16.Bxf5± 0.45/22 should be considered. exf5 17.cxd5]

16...Be7= 17.c5? -1.62/24

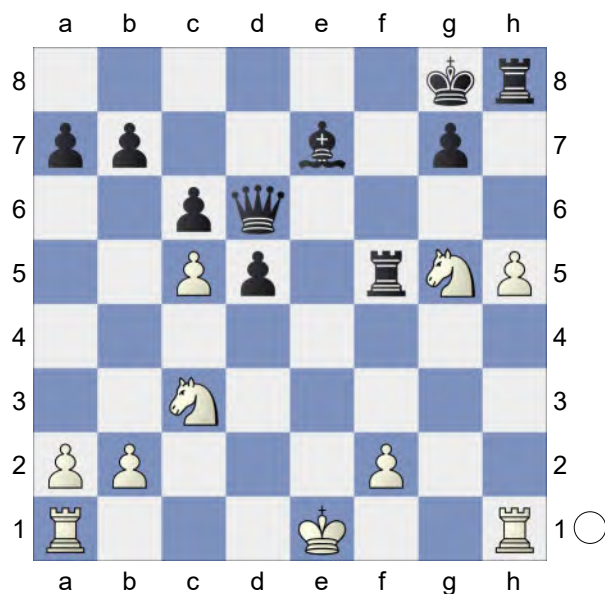
[17.Bxf5= 0.01/21 and White is okay. Bxg5 18.Bg6]



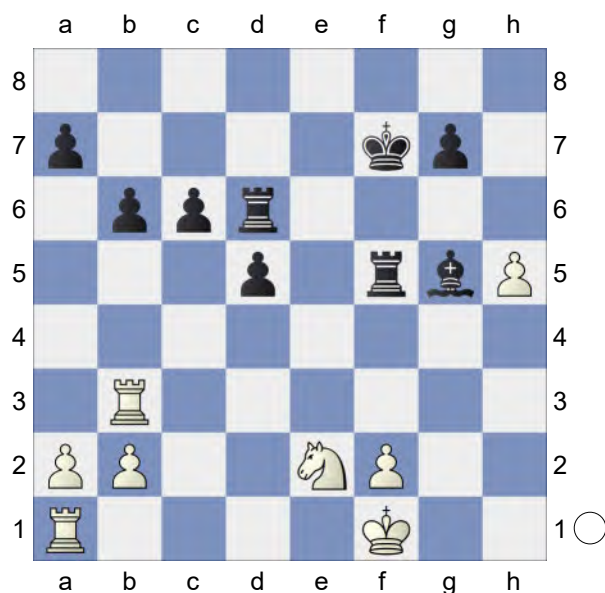
White is now going downhill.
17...Nxc5!-+ 18.Bxf5 exf5 19.Qxf5 -2.54/23

[19.dxc5± -1.14/21 was worth a try. Qe5+ 20.Qe2 Qxe2+ 21.Nxe2 Bxg5 22.Rd1]

19...Rf8 20.dxc5 Rxf5

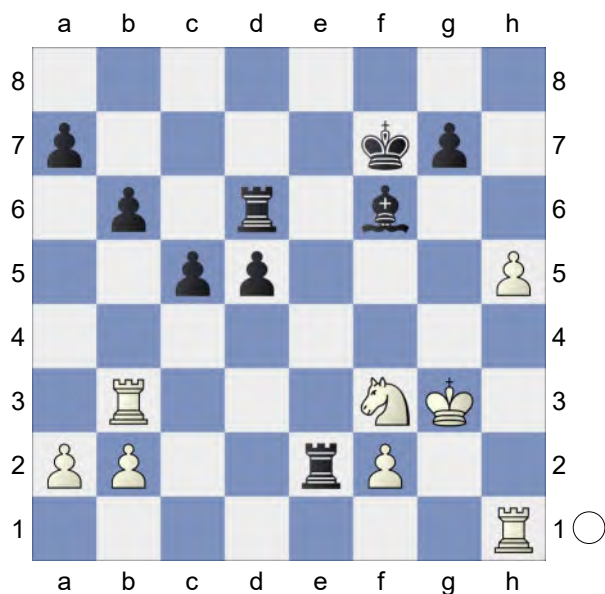


21.cxd6 Bxg5 22.Kf1 Kf7 ...Bg5-f4 is the strong threat. 23.Ne2 Rd8 24.Rh3 Rxd6 ...Rd6-f6 would now be deadly. 25.Rb3 b6



26.Nd4 Rf4 27.Nf3 Bf6 28.Kg2 c5 29.Kg3 Re4 30.Rh1 Re2

(Diagram)



31.h6 gxh6

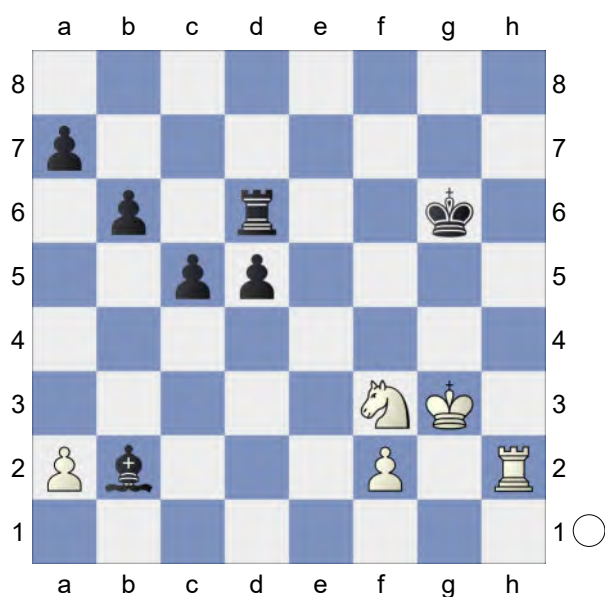
[31...Rxb2? 32.h7 Rxb3 33.h8Q+-
(33.h8B? Ra3+-)]

[31...Bxb2 32.h7 Rg6+ 33.Kh3
Rh6+ (33...Rxf2? 34.h8Q+-)
34.Kg2=]

32.Rxh6 Kg7 Prevents Rh6-h7+.

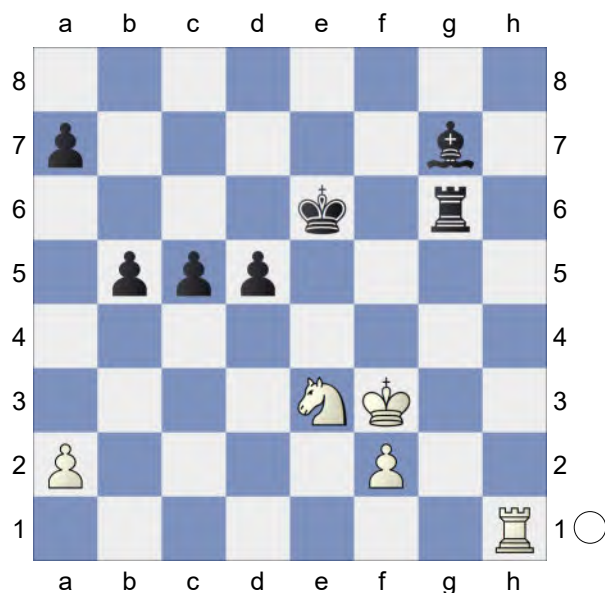
[Stronger than 32...Rxb2 33.Rxb2
Kg7 34.Rxf6 Kxf6 35.Re2=]

**33.Rh5 Kg6 34.Rh2 Rxb2 35.Rxb2
Bxb2**

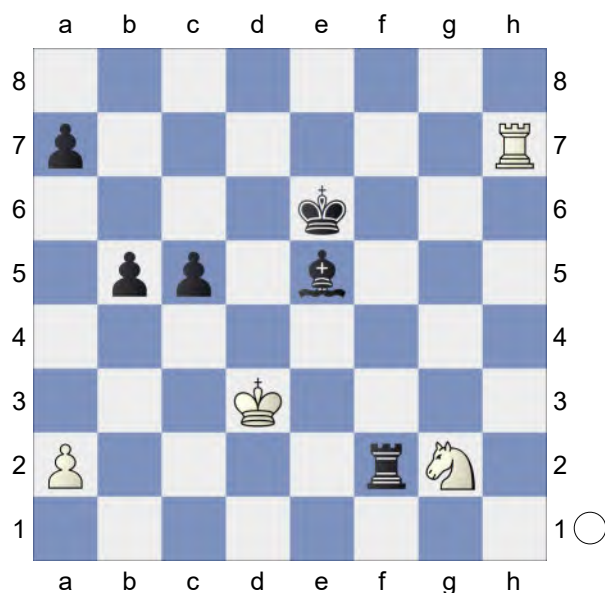


**Endgame. KRB-KRN 36.Nh4+ Kf7
37.Nf5 -5.09/24**

[Δ37.f4 -3.54/21 Bf6 38.Nf5]
37...Rg6+ Black is clearly winning.
38.Kf3 Ke6 39.Ne3 b5 40.Rh1 Bg7

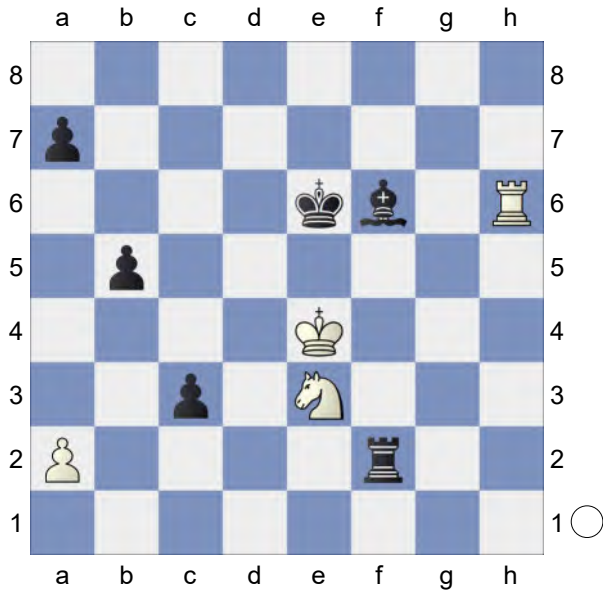


**41.Rh5 Be5 42.Rh7 d4 43.Ng2 Rf6+
44.Ke2 d3+ Deflection 45.Kxd3 Rxf2**



**46.Rh6+ Bf6 47.Ne3 c4+
[Not 47...Rxa2 48.Ng4=]
48.Ke4 c3
[Weaker is 48...Rxa2 49.Ng4=]**

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/
Black=0.18 (very precise)

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□ Liascovich, Lucas Agustin

■ Quiroga, Facundo

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[Kitty Kat]

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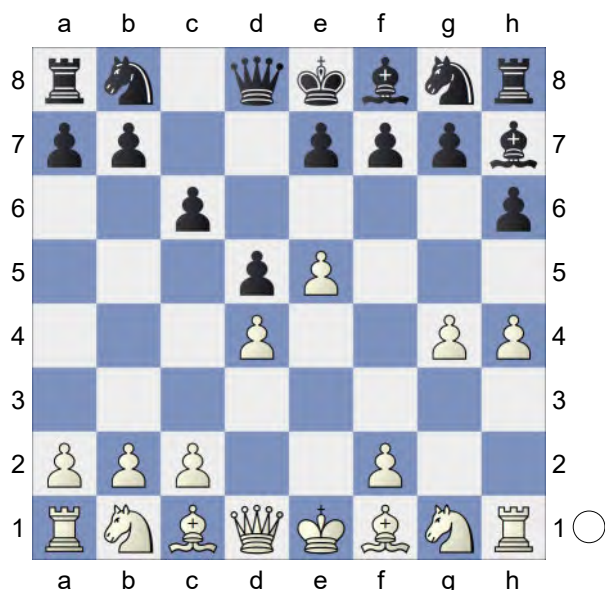
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7

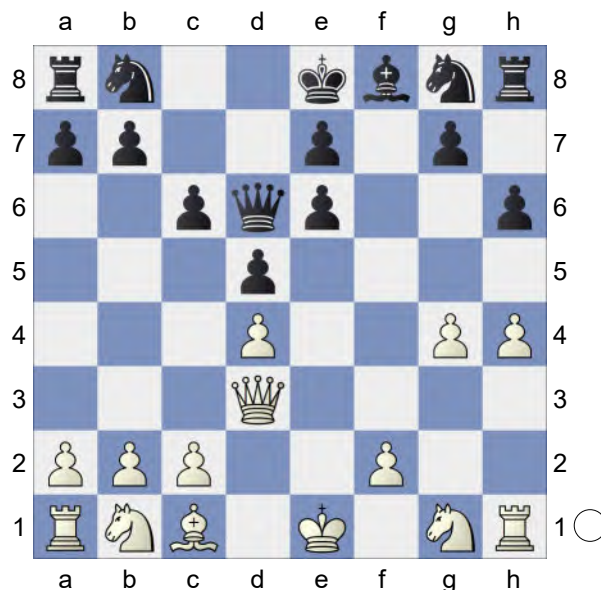


6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Qd6N
1.57/22

[8...c5!± 0.67/20]

[8...Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5
11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4
Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5
16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1
Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxg4
21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 b6 23.c4
1-0 Moen, A (2095)-Blatt, F Izhevsk
Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) Kb7
24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3
b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4
29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5
31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6
33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+
Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8
1-0 Mastrovasilis, D (2095)-Grischenko,

S Wch U12 St Lorenzo 1995 (1)]



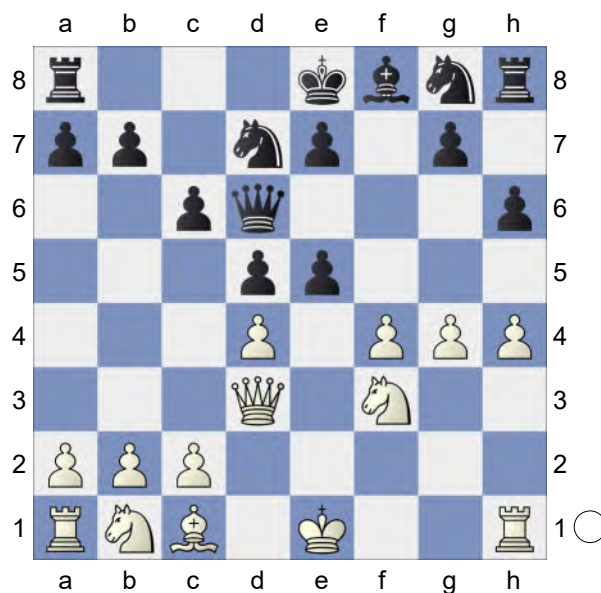
9.f4!± Nd7 1.58/20

[♞9...e5 1.22/20]

10.Nf3 e5 2.60/22

[10...0-0-0± 1.49/19 was called for.

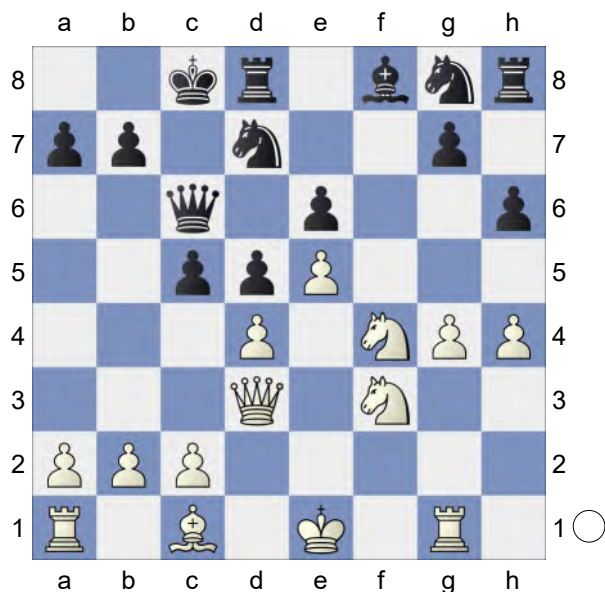
11.Ne5 Qb4+ 12.Nd2 Nxe5 13.fxe5
Qa4]



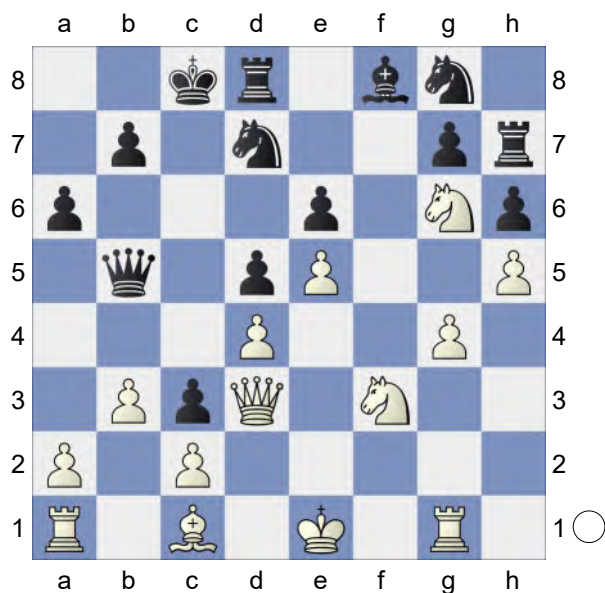
11.fxe5+- Qe6 12.Rg1
And now Nb1-c3 would win. 12...0-0-0
2.46/21

[12...c5 1.92/21 keeps fighting.

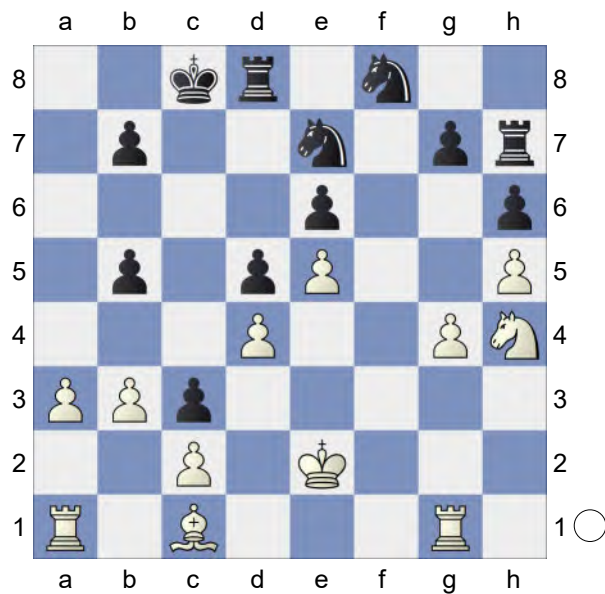
13.Nc3 cxd4]
13.Nc3 c5 3.39/20
 [Δ 13...Qf7 2.20/21 14.Qf5 Qxf5
 15.gxf5 Re8]
14.Ne2 Qc6 15.Nf4 e6



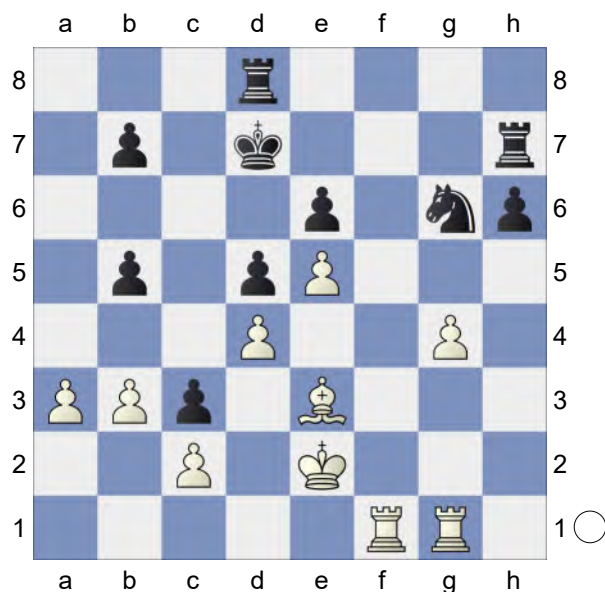
16.Ng6 Wards off Ng8-e7 **16...c4**
17.Qe2 Rh7 18.h5 c3 2.50/21
 [Δ 18...Be7 1.63/19 19.g5 Nf8]
19.b3 a6 20.Qd3 Qb5



21.Qxb5
 [21.Qxc3+ Kb8 22.Qd2 Rc8]
21...axb5 22.a3 Be7 23.Ke2 Nf8
24.Nfh4 Bxh4 25.Nxh4 Ne7

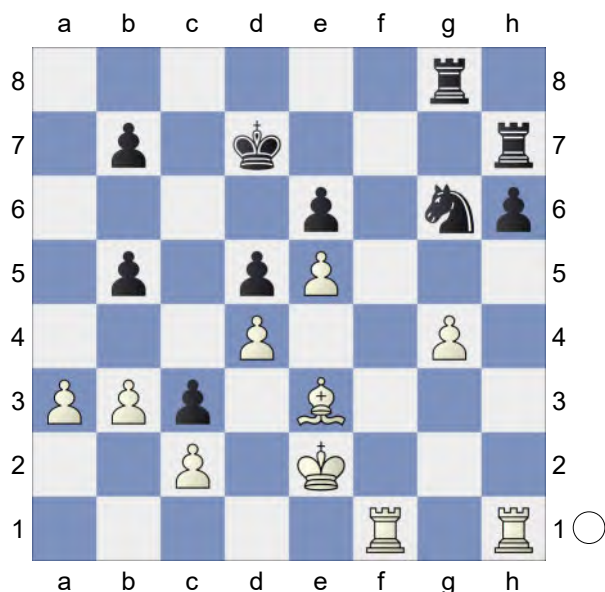


26.Be3 g5 27.hxg6 Nfxg6 28.Nxg6
Nxg6 29.Raf1 Rf1-f6 is the strong
 threat. **29...Kd7 2.48/25**
 [29...Ne7± 1.41/23 was necessary.
 30.Rf6 Kd7 31.Rxh6 (31.Bxh6
 Ra8+-) 31...Rg7]



30.Rh1! Rg8

(Diagram)



31.Rf6? 0.57/24

[31.Bxh6?! Ne7+-]

[31.Rxh6+- 2.64/23 Rhg7 32.Kd3]

31...Ne7± 32.Kf3 White is more active.

[32.Bxh6? Rxg4 33.Rhf1 Nf5
(33...Rxd4 34.Be3±) 34.R1xf5
exf5+-]

32...Rhg7 33.Rhxh6

[Don't play 33.Rfxh6 Rxg4 34.Rh7
R8g7]

33...Rxg4 34.Bf2↑ Black is under pressure.

[Reject 34.Rxe6 Rg3+ (34...Nf5
35.Bf2±) 35.Ke2 Nf5±]

34...R4g6 0.86/30

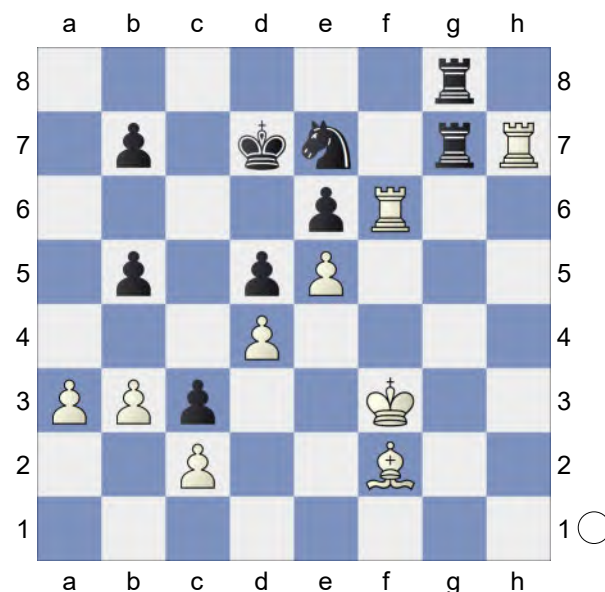
[34...Rg2!= 0.15/25 remains equal.]

35.Rh7 0.01/30

[35.Rfxg6± 0.86/30 Nxg6 36.Rh7+
Kc6 37.Rf7]

35...R6g7=

(Diagram)



36.Rf7 Rxh7 0.51/23

[36...Rxf7+!= 0.01/26 37.Rxf7 Rh8]

37.Rxh7 Endgame. Bf2-h4 would now be deadly. KRB-KRN **37...Ke8! 38.Bh4** -0.01/25

[38.Ke3± 0.71/27]

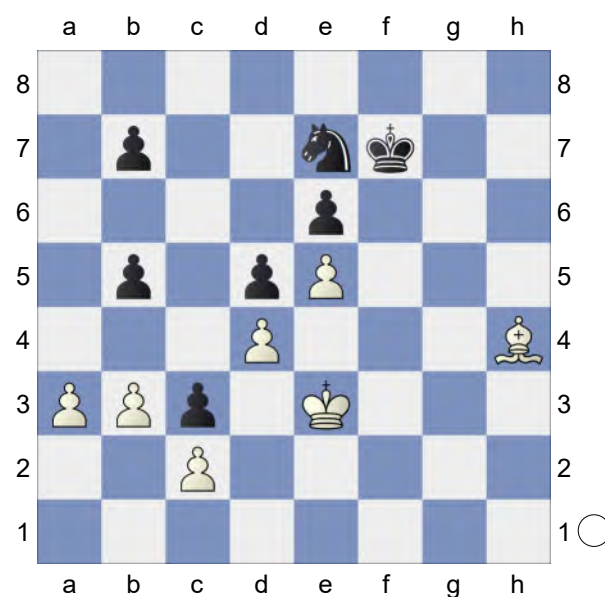
38...Rf8+ 0.90/26

[38...Nf5= -0.01/25]

39.Ke3± Rf7 12.74/26

[39...Nf5+± 0.57/25 40.Kd3 Rg8]

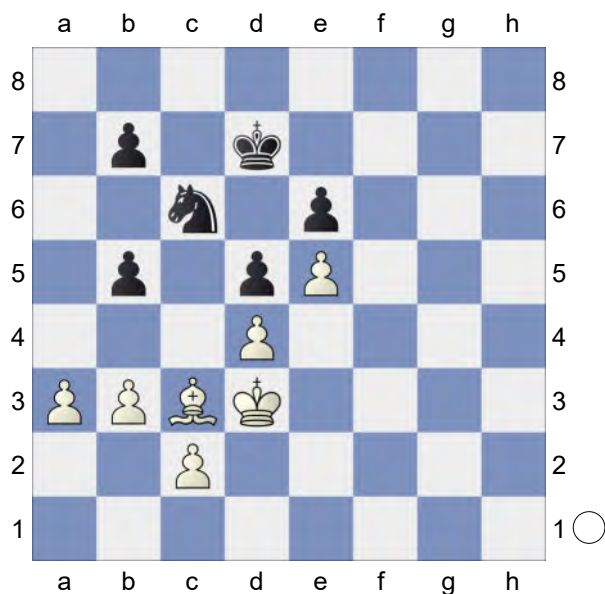
40.Rxf7+- Remove Defender 40...Kxf7



41.Be1? 0.68/34

[41.Bxe7+- 13.51/31 Kxe7 42.Kd3]

41...Ke8± White is slightly better.
 42.Bxc3 Nc6 43.Kd3 Kd7



Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/
 Black=0.35

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□ Takacs,Laszlo

■ Murzin,Volodar

European Club Cup

[Daniel Fernandez]

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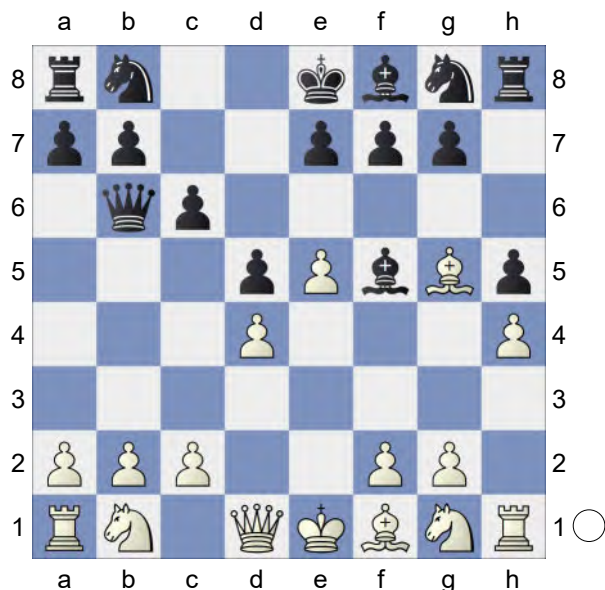
1.e4 c6 2.d4

[Meanwhile, a bizarre sub-trend was that not one but two 2600+ Grandmasters opted to offer a queen trade on move three. One of the games was a positional master-class well worth playing over in its entirety, but due to the complete lack of theoretical interest I can't give it as the main game! 2.Nf3 d5 3.d3!? dxe4 4.dxe4 Qxd1+ 5.Kxd1 Bg4 (5...Nd7 6.Bf4 f6 7.Nfd2 e5 8.Be3 Bc5 9.Ke2 Bxe3 10.Kxe3 Nh6 11.a4 a5 12.Nc4 Ke7= seemed like much more effective neutralisation in Indjic,A-Dreev,A, Ulcinj 2019.) 6.Be2 Nd7 7.Ne1 Bxe2+ 8.Kxe2 e5 9.f3 f6 10.Nd3 White has prevented the exchange of his 'good' bishop for now, and will demand some concessions (half-open g-file) before finally executing the trade. Nc5 11.Be3 Nxd3 12.cxd3 Bd6 13.Nd2 Ne7 14.Nc4 Kd7 15.Rhc1 Rhb8 16.a4 Ng6 17.a5 Bc7 18.g3 Nf8 19.f4 exf4 20.gxf4 g6 21.Rg1 Re8 22.Kf3 a6 23.Ra3 Rad8 24.Bd4 Ke7 25.Bc5+ Kf7 26.Bxf8 Kxf8 27.Rb3 Re7 28.Rd1 Bb8 29.d4 Ba7 30.d5 f5 31.exf5 Rxd5 32.Rxd5 cxd5 33.f6 Re6 34.Ne5 Bd4 35.Rxb7 Bxe5 36.fxe5 Rxe5 37.b4 d4 38.Kf4 Re1 39.Rxh7 d3 40.Rd7 Rb1 41.Rxd3 Rxb4+ 42.Kg5 Rb2 43.Rd8+ Kf7 44.Rd7+ Kf8 45.Kxg6 Rg2+ 46.Kf5 Rxh2 47.Ra7 Rf2+ 48.Ke6 Re2+

49.Kd5 Rf2 50.Rxa6 Kf7 51.Ke4 Ra2 52.Kd5 Ra1 53.Kc4 Rc1+ 54.Kd3 Ra1 55.Kc3 Kg6 56.Kb4 Rb1+ 57.Kc5 Ra1 58.Kb5 Rb1+ 59.Kc6 Ra1 60.Kb7 Kf7 61.Ra8 Kxf6 62.a6 Rb1+ 63.Ka7 Ke7 64.Rb8 Rc1 65.Rb4 Kd7 66.Kb7 Rc7+ 67.Kb6 Rc6+ 68.Kb5 Kc7 69.a7 Rb6+ 70.Ka5 Rxb4 71.a8Q Rb8 72.Qa7+ Rb7 73.Qa6 Rb8 74.Qc4+ Kd7 75.Qd5+ Kc7 76.Qe5+ Kb7 77.Qd6 Black resigned in Alekseenko,K-Pelletier,Y Ulcinj 2019.] [I have played the similar line 2.f4 d5 3.d3 with decent results, but the difference from the 2.Nf3 version is that Black has the axiomatic answer dxe4 4.dxe4 Qxd1+ 5.Kxd1 e5!=]

2...d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bg5! I note in passing that the bishop controls the d8-square which Black's rook needs in order for ...c5 to have a reasonable chance of working tactically in the early middlegame. **5...Qb6**

[It is less tempting to play the check on a5 now. White hasn't fully committed to playing Bd3 ideas, and might even play Bh3 in some lines. Still, this could be a valid low-memory-work answer. 5...Qa5+ 6.Nd2 e6 7.c3 Qb6 8.b4 f6 9.Be3 Nd7 10.Be2 0-0-0 11.a4 Nh6 12.b5 cxb5 13.axb5 fxe5 14.dxe5 Bc5 15.Bxc5 Nxc5 16.Ndf3 Ng4 17.Nd4 Kb8 18.Ngf3 Ne4 19.0-0 Nxc3 20.Qd2 Nxe2+ 21.Nxe2 Be4 22.Nfd4 Nxe5 23.Ra4 Bd3 24.Qe3 Qd6 25.Rc1 Bc4 26.Nf4 Ng4 27.Nc6+ bxc6 28.Qxa7+ Kc8 29.b6 Qb8 30.Qf7 Rhe8 31.Ra8 1-0 (31) Morozevich,A (2656)-Maltsevskaya,A (2243) Khanty-Mansiysk 2018]



6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.Qxd3 Qxb2?

This move has been known to be bad for a long time, but matters are not as completely trivial as they might at first seem, especially if White can't castle and go for an attack (and therefore has to win in an ending instead.)

[If Black plays 7...e6 8.Nd2 then Black has been effectively move-ordered into playing ...Qa6, although of course White can no longer fianchetto the queen's bishop. This line was analysed in great detail by Justin earlier this year, using my game Jones-Fernandez, 4NCL 2019. My conclusions are roughly the same as his: Black needs to play ...c5 here, otherwise White gets an advantage by hiding his knight away on f1! c5 9.c4 Qxb2 (9...Nc6 10.Ngf3 was a sad case of me forgetting my own theory in Zhao, Z- Fernandez, D Gold Coast 2019. Black now can't really take on b2 and must settle for the somewhat depressing cxd4 11.0-0 Nge7 12.Rfd1±) 10.Rb1 Qxd4 11.Qe2∞ See his analysis for more details.]

8.e6! Qxa1

[8...f6 The important feature of this move is not that it attacks the bishop, but rather that it controls the e5-square. This is probably the critical way for Black to play. 9.Nf3! In many lines Black will get more than adequate material for a queen, but nevertheless lose because of his terrible development. This move is worth knowing about. (9.Bd2? Qxa1 10.Qb3 Qxd4 11.Qxb7 Qe5+ 12.Ne2 Qxe6 13.Qxa8 Qc8 14.Bf4? e5! is the point, and Black is already winning.) 9...fxg5 10.0-0 g4 (10...Qxa1 11.Qb3 b5 12.Nc3 Qxf1+ 13.Kxf1+-) 11.Nbd2 gxf3 12.Rfb1 Qxa1 13.Rxa1± Black's position is either extremely questionable or totally lost.]

[8...fxe6 9.Ne2± is similar to the next note: Ne2, castle, if Black takes on a1 then play Qb3, and then simply Nd2 should guarantee a better position.]

9.Qb3 Qxd4

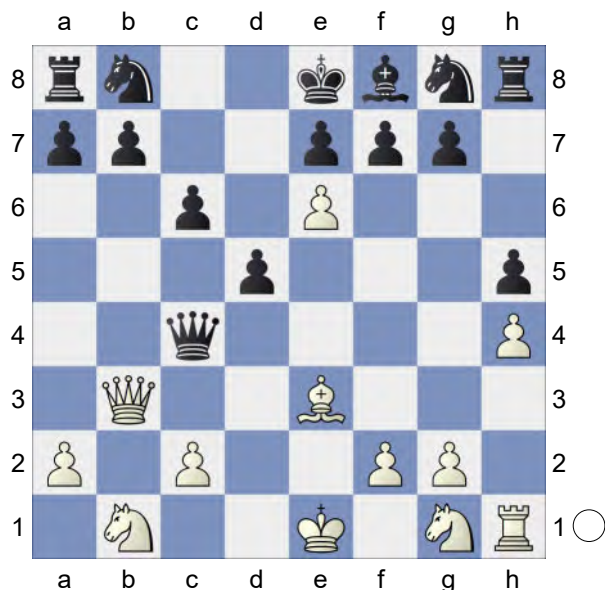
[9...Nf6 10.Ne2 Na6 11.0-0 fxe6 12.Nd2 Qxf1+ 13.Kxf1 0-0-0 14.Nf4 Nc7±]

10.Be3 This order slightly restricts Black's choice of where to go with the queen, but it shouldn't make a real difference.

[10.Qxb7 fxe6 11.Be3 Qa4 12.Qxa8 Qa5+ 13.Nd2 Qd8 14.Ngf3 Nf6 15.0-0 g6 16.Rb1 Nbd7 17.Qxc6 Bg7 18.Ng5 Black already felt obliged to resign in Perunovic, M-Lalith, B Dubai 2009.]

10...Qc4

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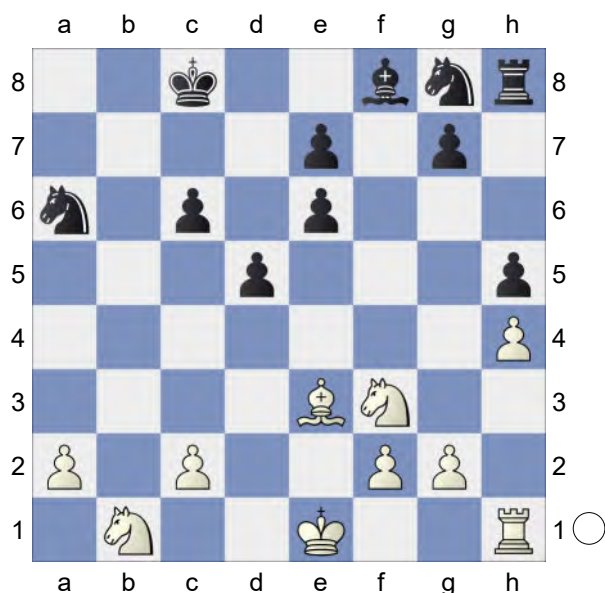
11.Qxb7 So White has a winning position. But how to convert it? **11...Kd8**
12.Qxa8 Kc8 13.Qxa7?! Now Black gets to swap queens and play on.

[The extra time needed to swap queens after 13.Nf3 makes this version winning! Qb5 14.Nc3 Qb7 15.Qxb7+ Kxb7 16.Ne5+-]

13...Qa6! 14.Nf3

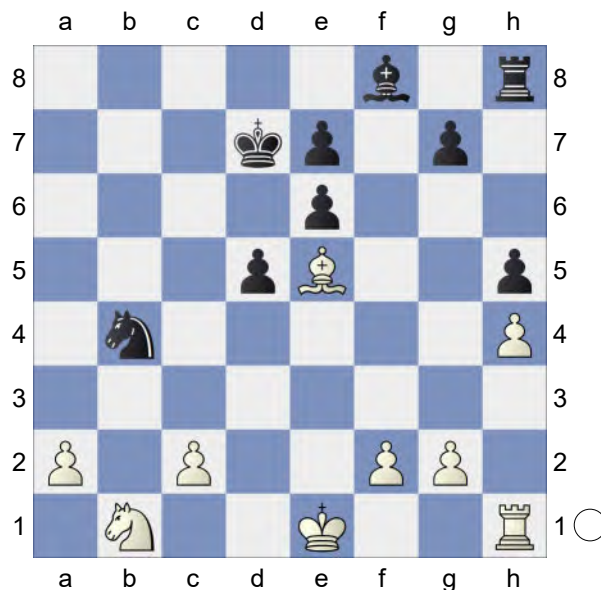
[The best White can do now is probably 14.Qxa6+ Nxa6 15.exf7 Nh6 16.Bxh6 Rxh6 17.Nf3 Rf6±]

14...fxe6 15.Qxa6+ Nxa6



16.Ne5 Nf6 17.Nxc6 Ng4 Black has equalised! We enter a very strange endgame indeed. 18.Bd4 Kd7 19.Ne5+ Nxe5 20.Bxe5 Nb4

[20...Rg8= was more to the point, getting the bishop and rook free without delay.]

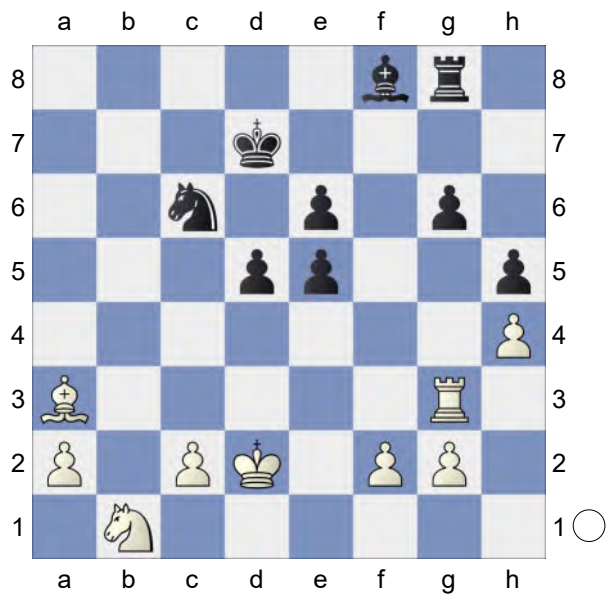


21.Kd2?

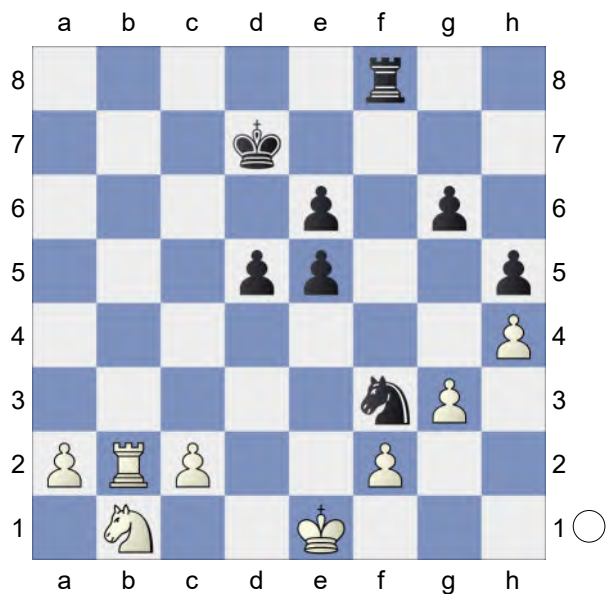
[And now White had to play the bizarre 21.Nd2!?± on the grounds that Black doesn't have the time to take either pawn anyway.]

21...Nc6 22.Bb2 e5± Black's bishop is able to be developed 'through the front entrance' and therefore he stands better. The mighty central majority will carry the day. 23.Rh3 e6 24.Rg3 Rg8 25.Ba3 g6

(Diagram)

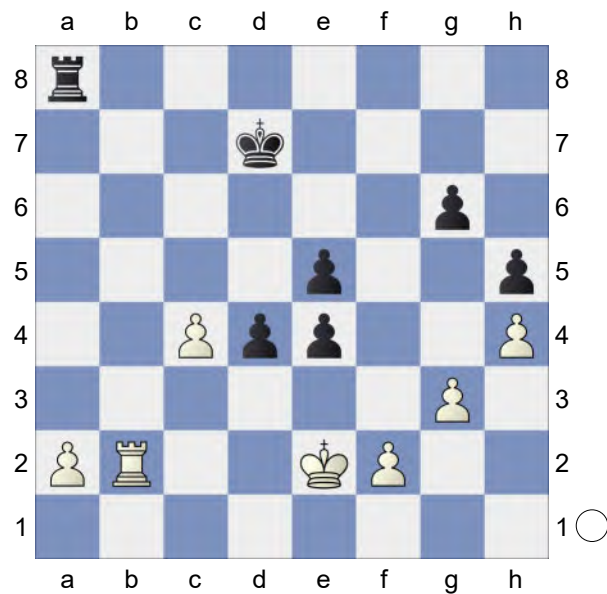


**26.Bxf8 Rxf8 27.Ke1 Ne7 28.Rb3 Nf5
29.g3 Nd4 30.Rb2 Nf3+**

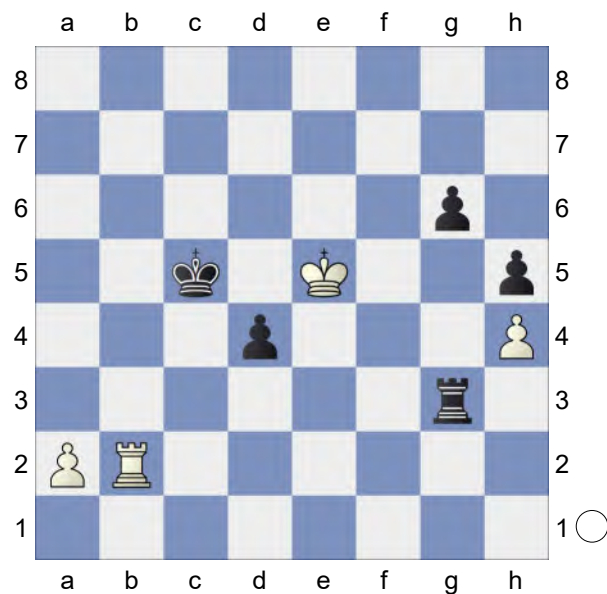


**31.Ke2 e4 32.c4 d4 33.Nd2 Nxd2
34.Rxd2 e5 35.Rb2 Ra8**

(Diagram)

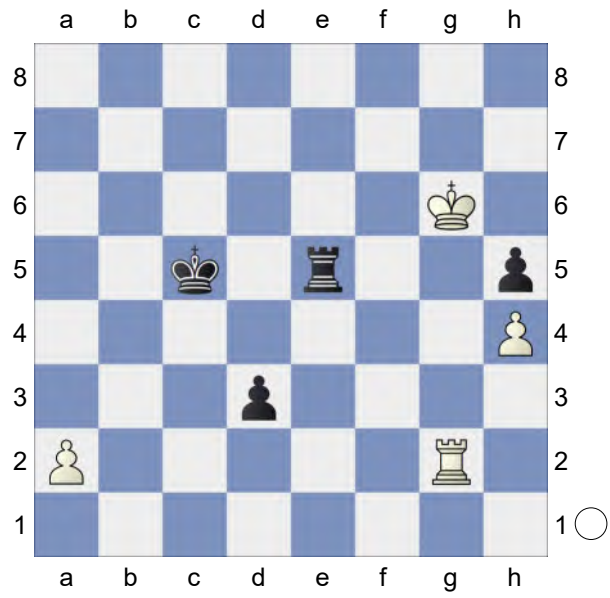


**36.f3 exf3+ 37.Kxf3 Ra3+ 38.Ke4
Kd6 39.c5+ Kxc5 40.Kxe5 Rxc5**



**41.Rc2+ Rc3 42.Rg2 Re3+ 43.Kf6 d3
44.Kxg6 Re5**

(Diagram)



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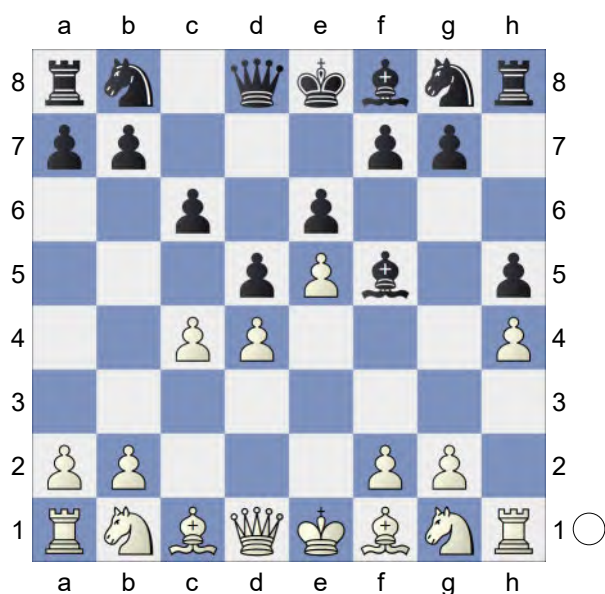
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.c4 e6



6.Nc3 Be7 7.Nh3!? N dxc4!?

[7...Bxh4?! 8.Nf4 g6 9.cxd5 cxd5
10.Qb3 b6 11.Nfxd5! Δexd5
12.Rxh4 Qxh4 13.Qxd5±]

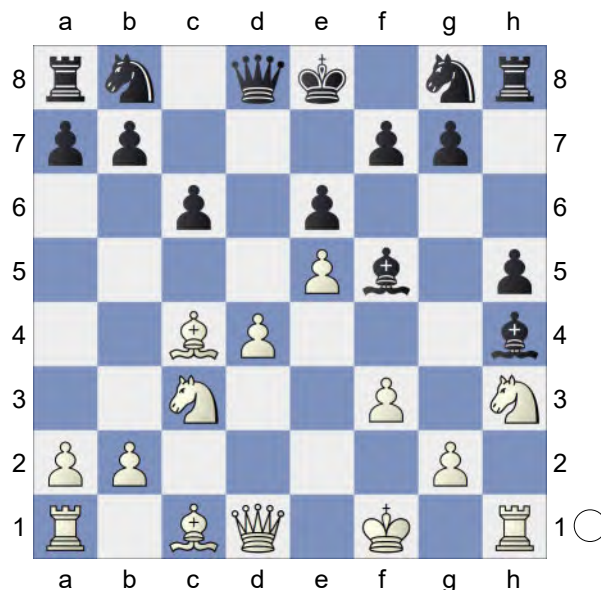
8.Bxc4 Bg4! [Xd4] 9.f3

[9.Qd3 Nd7 Δ 10...b5 11.♙b3 ♘e5]

9...Bxh4+ 10.Kf1 Bf5

[10...Bxh3?! 11.Rxh3 g6 12.f4 Nd7
13.g3 Be7 14.g4 h4? 15.g5
Δ ♙e3, ♖g4]

(Diagram)



11.Nf4 Nd7

[11...Rh7!?]

12.g3! Nb6

[12...Be7 13.Nxh5 Rh7∞
Δ ♘b6, ♙d7, 0-0-0]

13.Bxe6!?

[13.Bb3 Be7 14.g4 Bh7!! 15.Nxh5
Kf8 Δ ♙g6, ♙d7, ♙d8]

13...fxe6 14.Rxh4 Qe7! [Δ 0-0-0]

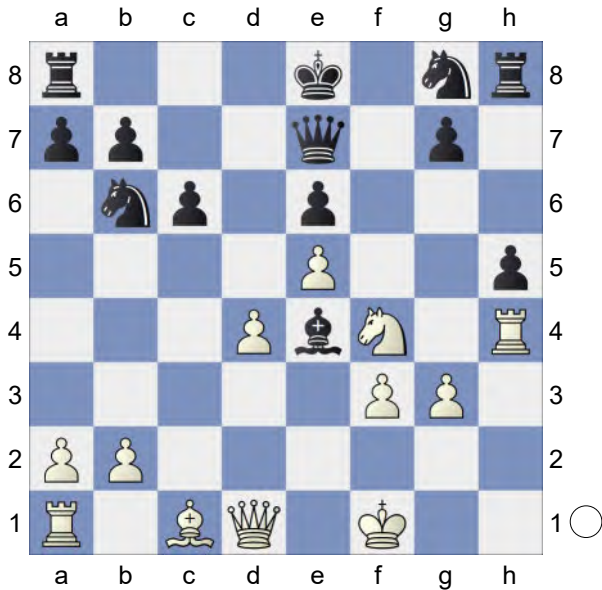
[14...g5? 15.Rxh5]

15.Ne4

[15.Rxh5 Rxh5 16.Nxh5 0-0-0
Δ ♙b4, ♘c4, Δ g6, ♙h7↑]

15...Bxe4

(Diagram)



16.fxe4 0-0-0 17.Kg1?

[17.Kg2 g5 18.Rxh5 Rxh5 19.Nxh5 Qb4 20.Qb3! Qxd4 21.Qxe6+ Nd7 22.Nf6 Ngxf6 23.exf6 Kb8!? 24.f7 Ne5 25.Qf5 Rf8∞]

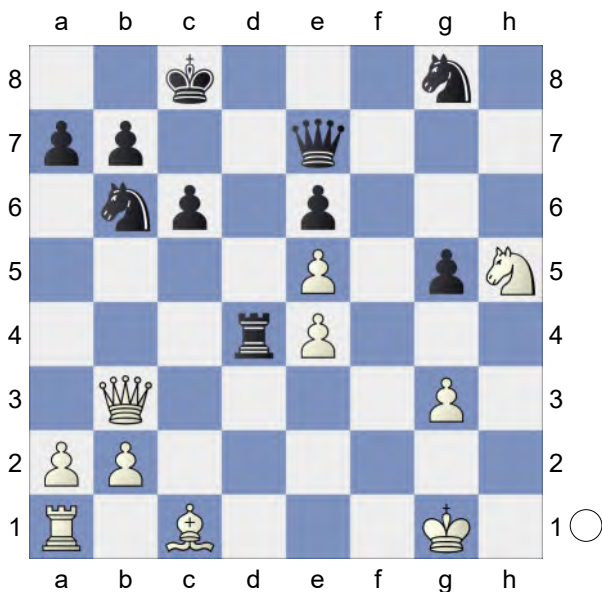
17...g6!!? 18.Qb3

[18.Nxg6 Qg7 19.Rxh5 Rxd4!!]

18...g5! 19.Rxh5

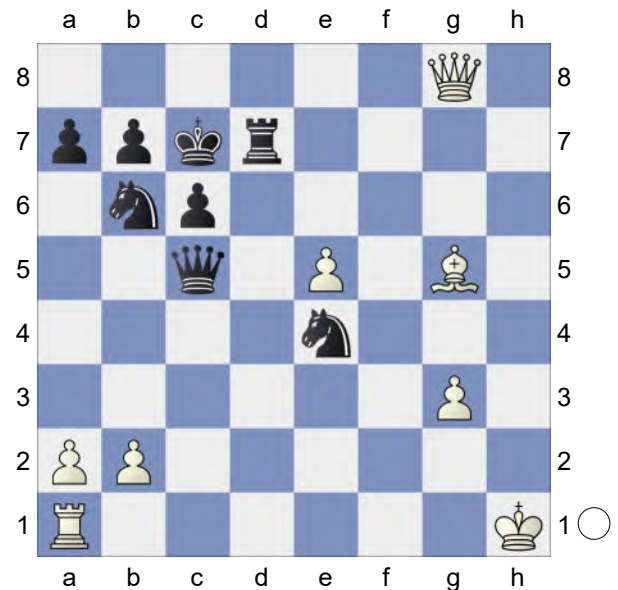
[19.Nxe6 gxh4 20.Bg5 Qd7 21.Bxd8 Rh6 22.Bxb6 Rxe6 23.Bxa7 Rg6+]

19...Rxh5 20.Nxh5 Rxd4

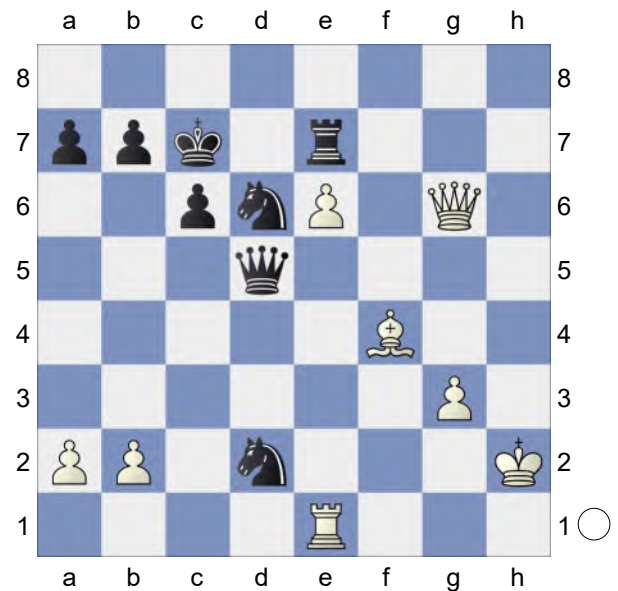


21.Nf6 Nxf6 22.Bxg5?⊕ Qc5+

23.Qxe6+ Rd7+ 24.Kh1 Nxe4 25.Qg8+ Kc7



26.Bf4 Qd5 27.e6+ Nd6+ 28.Kh2 Re7 29.Re1 Nbc4 30.Qg6 Nd2

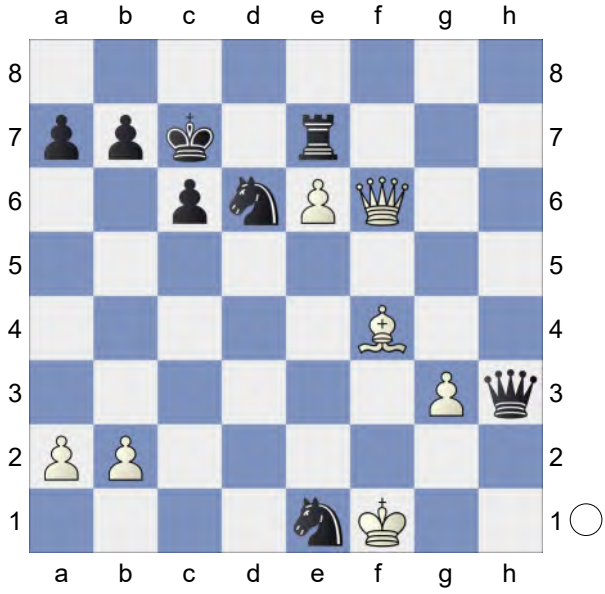


31.Qf6?

[31.Kh3 Nf3 32.Re3 Nd4 33.Rd3 Qh1+ 34.Kg4 Qh8]

31...Nf3+ 32.Kh3 Qh5+ 33.Kg2 Nxe1+ 34.Kf1 Qh3+

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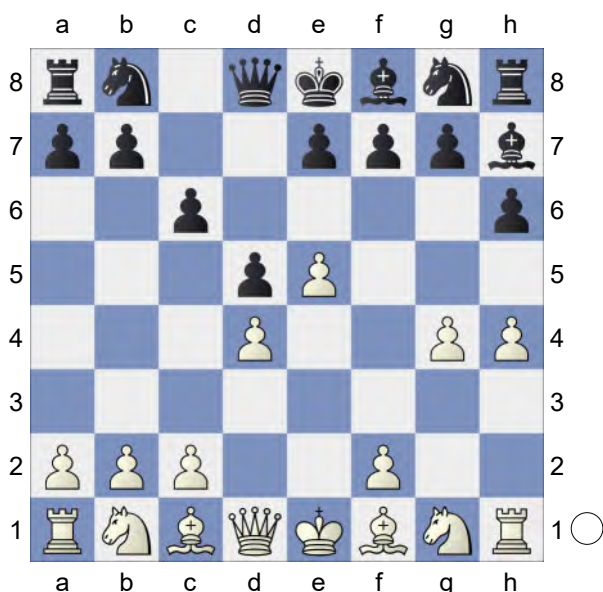
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7[5...Bd7 6.h5 c5 (6...e6 7.f4 c5
8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Kf2 0-0-0
11.Kg3 Kb8 12.a4 cxd4 13.a5 Nxa5
14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Nxc6+
Bxc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qd4 Qxd4
19.cxd4 Ne7 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Bd3
0-1 Grünfeld 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 (2470)-Theis,B (2613) (m/4-rapid) 101/(249)
2007 (5)) 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.Qxd5 Bxg4
9.Nc3 e6 10.Qg2 Bf5 11.Bb5 Qc7
12.Be3 0-0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nf3
Ne7 15.Nd4 Bh7 16.0-0-0 Nd5
17.Nxd5 Rxd5 18.f4 Rxc5 19.Rd2
Rg8 20.Rhd1 1-0 Vachier Lagrave,M
(2710)-Grischuk,A (2752) Sportaccord
WMG Blindfold rapid 2011 (1)]

6.e6! fxe6

[6...Nf6 7.Nf3]

7.Qe2N -0.17/19

[7.Bd3± 0.56/20 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6
9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5 11.0-0 Nd7
12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5
14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5
Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1 Qf3
19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxg4
21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 1-0 Moen,A (2095)-
Blatt,F Izhevsk Corporation Cup-A 3rd
2011 (1) b6 23.c4 Kb7 24.Rd7+
Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3 b5
27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4 29.Bxc5+
Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5 31.Rc7+ Kb4
32.Raxa7 g6 33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8
Kd4 35.Rd7+ Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3
37.Rxf8 1-0 Mastrovasilis,D (2095)-
Grischenko,S Wch U12 St Lorenzo
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7...Qd6 0.23/20

[♞7...c5 -0.17/19]

8.f4 -0.66/21

[8.Nh3= 0.23/20]

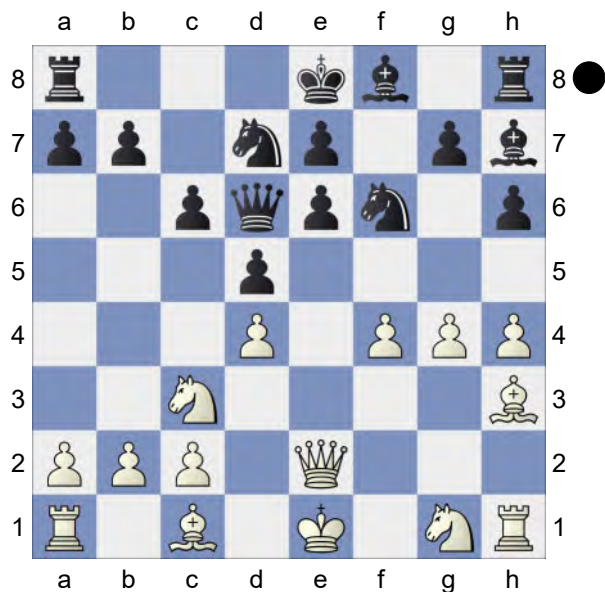
8...Nf6♞ Black is slightly better. 9.Nc3
Nbd7 -0.40/21

[9...h5♞ -0.78/21 10.g5 Ng4]

10.Bh3 -0.86/20

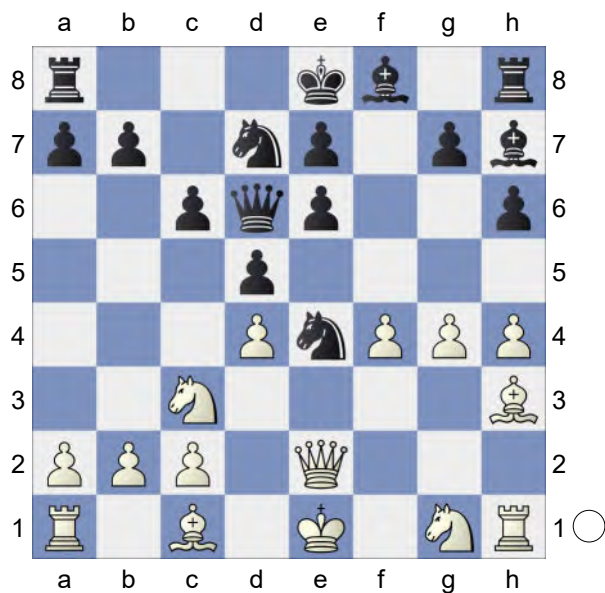
[10.h5♞ -0.40/21]

(Diagram)



10...Ne4 -0.25/21

[10...g5! ♣ -0.86/20 Strongly threatening ...Nf6-e4. 11.hxg5 hxg5]



11.Nxe4= Bxe4 12.Bg2 Nf6 -0.01/21

[12...Bxg2 ♣ -0.40/22 is superior. 13.Qxg2 g6]

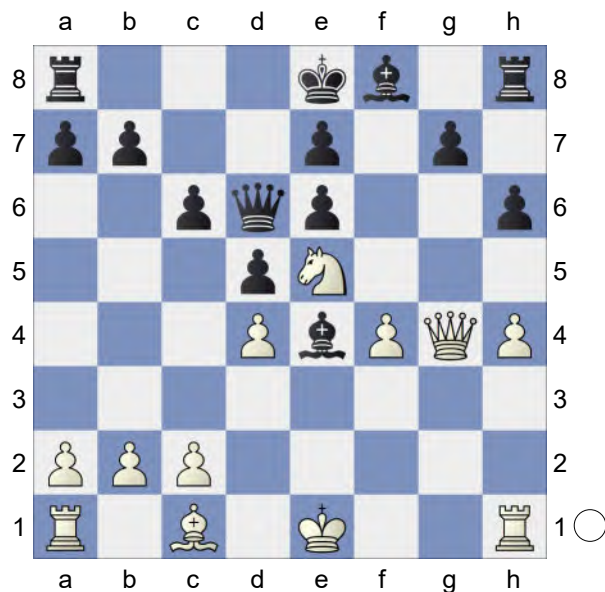
13.Nf3 Nxg4 14.Ne5 Bxg2 15.Qxg4 -0.69/26

[15.Qxg2= 0.01/25 h5 16.Bd2]

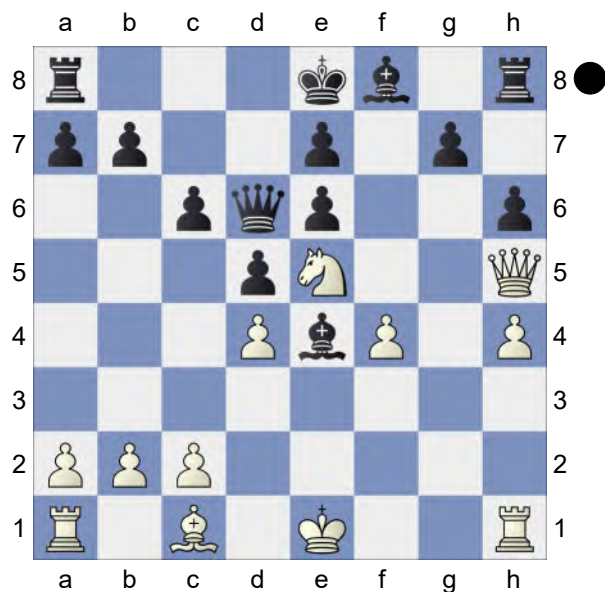
15...Be4 -0.08/22

[15...Bxh1 ♣ -0.69/26 16.Qg6+ Kd8 17.Nf7+ Kd7 18.Nxd6 (18.Nxh8?)

perishes. Be4+) 18...exd6]

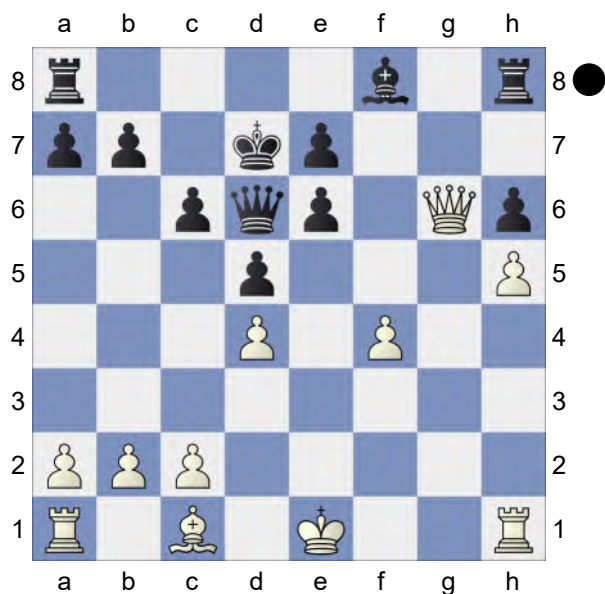


16.Qh5+

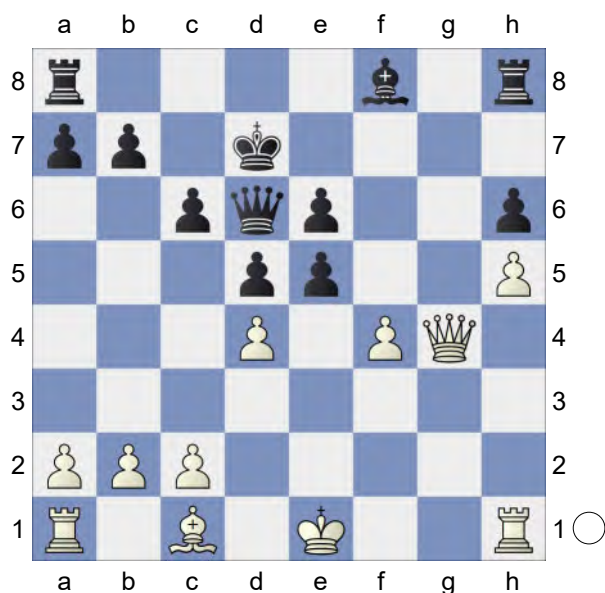


g6! Deflection 17.Nxg6 Bxg6 18.Qxg6+ Kd7 19.h5

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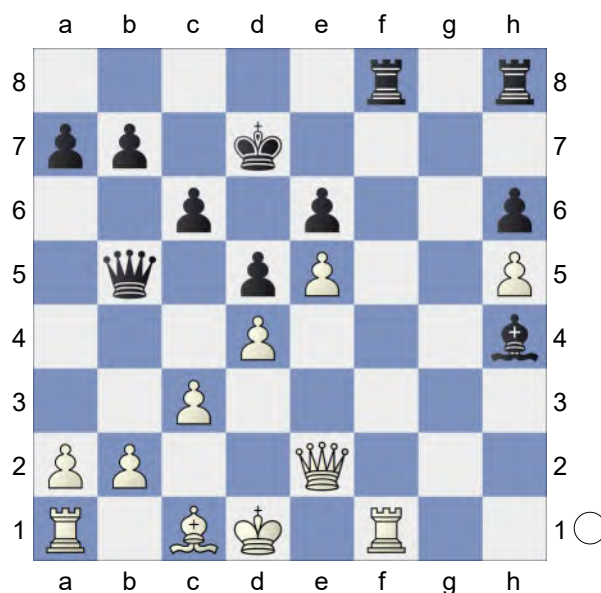


e5! 0.76/22 20.Qg4+ 0.16/26
 [Better is 20.fxe5± 0.76/22 Qxg6
 21.hxg6]
 [20.dxe5 Qxg6]
20...e6

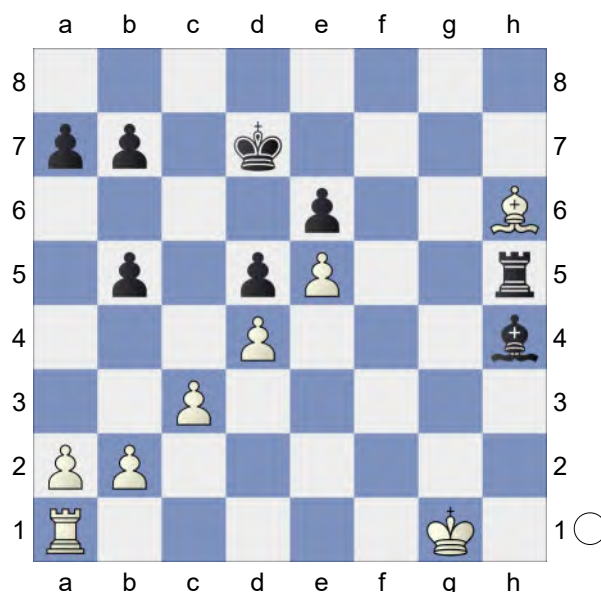


21.fxe5
 [Of course not 21.dxe5 Qb4+ 22.Kd1
 Qd4+ 23.Bd2 Qxb2-+]
21...Qb4+ 22.c3 Qb5
 [22...Qa4 simplifies 23.Be3 Be7
 24.Qd1 Qxd1+ 25.Rxd1 Rag8]
23.Rf1
 [23.Qd1 simplifies Be7 24.Qb3 Qxb3

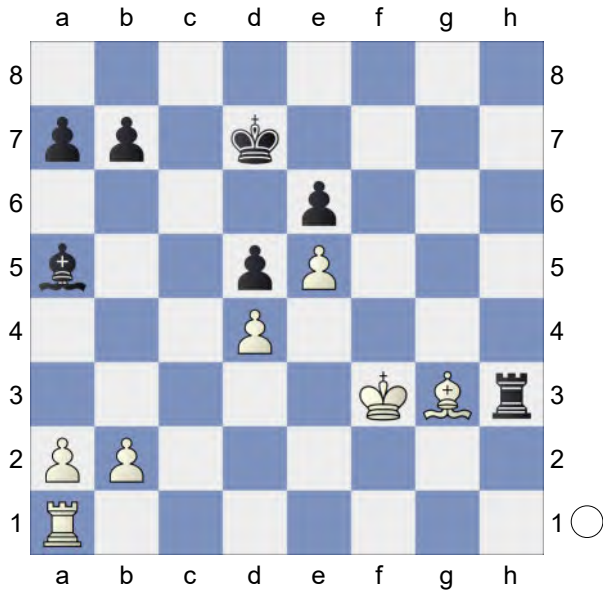
25.axb3 c5 26.Bd2]
23...Be7! ...Ra8-f8 would now be deadly.
24.Qe2' White is not keeping still
24...Bh4+ 25.Kd1 Raf8
 [25...Rag8 simplifies 26.Qxb5 cxb5
 27.Kc2 Be7]



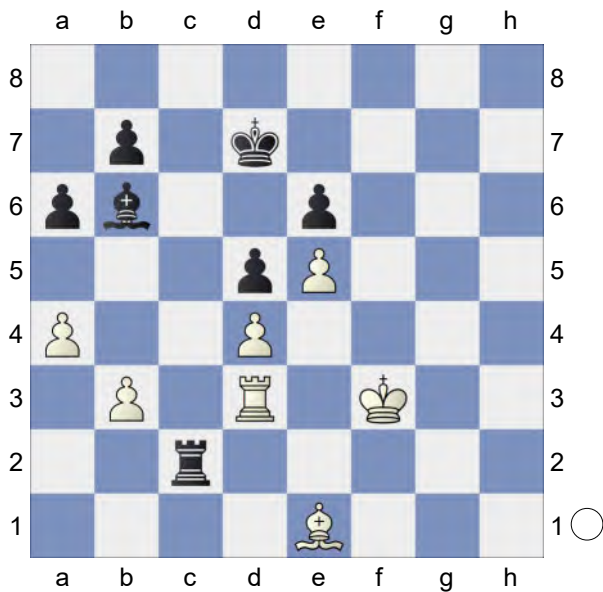
26.Qxb5 cxb5 27.Ke2 Rxf1 28.Kxf1
Endgame. KRB-KRB 28...Rf8+ 29.Kg1
Rf5 30.Bxh6 Rxh5



31.Bf4 Be7 32.Kg2 b4 33.cxb4 Bxb4
34.Kf3 Rh3+ 35.Bg3 Ba5
 (Diagram)

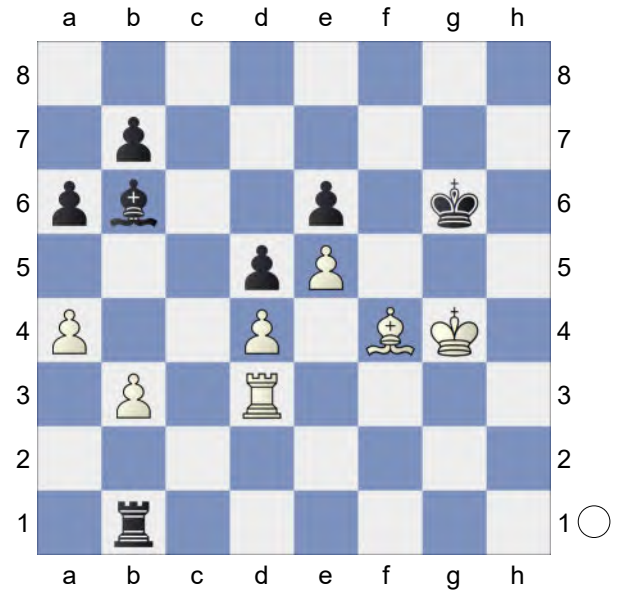


**36.a4 Bb6 37.Rd1 Rh8 38.b3 Rc8
39.Rd3 Repels Rc8-c3 39...Rc2 40.Be1
a6**

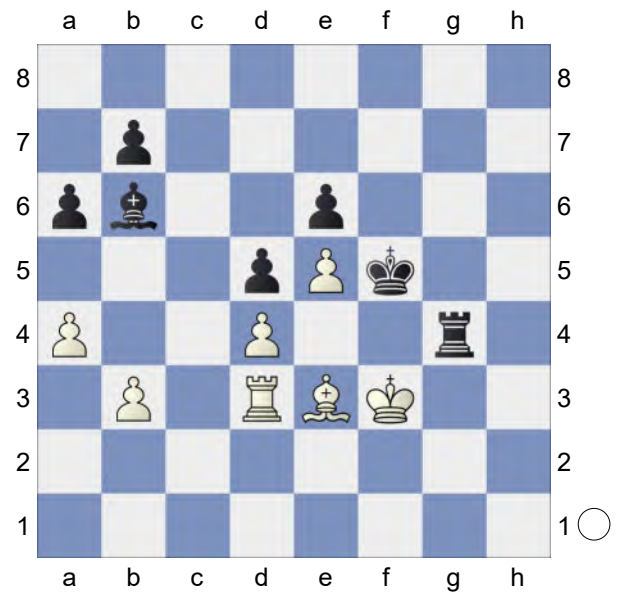


**41.Bd2 Rb2 42.Be1 Ke8 43.Bd2 Kf7
44.Bf4 Kg6 45.Kg4 Rb1**

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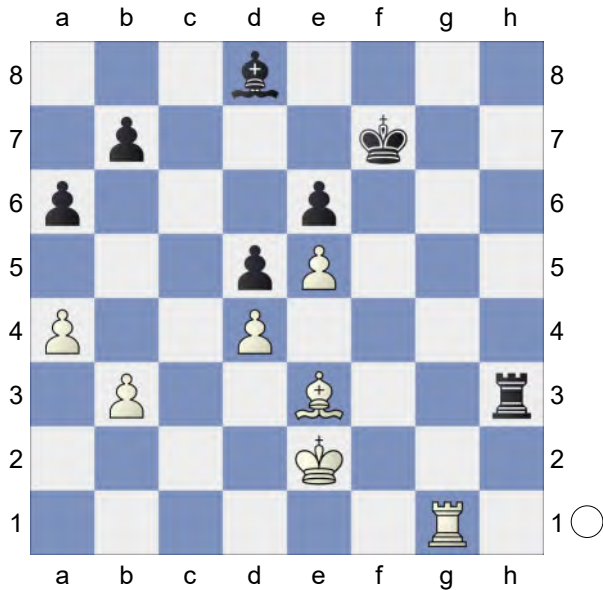
**46.Bg3 Rg1 47.Kf4 Kh5 Threatens to
win with ...Rg1-f1+. 48.Bf2 Rg4+
49.Kf3 Kg5 50.Be3+ Kf5**



**51.Rd1 Rh4 Wards off Rd1-h1 52.Rg1
Rh3+**

[Inferior is 52...Bxd4 53.Rg5#]
**53.Ke2 Bd8 Against Rg1-g5+ 54.Rf1+
Kg6 55.Rg1+ Kf7**

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56.Rf1+ Ke8 57.Rf3 Rh1 58.Rf1
-0.47/32

[58.Kd3= -0.01/30]

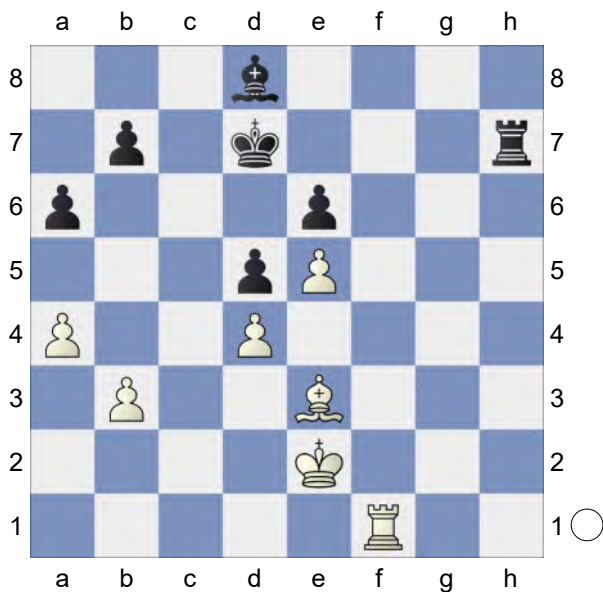
58...Rh4 -0.01/31

[58...Rxf1 $\bar{f}$ -0.47/32

stronger. 59.Kxf1 Ba5]

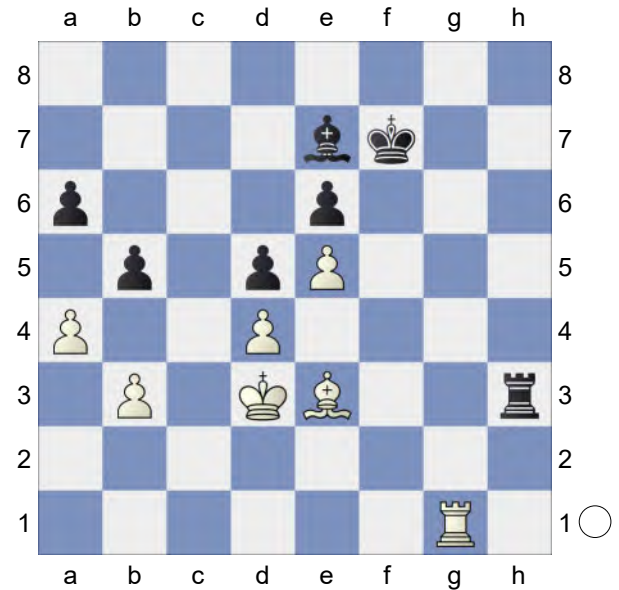
59.Rf4 Rh7 60.Rf1 Kd7

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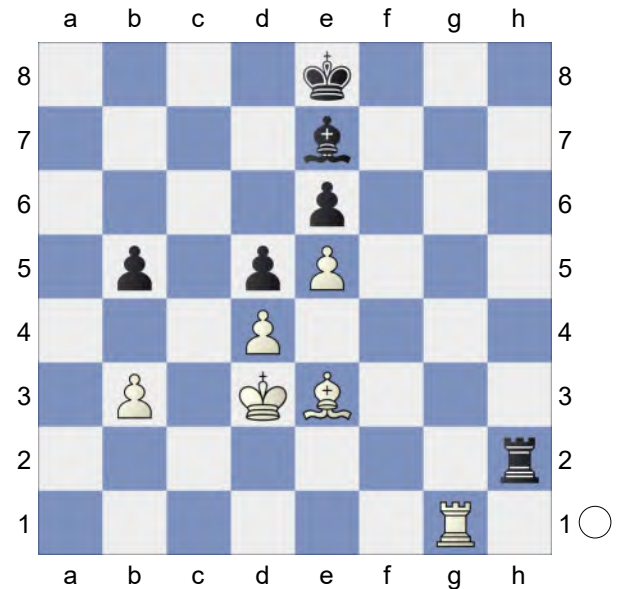


61.Kd3 Rh3 62.Rg1 Be7 63.Rg7 Ke8
64.Rg6 Kf7 65.Rg1 b5

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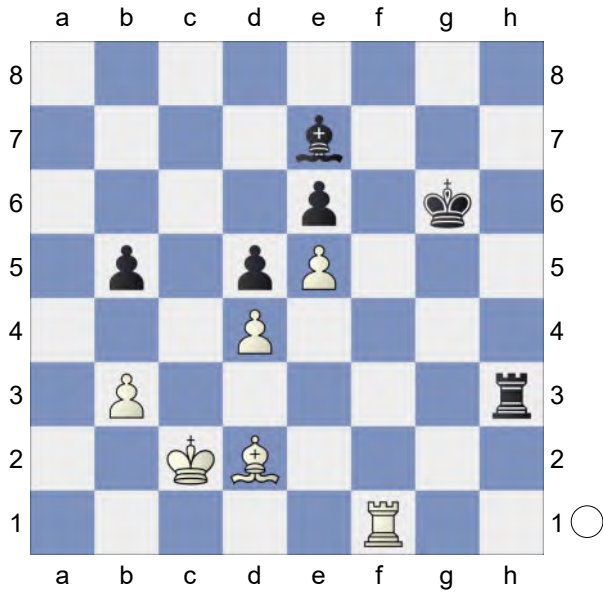


66.axb5 axb5 67.Rf1+ Ke8
aiming for ...Be7-g5. 68.Ke2 Bh4
69.Rg1 The position is equal. 69...Rh2+
70.Kd3 Be7

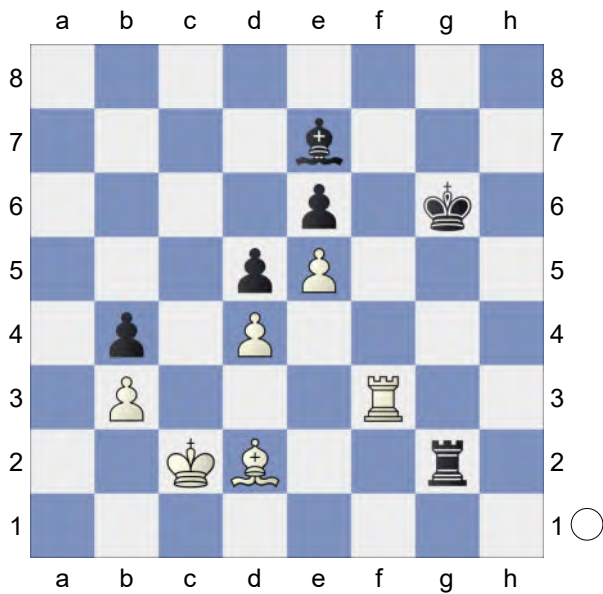


71.Bd2 Rh3+ 72.Kc2 Rh4 73.Kd3
Rh3+ 74.Kc2 Kf7 75.Rf1+ Kg6

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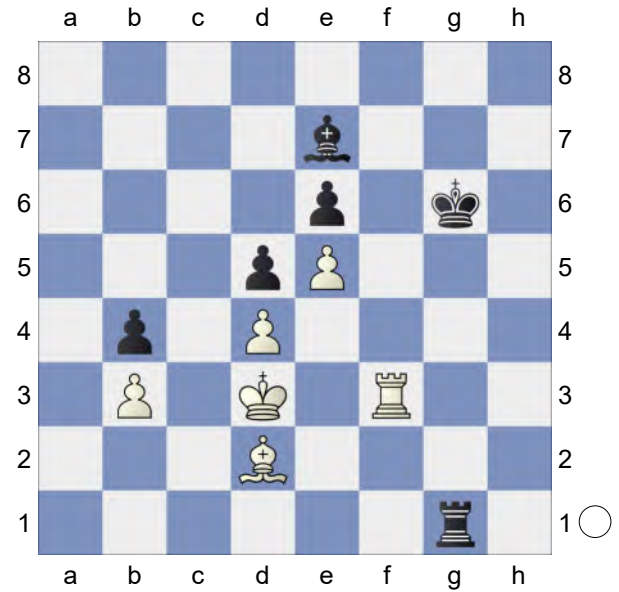


**76.Rf2 Rg3 77.Rf1 Rg2 78.Kd3 b4
79.Rf3 Rg1 80.Kc2 Rg2**



81.Kd3 Rg1

(Diagram)



**Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise)
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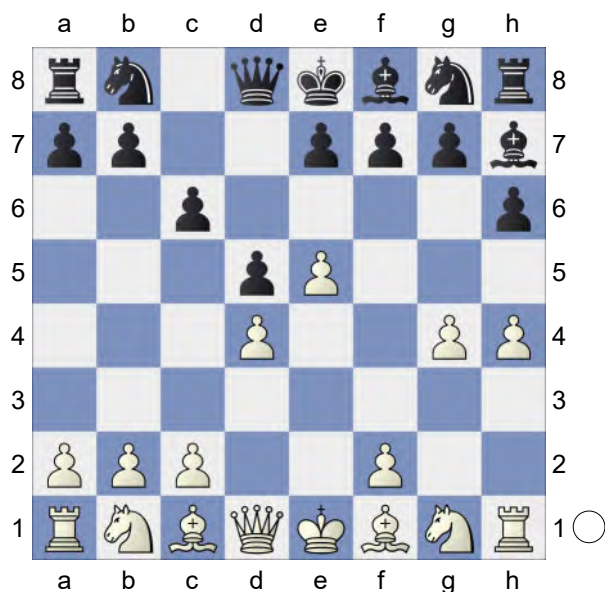
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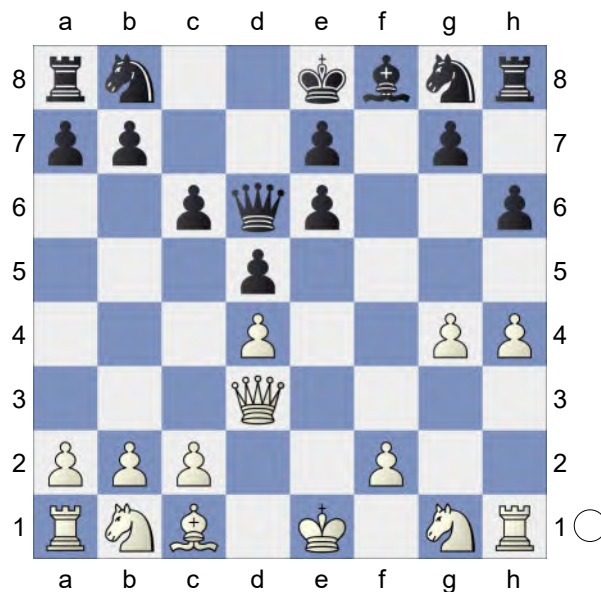
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7



6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Qd6
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[8...c5!± 0.48/20]

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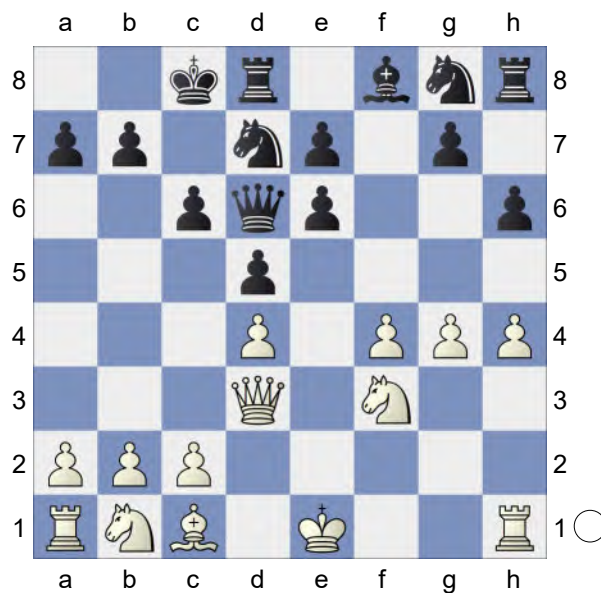


9.f4!± Strongly threatening Ng1-f3.

White is more active. 9...Nd7 1.81/21

[9...e5± 1.40/19]

10.Nf3 0-0-0

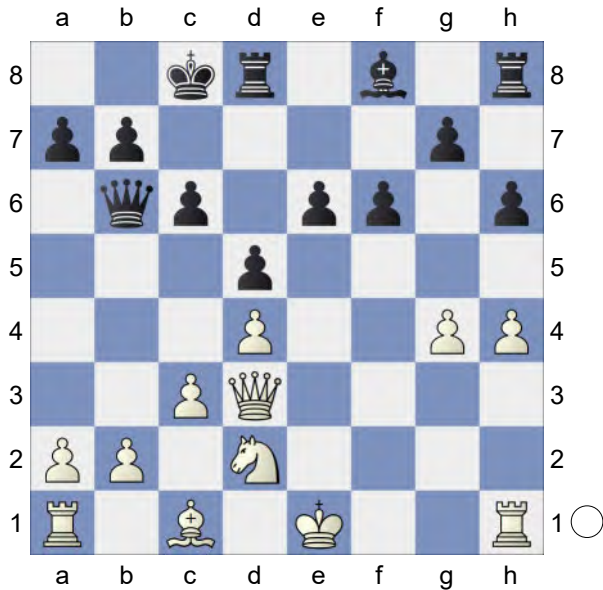


White is clearly better. 11.Ne5 Nxe5

12.fxe5 Qb4+ 13.c3 Qb6 14.Nd2 Nf6

15.exf6 exf6

(Diagram)



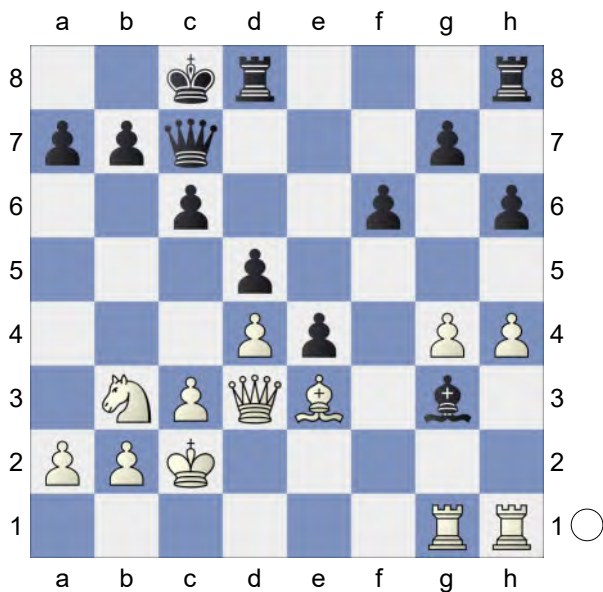
16.Nb3 Bd6 2.21/22

[16...a5 1.80/20 17.Qe2 Re8]

17.Be3+- Bg3+ 18.Kd1 Qc7 19.Kc2 e5 4.12/22

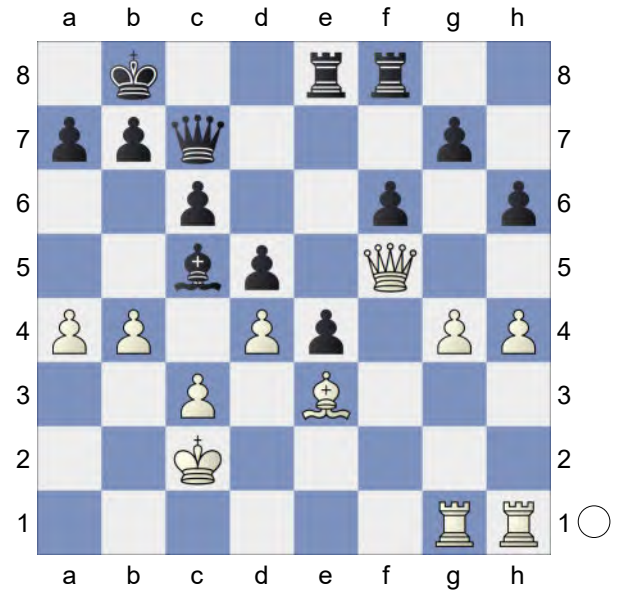
[19...Bd6 2.60/18 might work better.
20.Qg6 Rdf8]

20.Rag1 e4



**21.Qf1 Bd6 22.Nc5 Rde8 23.b4 Kb8
24.a4 Rhf8 25.Qf5 Bxc5**

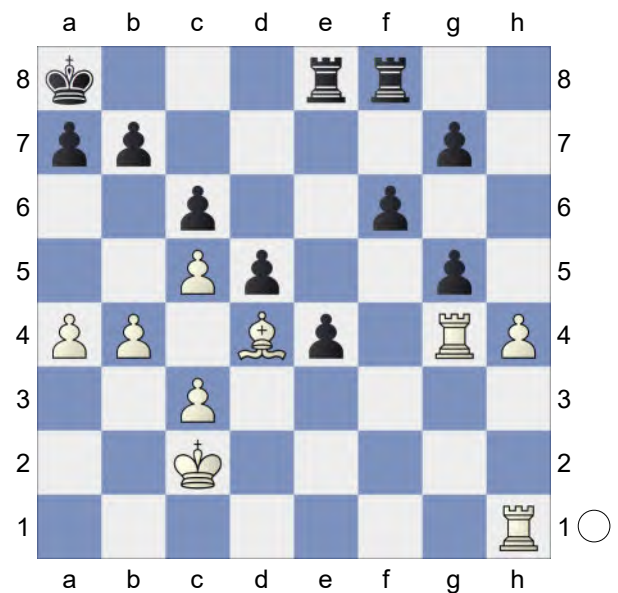
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26.dxc5 And now Be3-f4 would win.

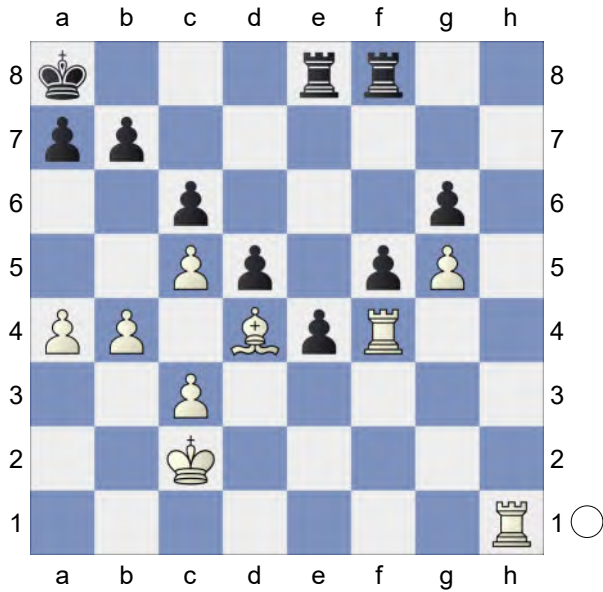
[Much less strong is 26.bxc5?! Ka8
27.Rb1 Qg3]

**26...Qf7 27.Bd4 Ka8 28.g5 Qh5
29.Qg4 Qxg4 30.Rxg4 hxg5**



31.hxg5 f5 32.Rf4 g6

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White took control after the opening.
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precise) /Black=0.31

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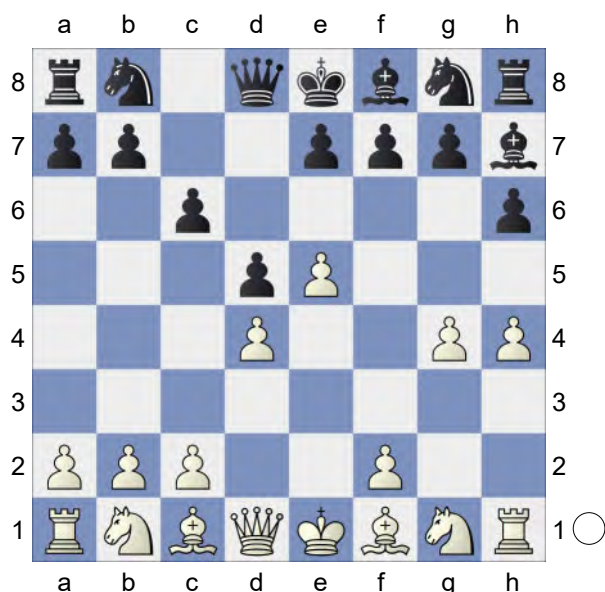
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7

[5...Bd7 6.h5 c5 (6...e6 7.f4 c5
8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Kf2 0-0-0
11.Kg3 Kb8 12.a4 cxd4 13.a5 Nxa5
14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Nxc6+
Bxc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qd4 Qxd4
19.cxd4 Ne7 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Bd3
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Theis,B (2613) (m/4-rapid) 101/(249)
2007 (5)) 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.Qxd5 Bxg4
9.Nc3 e6 10.Qg2 Bf5 11.Bb5 Qc7
12.Be3 0-0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nf3
Ne7 15.Nd4 Bh7 16.0-0-0 Nd5
17.Nxd5 Rxd5 18.f4 Rxc5 19.Rd2
Rg8 20.Rhd1 1-0 Vachier Lagrave,M
(2710)-Grischuk,A (2752) Sportaccord
WMG Blindfold rapid 2011 (1)]



6.e6! Qd6

[6...Nf6 7.Bh3]

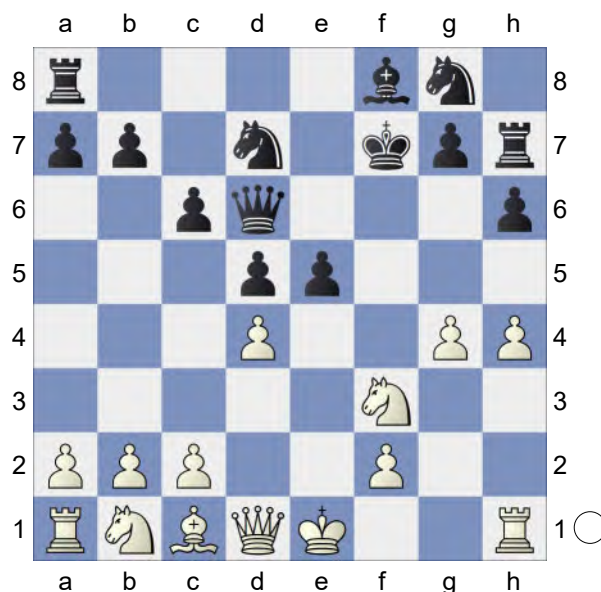
7.exf7+ Kxf7 8.Nf3N

[8.Nc3 e5 9.Qf3+ Nf6 10.g5 hxg5
11.hxg5 Be4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qb3+
Nd5 14.Rxh8 exd4 15.Ne2 Nd7
16.Nxd4 Qe5 17.Qxb7 Bb4+ 18.c3
Rxh8 19.Qxd7+ Kg6 20.Nxc6 Bxc3+
21.Kd1 Qf5 22.Qxf5+ 1-0 Moeller,J
(2550)-Goldsmith,J (2580) (ol) 86/177
Bled 2002 (8)]

8...Nd7 White is slightly better. 9.Bd3
-0.25/20

[9.Bh3± 0.79/18]

9...e5!= 10.Bxh7 Rxh7



11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Bf4? -5.44/22

[12.g5!= -0.29/21]

12...Nxf3+? -0.39/21

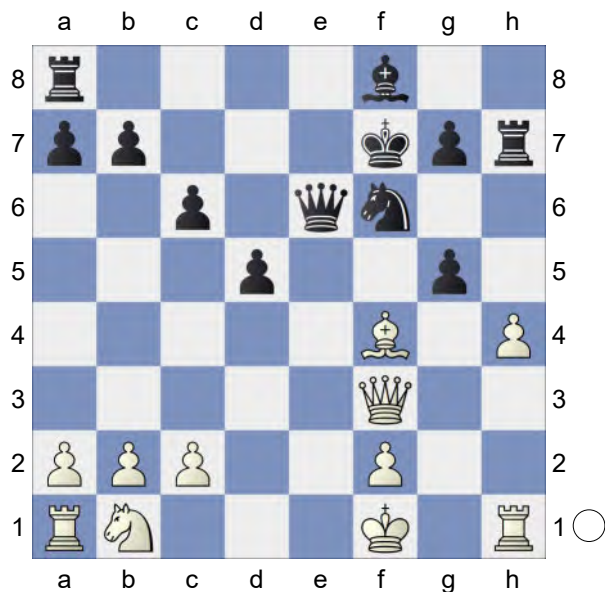
[12...Qb4+-+ -5.44/22 13.Nbd2 Qxf4
14.Nxe5+ Qxe5+ 15.Kf1 Nf6
(15...Qxb2? 16.Rb1-+)]

13.Qxf3± Qe6+ 14.Kf1 Nf6 15.g5
-1.39/23

[15.Rg1!± -0.44/19]

15...hxg5±

(Diagram)



16.hxg5 -2.31/22

[16.Bxg5 -1.25/24 Qe4 17.Qh3]

16...Rxh1+-+ 17.Qxh1 Qg4 18.gxf6?
-3.82/24

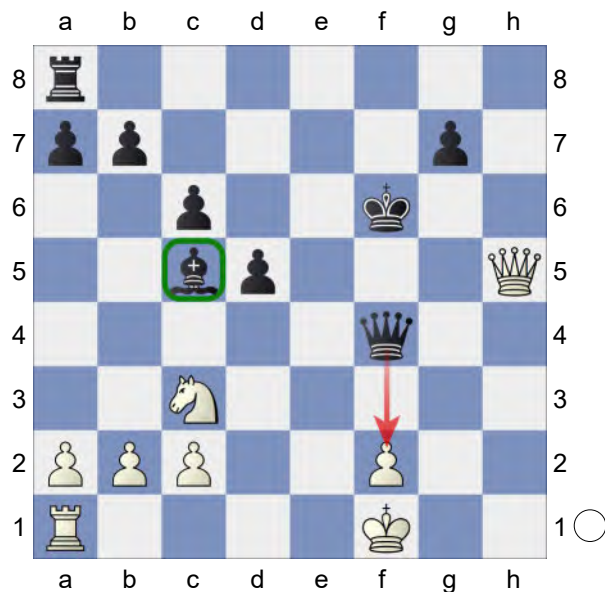
[18.Be3 -2.04/23 was worth a try.
Qd1+ 19.Kg2 Qxh1+ (19...Qxc2
20.gxf6 Qe4+ 21.Kg1=) 20.Kxh1]

18...Qxf4 19.Qh5+ -4.52/25

[19.Nc3 -3.13/23 Bc5 (19...Kxf6?
20.Re1 -) 20.Qg2 gxf6 (20...Kxf6?
21.Rd1+) 21.Qg3 Qc4+ (21...Qxg3?
22.fxg3 Re8 23.Rd1+) 22.Qd3]

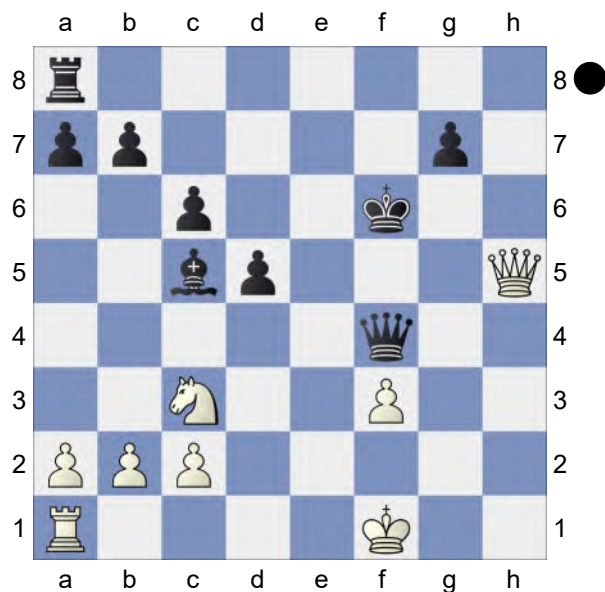
19...Kxf6 ...Bf8-c5 would now be deadly.
20.Nc3 Bc5

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21.f3 -#7/16

[21.Nd1+- -4.75/23 Rf8 22.Kg1]



21...Rh8!!

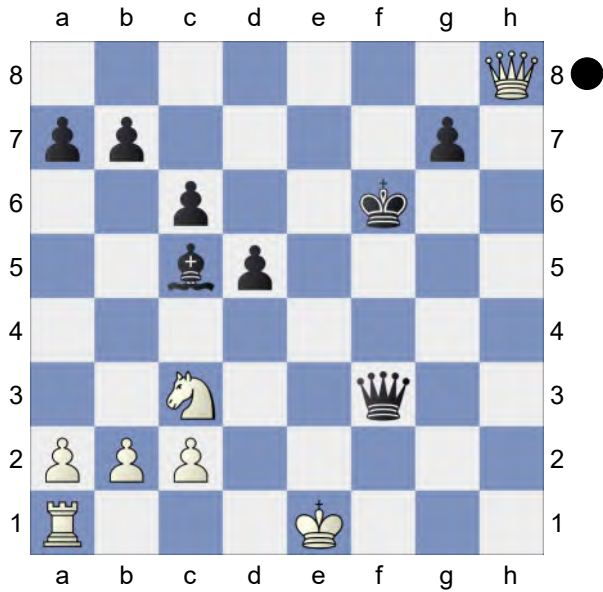
Deflection. Black mates.

22.Qxh8

[22.Nxd5+ cxd5]

22...Qxf3+ 23.Ke1

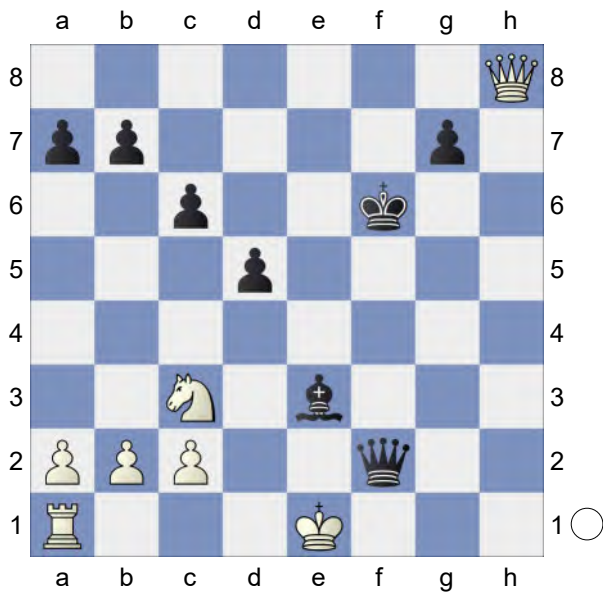
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Bf2+!

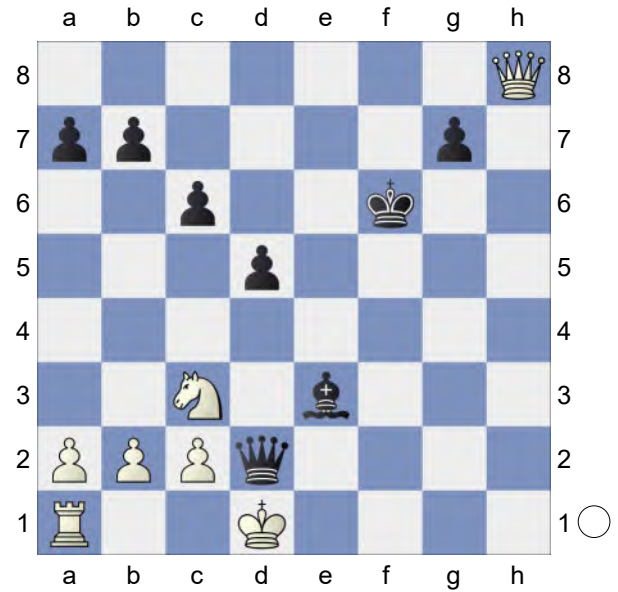
[23...Qf2+ 24.Kd1 Qf3+ 25.Ne2
Qf1+ 26.Kd2 Qxa1 27.Qh4+ Ke6
28.Nf4+ Kf5 29.Nd3#]

24.Kf1 Be3+ 25.Ke1 Qf2+



26.Kd1 Qd2#

(Diagram)



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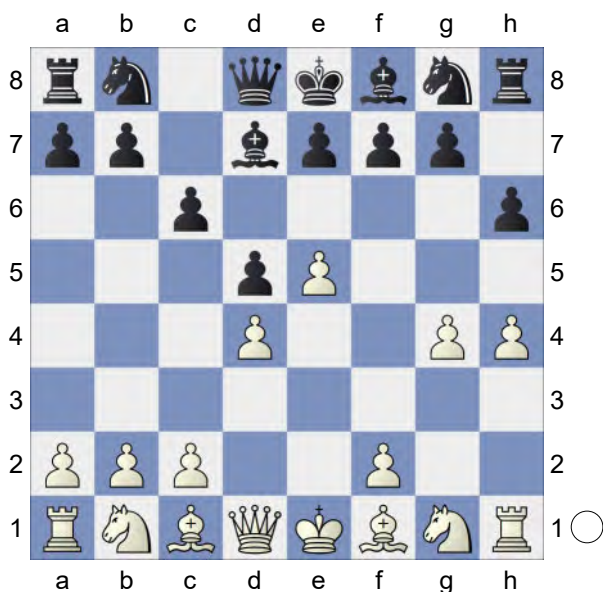
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bd7



This is the consistent way to play the system in my opinion, but it's still not free of problems. **6.h5!?** This is not the only move that seems to have some practical promise, but it does deal with the issue of Black wanting to play ...h5 and carve out the f5-square, and also does not open the position for now. As we will see, the standard recommendation for Black to equalise is not as simple as previously thought.

[6.Be3 see Sevian,S-Dreev, A Wijk aan Zee 2016 in the archives.]

[6.c4 see Kovacevic,A-Lupulescu,C Skopje 2013 in the archives.]

[6.Nd2 see Kramnik, V-Leko, P Brissago 2004 in the archives.]

6...e6 Black could show a bit more urgency, but in case of the standard

prescription **6...c5** I think White can find good chances.

[6...c5 7.dxc5!

A) 7...Nc6?!_____ 8.Qxd5! e6
(8...Bxg4?! 9.Nc3 e6 10.Qg2!±
Black's compensation in Vachier Lagrave,M-Grischuk,A Beijing 2011 was very lacking.) 9.Qe4 Bxc5 10.Nf3 Qb6 11.Qe2 Nge7 12.Nbd2± Pavlovic expressed doubts about this position but engine technology has progressed since his comment and I think White is simply better. The idea is c3 and Nc4, reserving judgement on where to castle for now.;

B) 7...Qc7! 8.Bf4 (After 8.f4 e6! Black gets an improved version of the main line, where White has been forced to take on c5 against his will.) 8...e6 9.Nd2! (9.Nc3 Bxc5 10.Qd2 Ne7 11.0-0-0 a6 12.Nf3 Nbc6= Black was more comfortable and eventually won this 'good French' position in Darini,P-Sethuraman,S Abu Dhabi 2016.) 9...Bxc5 10.Nb3 Bb6

B1) 11.Bd3?! A poor move. Now both of White's bishops can be tactical weaknesses and the grip on the d4-square is looser. Nc6 12.Nf3 Nf6!" Kurnosov, I-lordachescu, V Stockholm 2005 (12...a5!? Pavlovic);

B2) 11.Qd2! Nc6 12.Nf3 Nge7 (12...a5 13.a4 Nge7 14.c3± is a nice bind) 13.Bg3!?N As this is such a new position I'm not sure exactly how White should order his moves, however the gist of my feeling about it is that Black's counterplay should centre

around playing ...d4, and in response to that move White would like to be able to play his f1-bishop to the long diagonal. (13.0-0-0 Na5 14.Nxa5 Bxa5= Romanov, E - Riazantsev, A Cheliabinsk 2007; 13.Be2!? a5 14.a4 d4↑ could also be worth looking at)

B2a) _____ If Black plays like Riazantsev with 13...Na5 14.Nxa5 Bxa5 then White seems to simply have a space advantage. 15.c3 Nc6 (15...Ba4 16.Nd4±) 16.b4 Bb6 17.a4 a5 18.b5 Ne7 19.Bd3 Now Black has given up on ...d4, it's fair game to play Bd3. Rc8 20.Ra3!±;

B2b) 13...d4 _____ 14.Bg2 should transpose.;

B2c) 13...a5 _____ 14.a4 d4 15.Bg2 Rd8 16.0-0 0-0 To me this seems like the critical position. Both sides have executed their logical plans, and now don't really have a next move (except perhaps ...Nb4.) Stockfish on depth 30 suggests White play the hyper-prophylactic 17. Rfc1 and awards +0.4, which seems about right.]

7.f4 c5 8.c3 Qb6 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.Kf2
This move is being invigorated with new ideas to do with queenside pawn sacrifices, making it in my opinion quite a hot topic within 4.h4 h6.

[10.Rh2!? was analysed here before by both Pavlovic and Jones.]

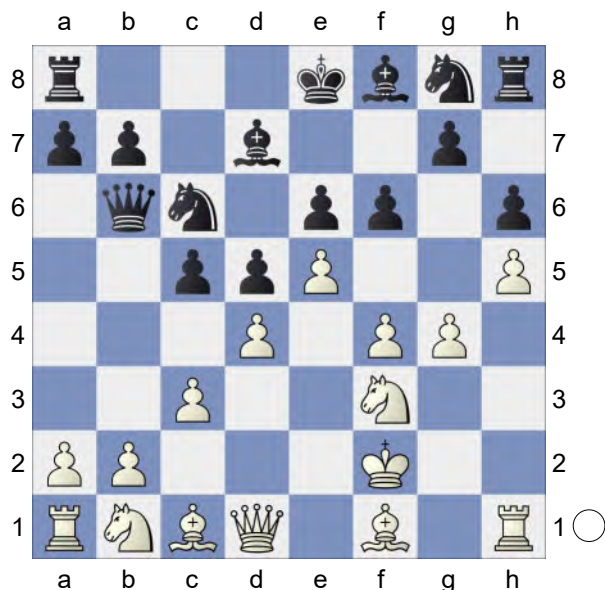
10...f6

[10...0-0-0!? 11.b4!N As nearly as I can tell this is a novelty. (11.Kg3

Kb8 12.a3 c4 13.Nbd2 Na5↑ Maiwald, J-Pezzerovic, E Germany 1999, this position now completely resembles an Advance French but with the downside that White has wrecked his kingside pawn structure to gain space that no longer really matters.) 11...cxd4 12.cxd4 Bxb4 (Most likely after 12...Kb8 13.Nc3→ Black will end up taking anyway.) 13.Na3 Nge7 14.Rb1! The fact that the rest of the board is so firmly closed gives White all the time needed to build up a bone-crunching attack on the queenside. f5 15.g5± Nothing is forced here, so I'll stop the line and leave you to your own investigation, but this is an extremely promising pawn sacrifice. White's ideas include Nb5 as well as Nc2.]

[10...cxd4?! Rather compliant. 11.cxd4 Nge7 12.Kg2 a5 13.Nc3 Na7 14.Bd3± Adams, M-Khalifman, A New York 1994]
[10...Rc8 11.Kg3 a6 12.Rh2 Nge7 13.dxc5 Qxc5 14.Nbd2 Qb6 15.Nb3± Zakarian, D-D'Costa, L England 2015]

(Diagram)



This seems to be the most critical move and it's definitely the one I'd be most worried about with my king on the same diagonal as Black's queen! **11.Kg2!** A little improvement but a very natural one, with the point being that Black wants the king on the diagonal b8-h2 or a7-g1 but it's less easy to target His Majesty on a light square.

[As evidence of how quickly things can get out of hand: 11.Kg3 Nge7 (11...0-0-0! 12.Rh2 fxe5 13.fxe5 Qc7 14.Kh3 g6 15.hxg6 Be8= 16.Nh4?! Nge7+ Heimann, A-Lafuente, P Basel 2010.) 12.Na3 a6 13.Nc2 (13.dxc5! Qxc5 14.Bd3± retains a measure of control.) 13...Qc7 14.Be3 Rg8 15.Kf2 0-0-0 16.b4 g5∞ Satyapragyan, S-Lalith, B Kanpur 2014]

11...0-0-0 The automatic move.

[11...Nge7 12.Na3 a6 13.dxc5 Qxc5 14.Bd3±]

[11...fxe5!? Although Black loses a fair bit of dynamism by doing this, it seems worth it as now he can play for ...g6 without any regrets. 12.dxe5! 0-0-0 13.b4 If White allows ...g6

(possibly prefaced by ...Nge7 or ...Be8) then he has a problem. So White in turn has to play this and then cxb4 14.cxb4 Bxb4 15.Na3∞ gives us a highly unclear position where the machines rate White's attacking chances slightly higher.]

12.dxc5! This thematic centre-clearing move seems like a fairly major improvement on the previous moves considered on this site.

[12.b4!? is an interesting pawn sacrifice along the lines of the others in this file. cxd4 13.cxd4 Bxb4 14.Na3±]

12...Bxc5 13.b4 Be7 14.Bd3 Rf8

[14...Qc7!? 15.Qe2 fxe5 16.fxe5 Rf8 17.Nbd2 Rf4! Stretching White's defences to the maximum this is the critical line for 12.dxc5.

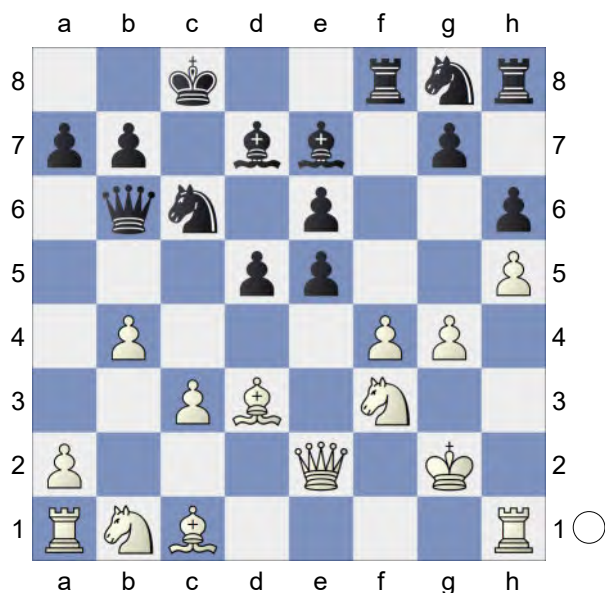
A) 18.Kh3?! Nf6!! 19.exf6 e5→ Black has a huge attack that more than compensates for the piece.;

B) 18.b5!? My brief check of this line indicates that White is not worse, but the complications are worse than anything you can imagine. Rxg4+! (18...Na5?! 19.Nd4 Qxc3 20.N4b3±) 19.Kh3 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Nf6!! 21.Ndf3 (21.Nxg4 e5 22.Rg1 e4+) 21...Bd6 22.c4 Re4!∞;

C) 18.Kg3! Bg5 19.b5! Nf6!? (The general rule is, if Black plays 'boring' he will lose, e.g. 19...Na5 20.Nb3±) 20.bxc6 Bxc6 21.Kh3! My feeling is Black's attack still can't be enough, e.g. (21.Nh2!?) 21...Nxg4 (21...Rxg4 22.Nf1 Bxc1 23.Rxc1±) 22.Rg1 Ne3 23.Rg3 Nf5 24.Bxf5 exf5 25.Ba3 Rg4 26.Rxg4 fxg4+ 27.Kxg4± However, I am far from confident

that I've spoken the last word on this line.]

15.Qe2 fxe5

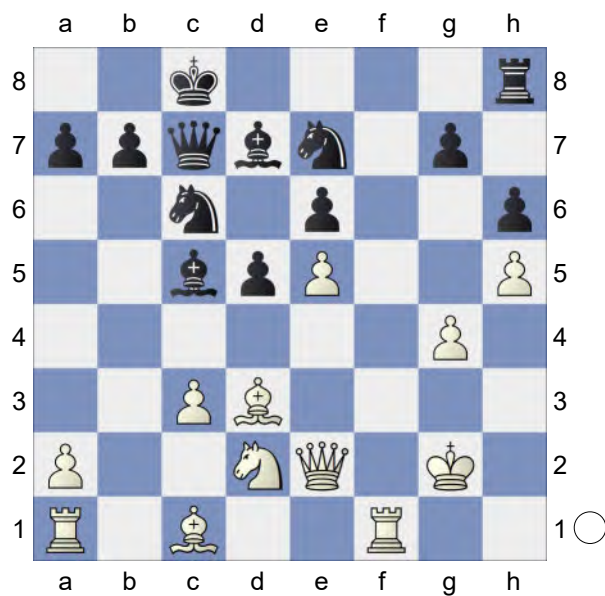


16.fxe5 Rxf3?! This move admits that White is a bit better and doesn't cause too much complication.

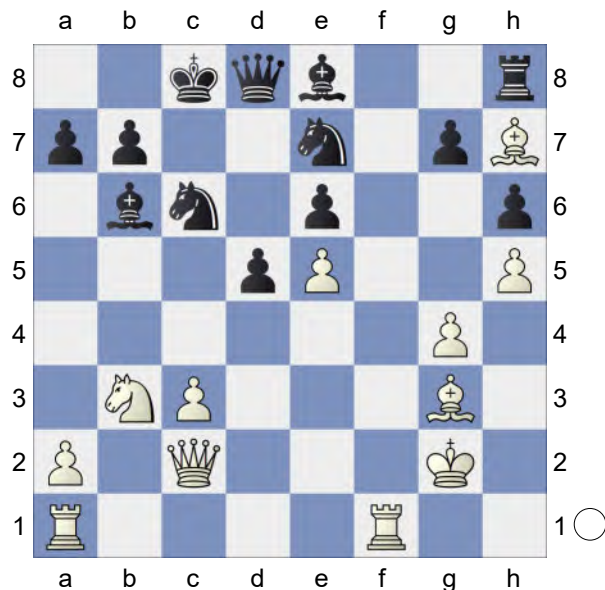
[16...Qc7 transposes to the previous note. Even if Black is worse there, the positions are so ridiculously complicated that computers are by no means guaranteed to get it right!]

17.Kxf3 Bxb4 18.Kg2 Bc5 19.Nd2± This material advantage might well not be much in OTB play, but in correspondence chess Black can never win now. In the end, the long grim defence was too much for him.
19...Nge7 20.Rf1 Qc7

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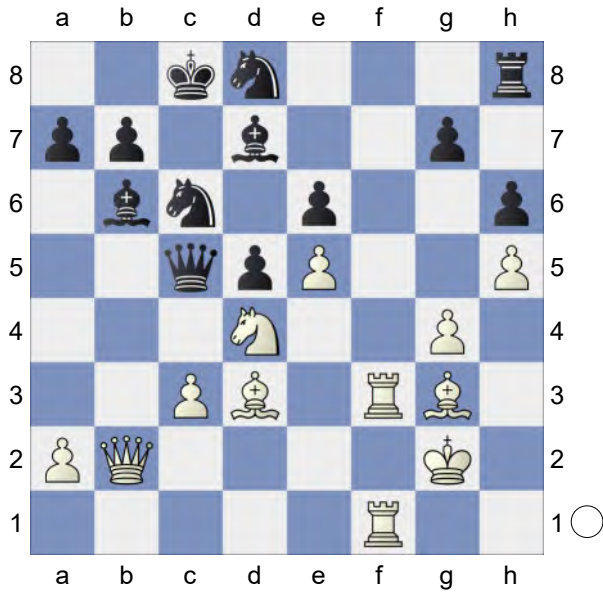


21.Nb3 Bb6 22.Bf4 Rg8 23.Bg3 Qd8
24.Qc2 Be8 25.Bh7 Rh8

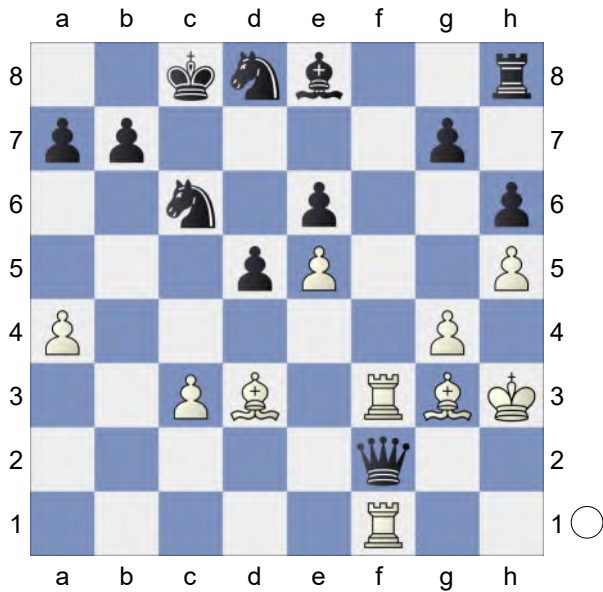


26.Rf3 Qc7 27.Raf1 Nd8 28.Nd4 Bd7
29.Bd3 Qc5 30.Qb2 Nec6

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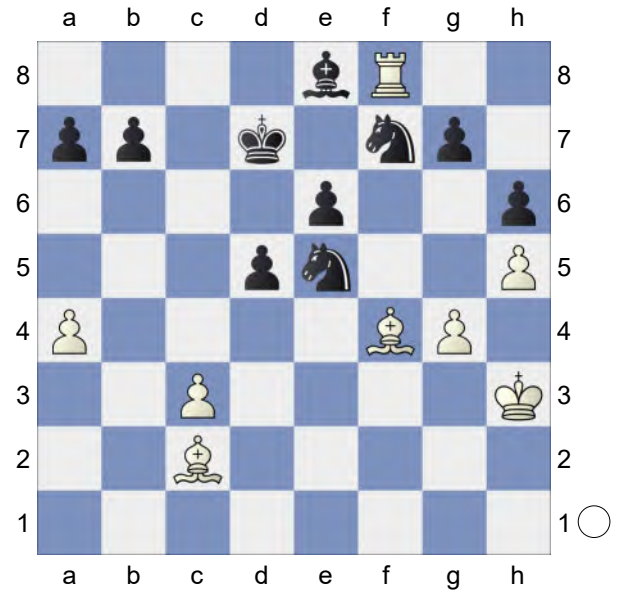


**31.Nb5 Bc7 32.Nxc7 Kxc7 33.a4 Kc8
34.Kh3 Be8 35.Qf2 Qxf2**

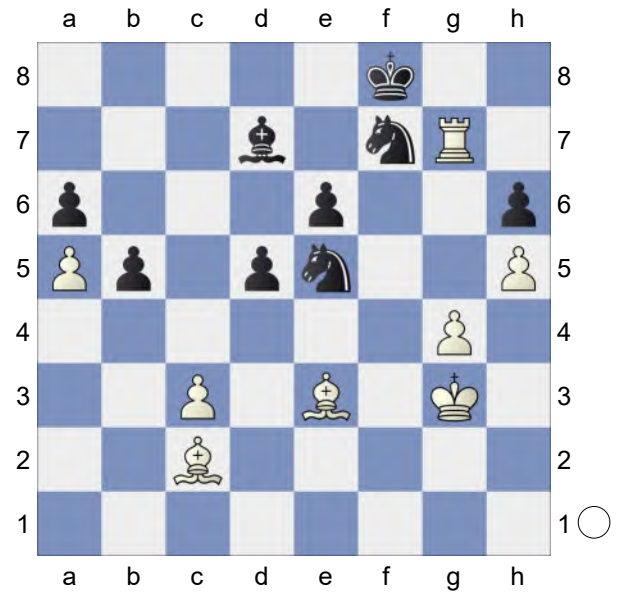


**36.R1xf2 Kd7 37.Bc2 Rg8 38.Rf8
Rxf8 39.Rxf8 Nf7 40.Bf4 Ncxe5**

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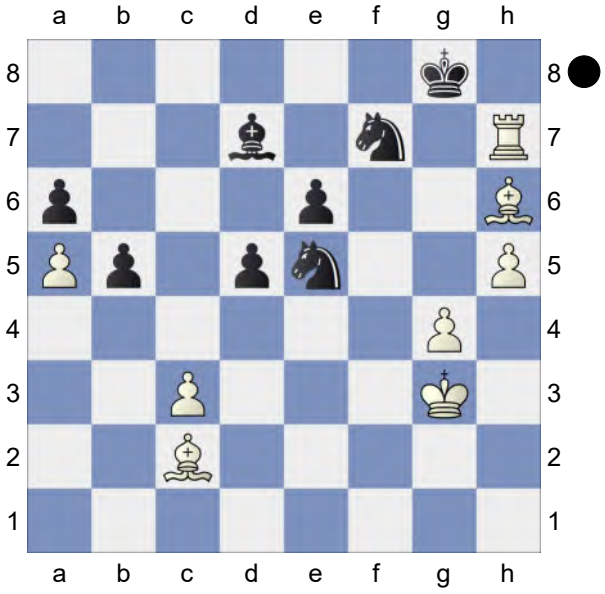


**41.Rg8 Ke7 42.Kg3 b5 43.a5 Bd7
44.Be3 a6 45.Rxg7 Kf8**



46.Rh7 Kg8 47.Bxh6

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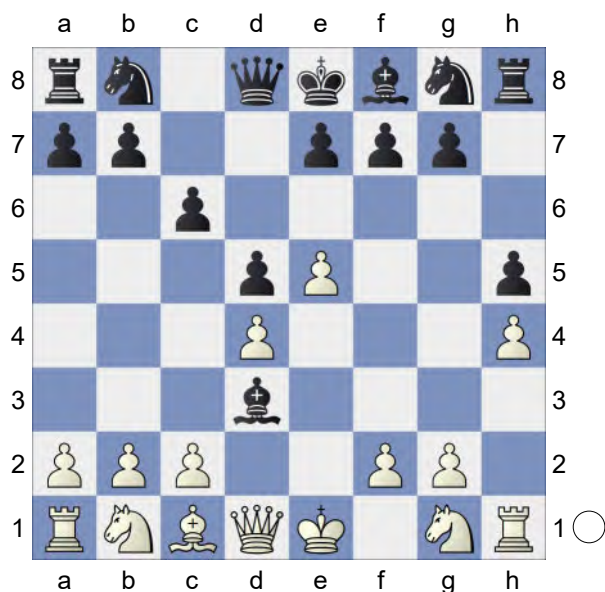
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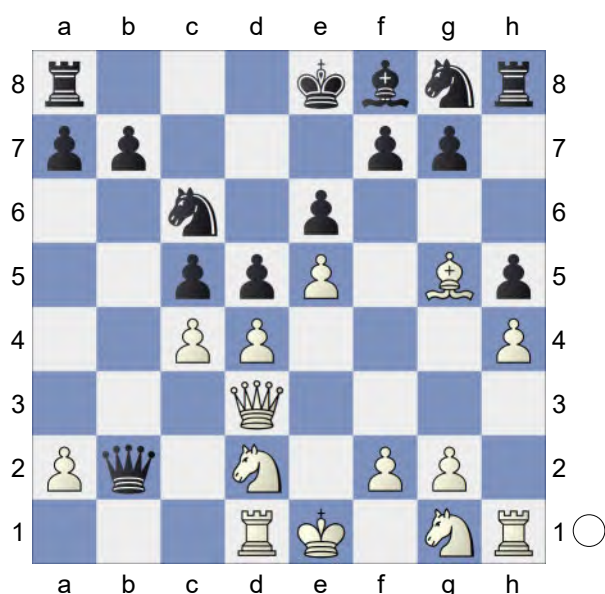
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 e6 7.Bg5 Qb6 8.Nd2 c5!
9.c4 Qxb2 10.Rd1 Nc6



11.Ne2!? White may also play 11.Ngf3 here, which I think is a marginally

worse move in that Black can obtain a dynamically level position rather than just suffering in rather uninspiring endgames. **11...Nb4!** The alternative is **11...Nxd4**, which seems inadequate.

[11...Nxd4 12.cxd5 Qc2 13.Qa3 My co-annotator Justin commented before that Black has to be very careful here. I would only add that even in that case he is worse...

A) 13...exd5?! 14.Rc1 Qf5 (14...f6 15.Nxd4 cxd4 16.Qxf8+ Kxf8 17.Rxc2 fxc5 18.hxc5 is the same position as after 13...f6.) 15.Nxd4 cxd4 16.Qb2! (16.Qb3 leads to quite similar lines, and it's not clear which one is more precise.)

A1) 16...Ne7 17.0-0 f6 (17...Qd7 18.Nf3±) 18.Nf3 fxc5 19.Nxd4 Qxe5 20.Rfe1±;

A2) 16...f6 Black has to chase after the piece, but even so his king position is chronically weak. 17.Nf3 fxc5 18.Qxb7 Rd8 19.0-0 Ne7 20.Rfe1 Rh6 (20...Qd7 21.Qb3 Rh6 22.Nxc5+-) 21.Nxd4 Qd7 22.Rc7 Qa4 23.e6!±;

B) 13...f6?! 14.Rc1 fxc5 15.Nxd4 cxd4 16.Qxf8+! (After 16.d6 Qf5 17.Qa4+ Kf7 18.Rc7+ Kg6 19.Qxd4± White has great compensation for the piece, but of course it's still very possible to lose this.) 16...Kxf8 17.Rxc2 exd5 18.hxc5±;

C) 13...Nxe2! 14.Kxe2 exd5! (14...f6 15.dxe6 Rd8 16.exf6 gxf6 17.Rh3! fxc5 18.Rc3 Qf5 19.Qa4+ Ke7 20.Rf3 Qe5+ 21.Kf1 Now White doesn't have a really obvious threat, but it also seems

that Black can't improve on entering the following line: *g4 22.Nc4 Rxd1+ 23.Qxd1 Qd4 24.Rf7+ Kxe6 25.Qxd4 cxd4 26.Rxf8±* with a large endgame advantage.)
15.Rb1 c4 (15...f6 16.Rxb7 fxg5 17.Qa6 Ne7 18.e6+-) 16.Qa5

C1) *16...f6* This move is non-essential and White can ignore it.

17.Rh3! Be7 18.Rc3 Qf5 (18...Qg6 19.Rxb7 fxg5 20.Qxd5 Rd8 21.Qb5+ Kf8 22.Rf3+ Nf6 23.exf6 gxf6 24.Rxe7!! Kxe7 25.Qc5+ Kf7 26.Qc7+) 19.exf6 gxf6 20.Rxb7 fxg5 21.Qb5+ Kd8 22.Nxc4+-;

C2) *16...Be7!* *17.Rxb7! (17.Rh3?! Now it turns out that Black can economise on playing ...f6. d4 18.Qb5+ Kf8 19.Qxc4 Qxc4+ 20.Nxc4 b6=) 17...f6! (17...Qd3+ 18.Kd1!±) 18.Rh3 d4 19.Qb5+ Kf8 20.Qxc4 Qxc4+ 21.Nxc4 fxg5 22.Rf3+ Ke8 23.hxg5* This piece sacrifice is best play after *11... Nxd4* in my opinion (Black's moves being close to forced), and Black needs a specific move to defend here. That turns out to be the immediate *...Rd8* as in other lines he ends up playing that next anyway, to deal with the ideas of *Nd6+*.

C2a) *23...Rc8?! 24.Nd6+ Bxd6 25.exd6 Rd8 26.Rbf7! Rxd6 27.Rf8+ Ke7 28.R3f7+ Ke6 29.Rxg7±* Should be a winning rook ending.;

C2b) *23...a5* This is not constructive enough, though it does make White play a rather tricky move to get his

good winning chances.
24.Nd6+ (24.Kd3!?) 24...Bxd6 25.exd6 Rd8 26.Rbf7 Rxd6 27.Rf8+ Kd7 28.R3f7+ Ke6 29.Rxg7 h4 30.Ra7!!± The g8-knight is as good as dead anyway.
(30.Rgxc8 Rxg8 31.Rxg8 d3+ 32.Kd2 Rd4= holds.);

C2c) *23...h4? 24.g6! Rd8 (24...Rh6 25.Nd6+ Bxd6 26.exd6+- followed by Rxg7.) 25.Rf7±* White is much better, but there is one endgame line I found that I would very much like to reproduce. *Bf8 26.Nd6+ (26.Kd1!?) 26...Bxd6 27.exd6 Rxd6 28.Rxg7 Nf6 (28...d3+ 29.Kd1 Nf6 30.Rbe7+ Kd8 31.Rxa7+-* There is no tempo-gaining check on the e-file.)
29.Rbe7+ Kd8 (29...Kf8 30.Rgf7+ Kg8 31.g7+-) 30.Rxa7 Re8+ 31.Kd3 Rd7?! (31...Rc6 32.a4±) 32.Ra8+ Kc7 33.Rxd7+ Kxd7 34.Rxe8 Nxe8 35.Kxd4 Ke6 36.Kc5 This endgame is winning by force.
Nc7 (36...Kf6 37.Kc6 Ng7 38.a4 Nf5 39.a5 Nd4+ 40.Kc5 Nb3+ 41.Kb6 Nxa5 42.Kxa5 Kxg6 43.Kb4+-) 37.a4 (37.f4! also wins.) 37...Kf6 38.a5 Kxg6 39.Kc6 Na6 40.Kb6 Nb4 41.a6 Nxa6 42.Kxa6+-;

C2d) *23...Rd8!* I believe this is best but White is still pressing.
24.e6 Bxg5 (24...Rd5 25.Rf7!+-) 25.Ne5 Bf6□ (25...Rh6 26.Rxg7 Ne7 27.Rxg5 Rxe6 28.Kd3 Rd5

29.Ke4±) 26.Nf7 Rh6!
 (26...Rh7?! The rook is
 useless here. 27.Ra3 h4
 28.Raxa7 Rh5 29.Nxd8 Bxd8
 30.Rxg7 Ne7±) 27.Rxa7! Rg6
 (27...h4 28.Kf1! Be7
 29.Nxd8 Bxd8 30.Rxg7 Ne7
 31.Rg4 Bb6 32.Re4±
 White has too many pawns for
 this to be easy.) 28.Rb3!
 d3+□ (28...Nh6 29.Nxd8
 Bxd8 30.Ra6 Rxg2 31.Rb8±)
 29.Kd1 Nh6 30.Nxd8 Bxd8
 31.Ra8 Rxe6 32.Rxd3 Nf7
 33.a4± There are definitely
 some fortresses Black can
 reach (for instance, W Kf5 Ra6
 pf2, g3 B Kg7 Bc1 p g4, h5)
 but it's far from clear how he
 can actually do so. Additionally,
 White doesn't have to make it
 simple for Black to give up the
 knight for the a-pawn once
 rooks have been traded.]

12.Qf3 Nc2+

[12...Qa3 13.Qxa3 Nc2+ 14.Kf1
 Nxa3 15.cxd5 exd5 16.dxc5
 (16.Rh3!?) 16...Bxc5 17.Nc3!
 (After the 17.Nb3 of Petrov, N-
 Hovhannisyan, R Riga 2016 Black
 could have played Bb6=)

A) 17...Ne7 18.Rh3! When White
 regains his material he will still
 have an attack. Rc8 (18...Nc4
 19.Nxc4 dxc4 20.Ne4 b6 21.Nxc5
 bxc5 22.Rc3±) 19.Nxd5!! Nxd5
 20.Ne4±;

B) 17...d4 18.Nce4 b6 19.Rh3
 Nb5 20.Rb3 Nc7 21.Nxc5 bxc5
 22.Rb7 Ne6 23.Nc4±
 White's initiative is easily worth the
 pawn he has sacrificed.]

[12...cxd4?? 13.0-0 d3 (13...Be7

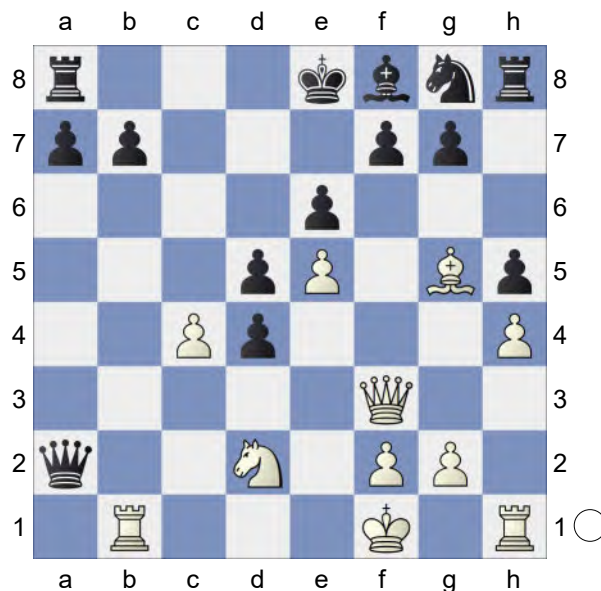
14.cxd5 exd5 15.Rb1 Qxa2 16.Bxe7
 Nxe7 17.Rxb4 Qxd2 18.Rxb7 Rh6
 Kevlishvili, R-Alekseenko, K Ankara
 2018 19.Nf4! White is completely
 winning.) 14.Nf4 Be7 (14...Qxe5
 15.cxd5 Nxd5 16.Rfe1+-) 15.cxd5
 exd5 16.Rb1+- White went on to win
 quite easily in Lane, G-O'Donnell, C
 Dublin 2019]

13.Kf1 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 cxd4 15.Rb1!

[A possible 'slow burning' move is
 15.g3]

[15.cxd5?! Qb5+ 16.Kg1 Qxd5=
 does not pose problems]

15...Qxa2



16.Rxb7 Be7? A strange mistake to
 feature in correspondence chess! It
 could even be a decisive error.

[16...Ne7! Clearly Black's best
 approach, and while the practical
 chances are definitely with White
 (and furthermore 24.Rc1 is also
 interesting) there is nothing I find as
 convincing as the lines after 11...
 Nxd4. 17.Ke2!

A) 17...Qa6 18.Rhb1 Black has
 nothing better than ... Rc8
 transposing below. Nf5 19.Rb8+

Rxb8 20.Rxb8+ Kd7 21.Qd3±;
B) 17...Rc8 18.Rhb1 Threatening Rb8. Qa6 19.Ke1! dxc4 (19...d3 20.Be3±) 20.Bxe7 Now the following line is quite cute: Bxe7 21.Rxe7+ Kxe7 22.Rb7+ Kd8 23.Qxf7 Qa1+ 24.Ke2 d3+ 25.Kf3 Qd1+ 26.Kg3 Qg4+ 27.Kh2 Qxh4+ 28.Kg1;

C) 17...d3+! 18.Qxd3 Nc6 19.Rhb1! (19.cxd5 Qxd5 20.Qxd5 exd5= holds for Black.) 19...Bc5 20.cxd5 Qxd5 21.Ne4 Qxd3+ 22.Kxd3 Nxe5+ 23.Ke2 Bf8 This is the line all the cloud engines recommend, and it does look crushing. But I can't see anything all that concrete for White here. After a lot of thought I decided to recommend 24. Rd1, with Rc1 as backup. 24.Rd1!? Threatening Rxa7. Black has ways to neutralise the pressure here as well but it's far from easy over the board.

C1) 24...a5 25.Bf6! Ng4 26.Ra7 Rb8 (26...Rc8 27.Bxg7+-) 27.Bc3 Rh6 28.Rdd7 f6 29.f3?! Ne5 30.Rdc7 Rg6 31.g3 f5 32.Nc5 Bxc5 33.Rxc5 Nd7 34.Rcc7 Nf6 35.Rf7 Rb5 36.Rae7+ Kd8 37.Rxe6 Rxc3 38.Bxf6+ gxf6 39.Ra6± Black's king safety is still terrible and despite the temporary two pawn lead, maybe the best he can dream of is eventually drawing an f+h endgame.;

C2) 24...Ba3?! 25.Bc1! Bxc1 (25...Bf8 26.Bb2 Nc6 27.Rc7 Rb8 28.Bf6 a5 29.f3±; 25...Be7 26.Bb2 f6 27.Bxe5 fxe5 28.Rdd7 Bf8 29.Rxa7 Rxa7 30.Rxa7± White has won back

one pawn without letting Black out of the cage. It will be a slightly harder challenge to start winning more pawns without trading down into a drawn 3v2, but there are certainly various things to try.) 26.Nd6+ Kf8 27.Rxc1 Rh7 28.Rcc7 Kg8 29.Rxa7 Rf8 30.g3± I think this is the most likely continuation of a practical game. White doesn't 'have anything' but the combination of pressure against the kingside pawns and the duo of active rooks gives him fair winning chances.;

C3) 24...Nc6?! 25.Nd6+ Bxd6 26.Rxd6 Ne5 27.Re7+ Kf8 28.Rxa7 Rc8 29.Rc7 Ra8 30.Ra6 Re8 31.Raa7 Kg8 32.f4 Ng4 33.Rxf7 Rh7 34.Rfc7± White wants to keep two pairs of rooks as long as possible.;

C4) 24...f5! This is a challenging move to have to make. 25.Nc3 Bc5! As on the previous move, Black has to play actively rather than just responding to the threat of Nb5. (25...a6 26.Na4 Nc4 27.Rc7 Ne5 28.Nb6 Rb8 29.Nc8 Nf7 30.Ne7±)

C4a) It might be worth flicking in a move repetition first: 26.Na4 Bf8! (26...Ba3 27.Rxc7 Nf7 28.Rg6 Nxc5 29.hxc5 Kf7 30.Rf6+ Ke7 31.Rd3!±) 27.Rc1 Nf7 28.Rcc7 Nd6 29.Rxa7 Rxa7 30.Rxa7 Ne4±;

C4b) By contrast, after 26.Rb5 Nd7 27.Na4 Black should vary: Bb6! (27...Bf8 28.Rc1!) 28.Rd6 Nf6=;

C4c) 26.Nb5?? 0-0♣;

C4d) 26.Rxg7 _____ Nf7!

(26...Rc8?! first allows White the extra option of 27.Kf1 Nf7 28.Ne2±) 27.Nb5 Rc8! (27...Kf8 28.Rg6 Nxb5 29.hxg5 Rh7 30.Rc1 Bb6 31.Rxe6 Re7 32.Rxe7 Kxe7 33.Rc6±) 28.Rc1 (28.Bf6 Be7 29.Bxe7 Kxe7 30.Nd6 Rcf8 31.Nxf7 Rxf7 32.Rd7+ Kxd7 33.Rxf7+ Kd6 34.Rxa7 Ke5=) 28...Kf8 29.Rg6 Nxb5 30.hxg5 Kf7 31.Rf6+ Ke7! (31...Kg7 32.Rxe6 Bb6 33.Rxc8 Rxc8 34.f4±) 32.Rh6 a6 33.Rxh8 Rxh8 34.Rxc5 axb5 35.Rxb5= This rook ending is simply a draw.]

[16...Qa1+? 17.Ke2 d3+ 18.Kxd3 Qa3+ 19.Nb3 Be7 (19...dxc4+ 20.Kc3!! With the threat of Ra1 in addition to the two mates in one!) 20.Ra1 Qb2 21.cxd5 Qxe5 22.dxe6 Rd8+ 23.Rd7+-]

17.Kg1!! The rook will swing in, however much time that takes, and White's attack will become unstoppable.

17...Rd8

[17...Qa6 18.Qb3 Bxg5 19.hxg5 Ne7 20.cxd5 Nxd5 21.Rb8+ Ke7 22.Rb7+ Kf8 23.Rh3+-]

[17...Rc8 18.Kh2± is not fundamentally different.]

[17...f6!? Black can at least try and grab a piece, but it seems White's attack is very strong anyway in spite of the rather slow appearance.]

18.Qd3 fxe5 19.hxg5

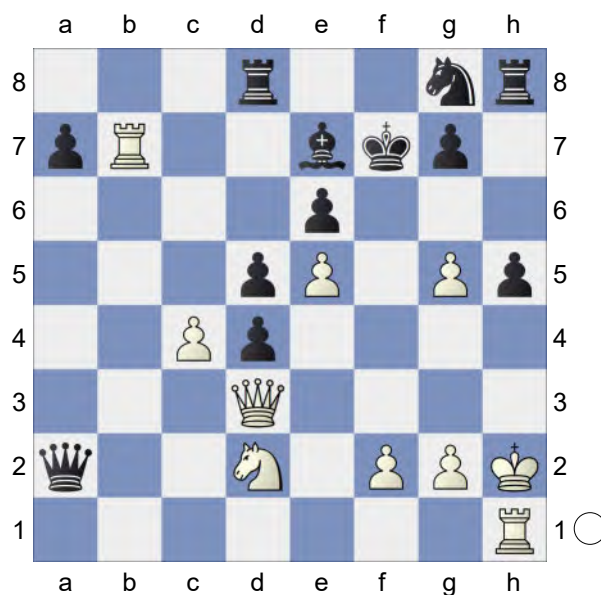
A) 19...Kf7 20.Rh4! Qa6 (20...g6 21.Nb3+- This is a similar motif to the game.) 21.Rf4+ Ke8 22.Qg6+ Kd8 23.Rb1+-;

B) 19...0-0-0 20.Rb3! It could be that White is just winning already.

B1) 20...Qa6 21.Kh2 Bxg5 22.Rb5 Bxd2 23.Rhb1 Bf4+ 24.Kg1 Bxe5 (24...Qc6 25.cxd5 Rxd5 26.Rb8+ Kc7 27.Qa3+-; 24...Ne7 25.cxd5+-) 25.cxd5± Despite being two pieces down, White's attack is too much. He threatens to win the queen with Rb8, and if Black's king heads to e8 there will always be Qg6.;

B2) 20...Bc5 21.Kh2 Ne7 (21...Qa6 22.Rb5 Qc6 23.Nb3 Bb6 24.c5 Bc7 25.f4+-) 22.Rhb1 (Personally I might be tempted to bail out with 22.Rc1 Qa6 23.cxd5 Qxd3 24.Rxc5+ Kd7 25.Rxd3 Nxd5 26.Rxd4± and a better ending.) 22...Qa4 23.cxd5 Nxd5 24.Qc2 Qc6 25.Ne4 Nb6 26.Nxc5 Rd7± Black has achieved passable co-ordination now but it's pretty clear White's attack is still worth way more than one pawn.]

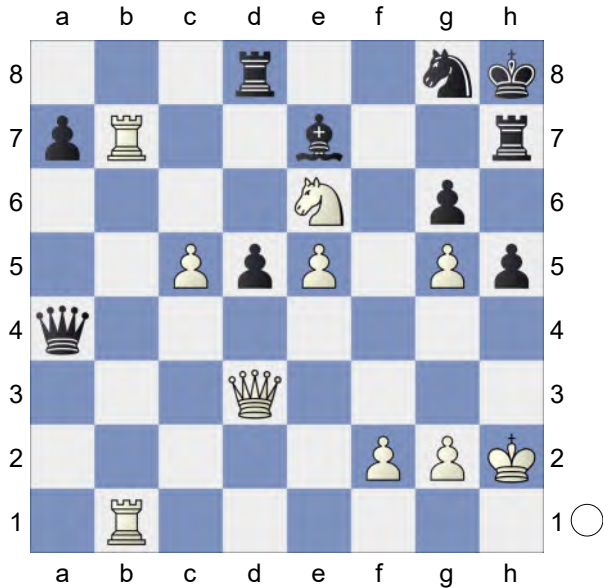
18.Kh2 f6 19.Qd3 fxe5 20.hxg5 Kf7



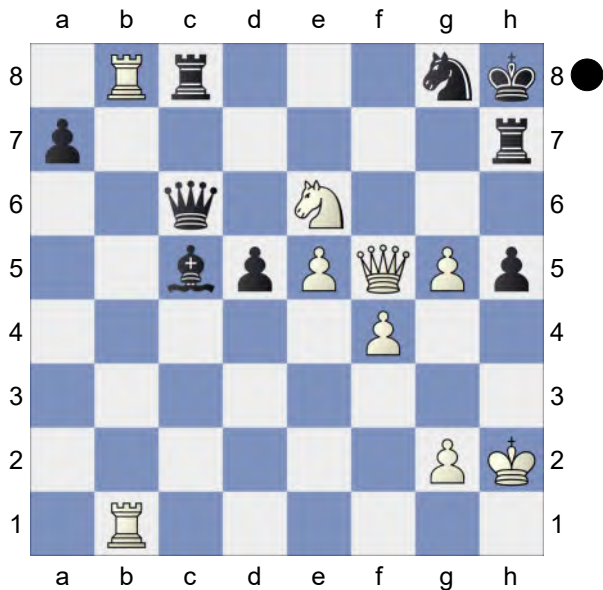
21.c5 Qa4 22.Rhb1 g6 23.Nb3!+-

This knight manoeuvre is very useful against lines where Black tries to hide the king on g7. Practically and especially in correspondence chess, Black's position is completely busted.

23...Rh7 24.Nxd4 Kg7 25.Nxe6+ Kh8



26.Qxg6 Rc8 27.Rb8 Bxc5 28.f4 Qc6 29.Qf5



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B12**2411****2211****B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation****1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6 5.g4 Bh7**

[5...Bd7 6.h5 c5 (6...e6 7.f4 c5 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Kf2 0-0-0 11.Kg3 Kb8 12.a4 cxd4 13.a5 Nxa5 14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Nxc6+ Bxc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qd4 Qxd4 19.cxd4 Ne7 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Bd3 0-1 Grünfeld 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 (2470)-

Theis,B (2613) (m/4-rapid) 101/(249)

2007 (5)) 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.Qxd5 Bxg4

9.Nc3 e6 10.Qg2 Bf5 11.Bb5 Qc7

12.Be3 0-0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nf3

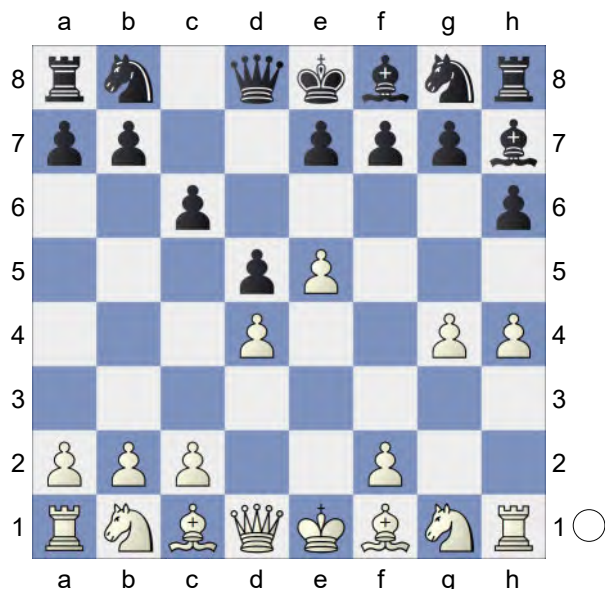
Ne7 15.Nd4 Bh7 16.0-0-0 Nd5

17.Nxd5 Rxd5 18.f4 Rxc5 19.Rd2

Rg8 20.Rhd1 1-0 Vachier Lagrave,M

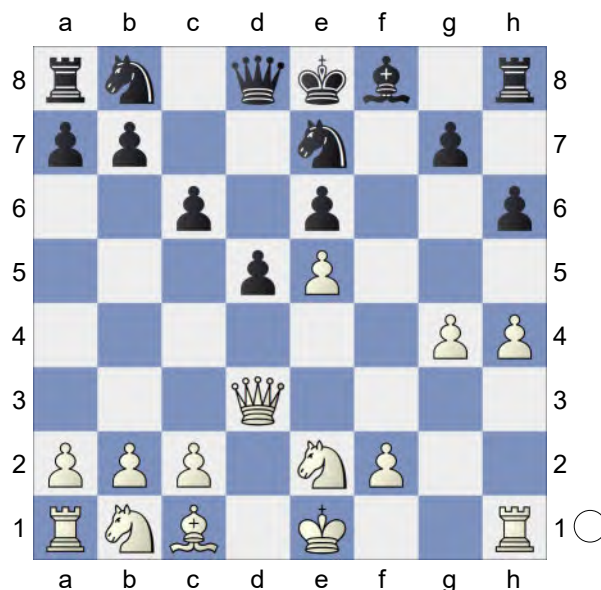
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WMG Blindfold rapid 2011 (1)]

**6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 e5N**

[7...Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1 Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxg4 21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 1-0 Moen,A (2095)-Blatt,F Izhevsk Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) b6 23.c4 Kb7 24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3 b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4 29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5 31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6 33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+ Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8 1-0 Mastrovasilis,D (2095)-Grischenko, S Wch U12 St Lorenzo 1995 (1)]

8.dxe5 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 e6 **White is better. 10.Ne2 Ne7**



Repels Qd3-g6+ 11.Nf4 Qd7 12.Be3 Na6 13.Nd2 c5 14.c4 -0.11/22

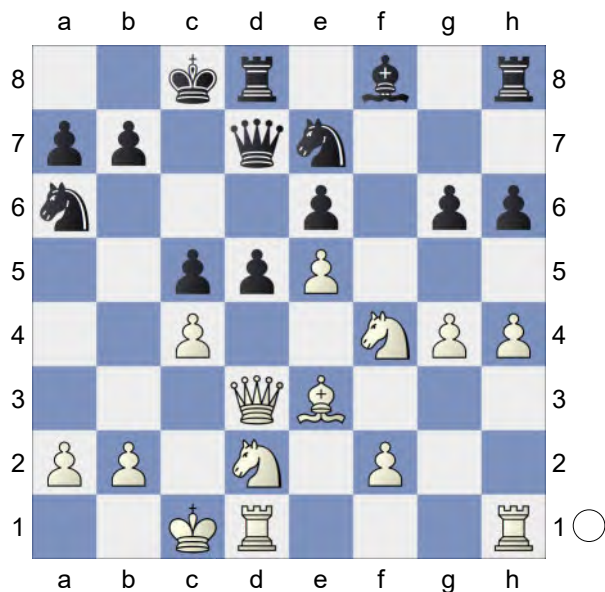
[White should try 14.0-0-0± 0.95/17]

14...0-0-0 0.30/19

[Δ14...Nb4 -0.11/22 15.Qb3 d4]

15.0-0-0= g6 0.63/20

(Diagram)



16.Qe2

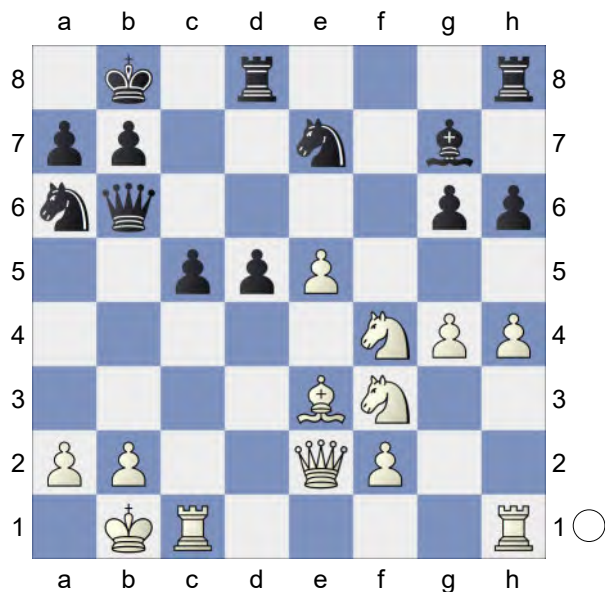
[16.Nxg6 Nb4 17.Qb1 Nxg6
18.Qxg6 d4=]

16...Qc6 17.Nf3 -0.12/22

[17.Nb3!± 0.91/19]

**17...Bg7 18.cxd5 exd5 With the idea ...
Rh8-f8. 19.Kb1 Kb8 20.Rc1 Qb6
0.42/18**

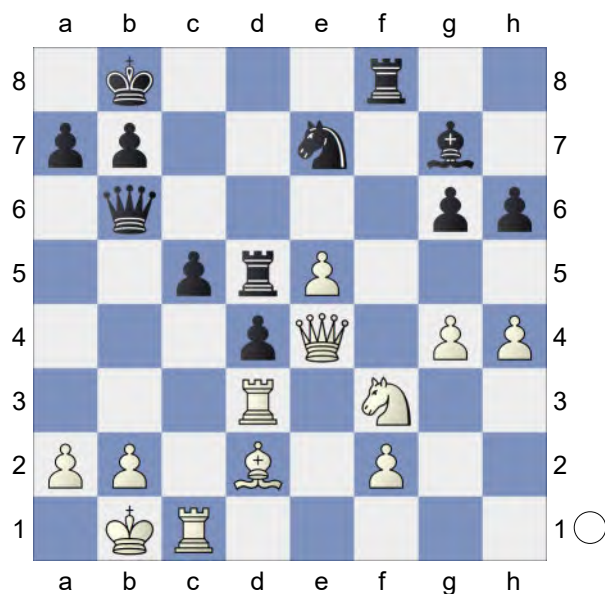
[20...Qd7= -0.10/21]



**21.Rhd1 Rhf8 22.Rd3 d4 23.Bd2 Nc7
24.Qe4**

[24.Rb3!? Qc6□ 25.e6=]

24...Ncd5! 25.Nxd5 Rxd5



26.Rb3 Qa6 27.Bf4 Ka8 28.Bg3 Rfd8

29.Nd2 d3 0.46/22

[29...h5=

0.07/20

is more appropriate.]

30.f4 0.00/22

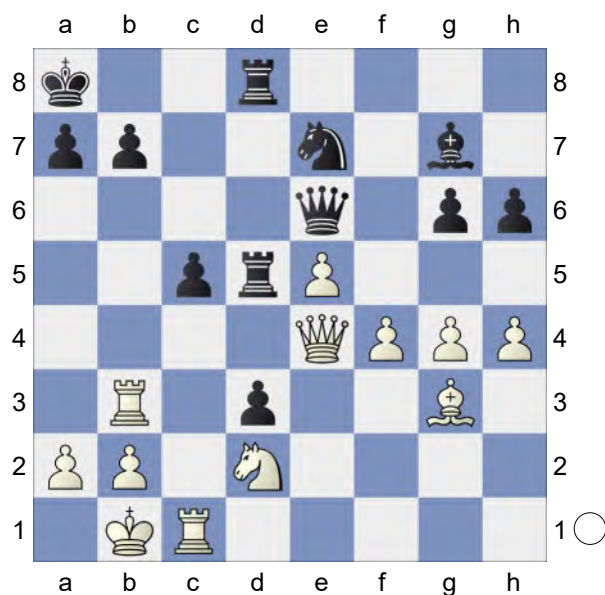
[30.Rbc3± 0.46/22]

30...Qe6 0.63/19

[30...Rd4= 0.00/22

31.Qf3 Qc6

(31...c4 32.Rbc3±)]



31.Qf3 0.00/23

[31.h5± 0.63/19]

31...Qc6 0.69/22

[31...Nc6!= 0.00/23 32.f5 Qc8]

32.Rbc3± b6 33.Rd1 Rd4 1.04/21

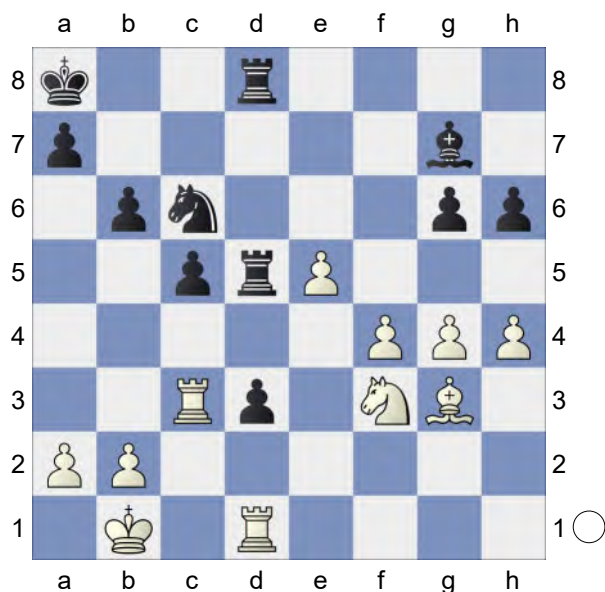
Wards off Nd2-c4

[33...Kb7± 0.51/20]

34.Qxc6+ 0.42/17

[34.f5± 1.04/21 And now f5-f6 would win. Qxf3 Remove Defender 35.Nxf3 Rxc4 36.f6]

34...Nxc6 35.Nf3 R4d5



36.h5 gxh5 37.gxh5 b5! 38.b3 Na5 1.54/23

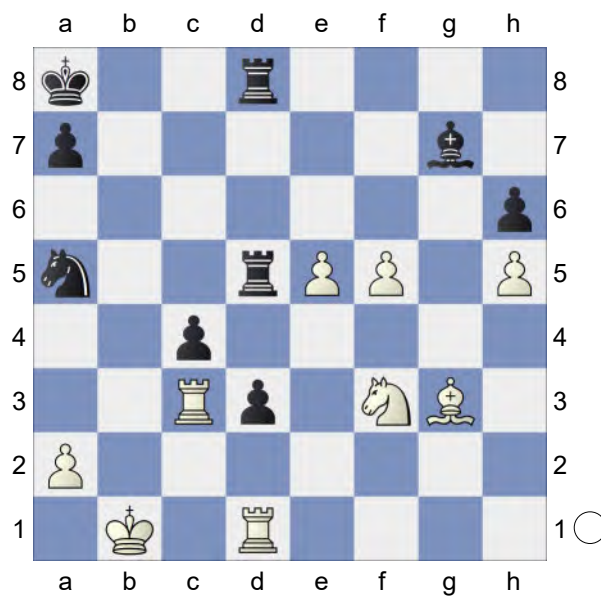
[38...a5= 0.07/22]

39.f5!↑ White is on the roll.

[39.Bh4 R8d7±]

39...c4 40.bxc4 bxc4

(Diagram)



Hoping for ...Bg7-f8. **41.f6 Bf8 42.a3** 0.36/20

[42.e6± 1.36/22]

42...Rb5+ 1.41/23

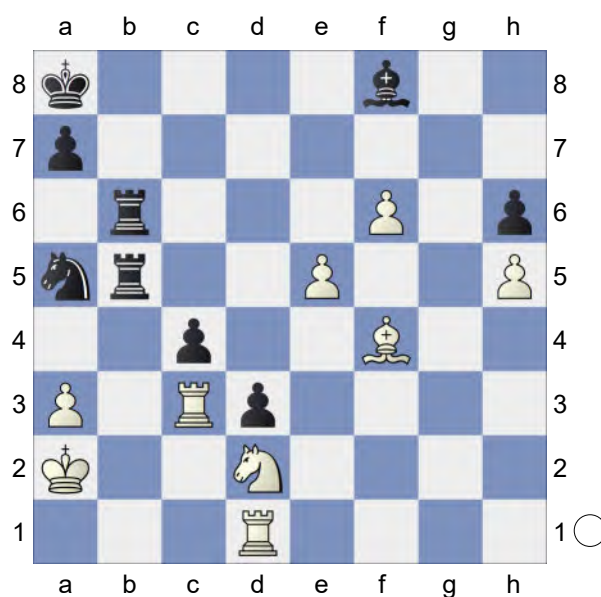
[42...Rb8+± 0.36/20 43.Ka2 Re8]

43.Ka2 Nf3-d2 is the strong threat.

43...Re8 1.78/21

[43...Kb7± 1.26/22 is a better defense. 44.Bf4 Rbd5]

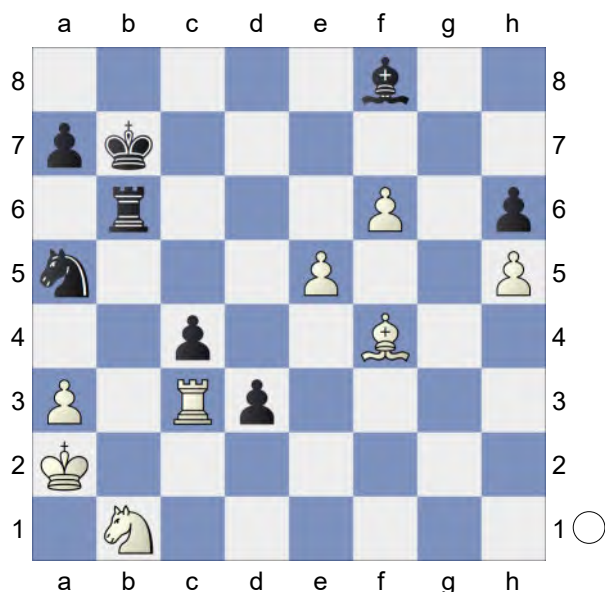
44.Nd2+- Re6 45.Bf4 Strongly threatening Rd1-g1! **45...Reb6**



46.Rb1!

[Don't do 46.Nxc4 Nxc4 47.Rxc4

Rb2+ 48.Ka1 R2b3+-]
46...Rxb1 47.Nxb1 Kb7



48.Nd2 0.41/22

[48.Rc1!± 1.37/25]

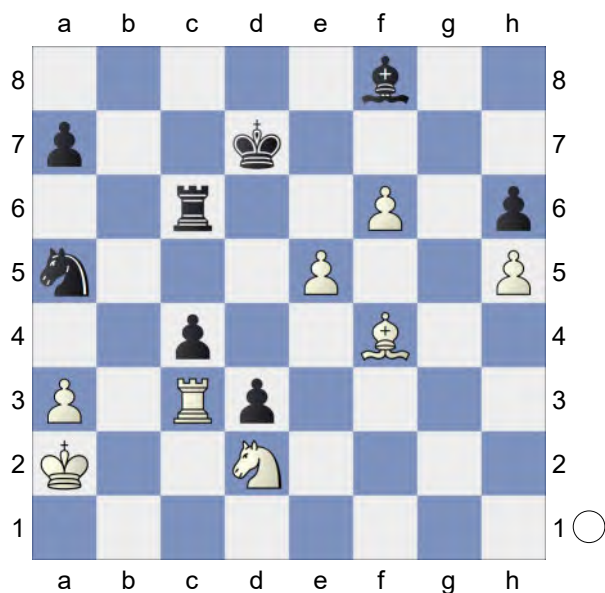
48...Rc6± 49.Ne4 -0.04/25

[49.Kb2± 0.40/23 feels stronger.]

49...Kc8= 50.Nd2 -0.81/27

[50.Ng3= -0.04/26]

50...Kd7



51.Nf3 Nb3 -0.33/21 Inhibits Nf3-d4.

[51...Rc5 52.Rc1 Nb3]

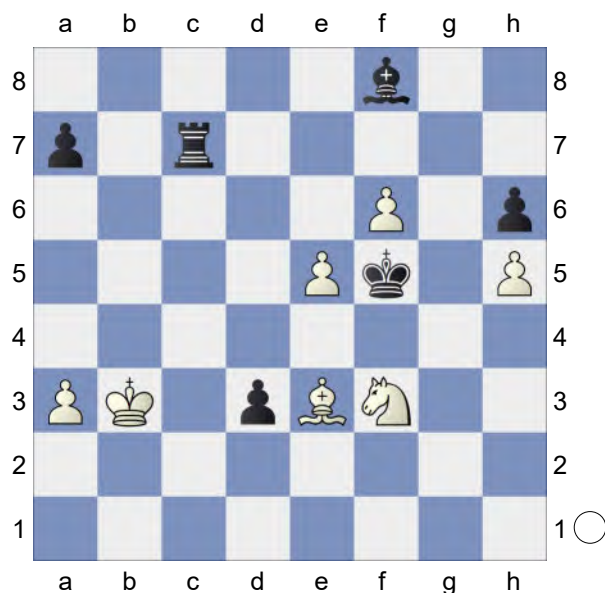
52.Be3? -3.32/25 Loses the game.

[52.Nd2 Nxd2 53.Bxd2 Ke6+-]

[Better is 52.Kb2! -0.33/21]

52...Ke6+ 53.Kb2 Rc7 54.Rxb3 cxb3

55.Kxb3 Endgame. KRB-KBN 55...Kf5



56.Ne1? -6.51/22

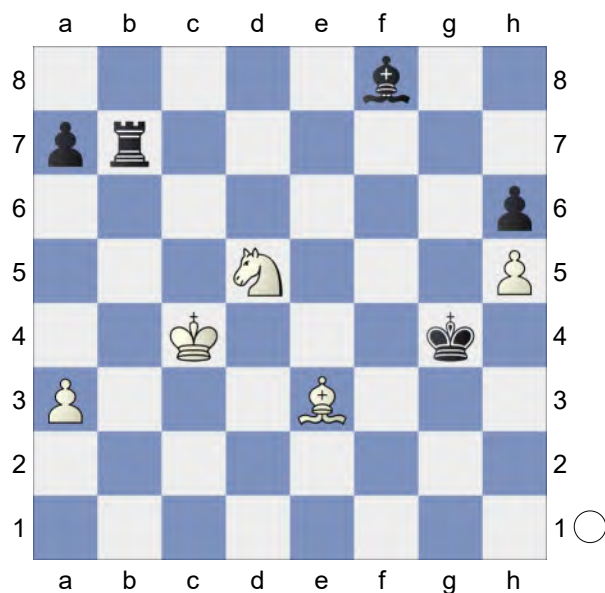
[56.Bd2 -2.87/20 Rc8 (56...Ke4?

57.Nh4+-) 57.Bc3]

56...Kxe5 Black is clearly winning.

57.Nxd3+ Kxf6 58.Nf4 Kf5 59.Nd5

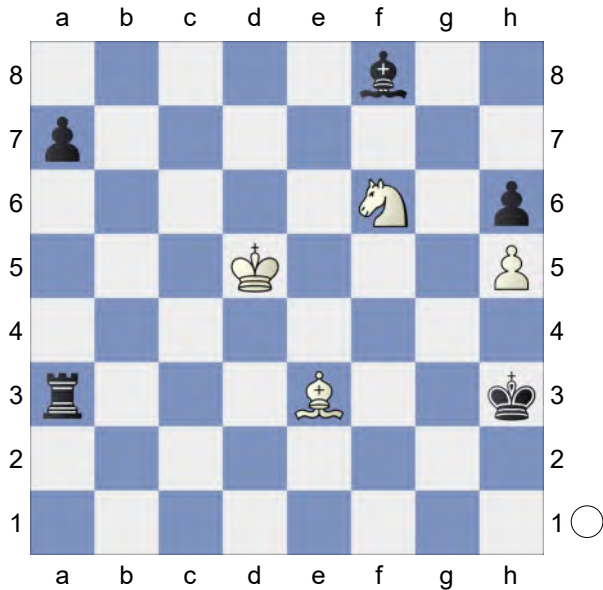
Rb7+ 60.Kc4 Kg4



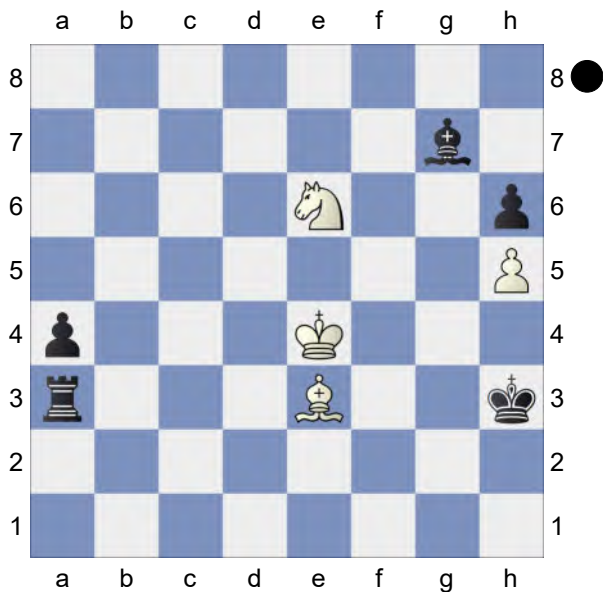
61.Nf6+ Kh4 62.a4 Rb4+ 63.Kd5

Rxa4 64.Bf2+ Kh3 65.Be3 Ra3

(Diagram)

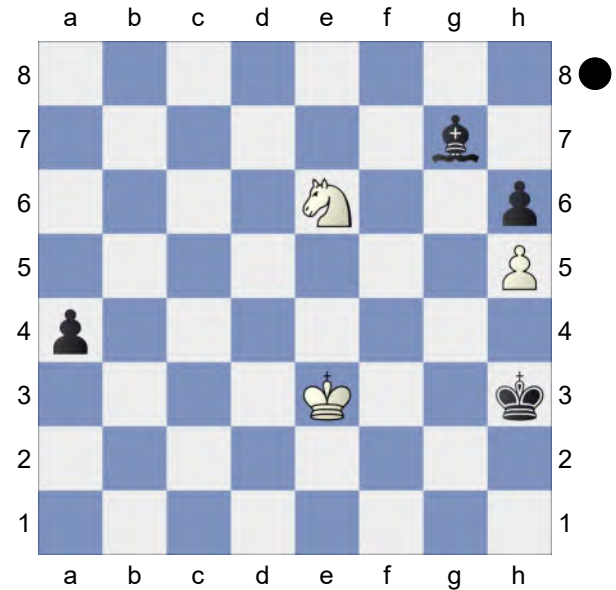


66.Ke4 a5 67.Nd7 Bg7 68.Nc5 a4
aiming for ...Ra3xe3+! 69.Ne6

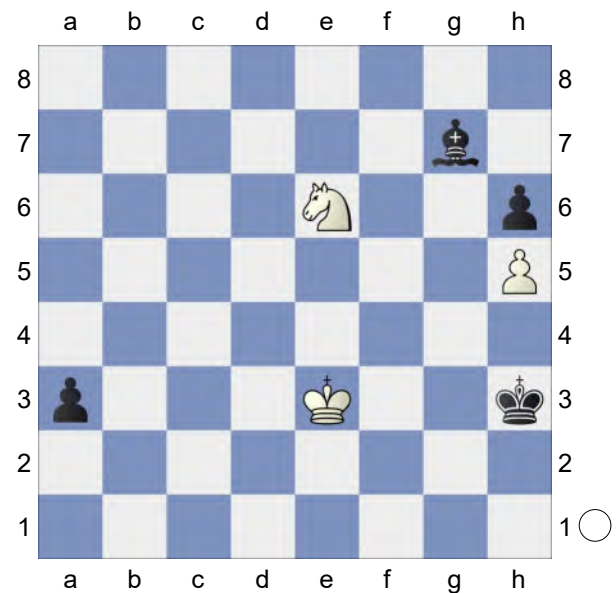


Rxe3+! Clearance 70.Kxe3

(Diagram)



KB-KN 70...a3!



...a3-a2 would now be deadly. 71.Nc5

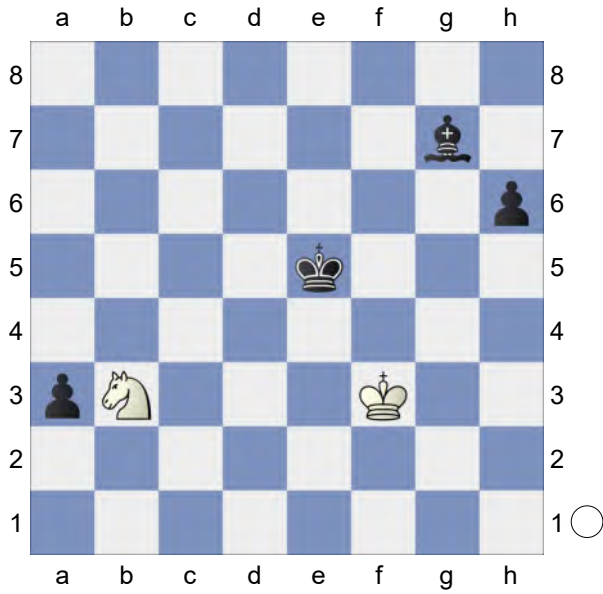
[71.Nxg7 a2]

71...Kg4 72.Nb3 Kxh5 73.Kf3 Kg5

White must now prevent ...a3-a2.

74.Kg3 Kf5 75.Kf3 Ke5

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/
Black=0.29 (precise)

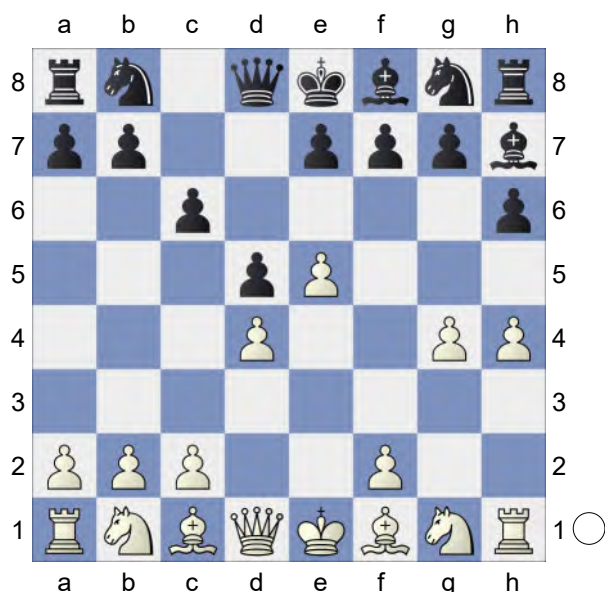
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7

[5...Bd7 6.h5 c5 (6...e6 7.f4 c5
 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Kf2 0-0-0
 11.Kg3 Kb8 12.a4 cxd4 13.a5 Nxa5
 14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Nxc6+
 Bxc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qd4 Qxd4
 19.cxd4 Ne7 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Bd3
 0-1 Grünfeld 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 (2470)-
 Theis,B (2613) (m/4-rapid) 101/(249)
 2007 (5)) 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.Qxd5 Bxg4
 9.Nc3 e6 10.Qg2 Bf5 11.Bb5 Qc7
 12.Be3 0-0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nf3
 Ne7 15.Nd4 Bh7 16.0-0-0 Nd5
 17.Nxd5 Rxd5 18.f4 Rxc5 19.Rd2
 Rg8 20.Rhd1 1-0 Vachier Lagrave,M
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6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 g6N 1.13/20

[Black should try 7...c5± 0.42/20]

[7...Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4
 10.Nbd2 Qa5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4
 dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8
 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3
 h5 18.Rfd1 Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+
 20.Qxg4 hxg4 21.e6 c5 22.Rd5
 1-0 Moen,A (2095)-Blatt,F Izhevsk
 Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) b6
 23.c4 Kb7 24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1
 Rc8 26.Rc3 b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4
 bxc4 29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5
 31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6
 33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+
 Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8
 1-0 Mastrovasilis,D (2095)-Grischenko,
 S Wch U12 St Lorenzo 1995 (1)]

8.Nf3 g4-g5 would now be deadly.
8...Nd7 9.Qe2 Black must now prevent
 g4-g5! White is more active. **9...c5**
 1.86/20

[9...Qc7± 0.86/20 was necessary.]

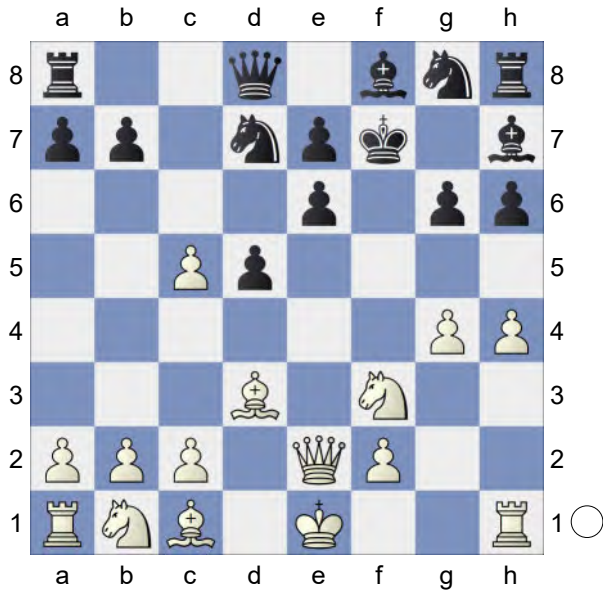
10.dxc5 0.74/20

[10.Qxe6+- 1.86/20 Qb6 11.Qxb6
 (11.Qxd5 Ngf6±) 11...Nxb6
 12.dxc5]

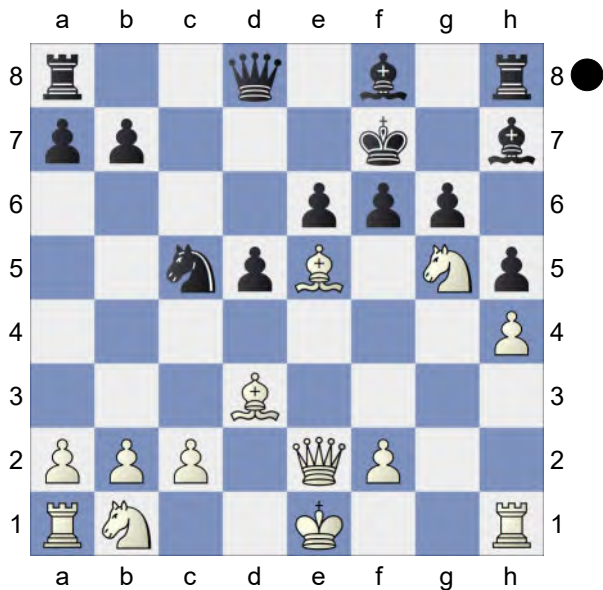
10...Kf7 3.25/21

[10...Bg7± 0.74/20]

(Diagram)

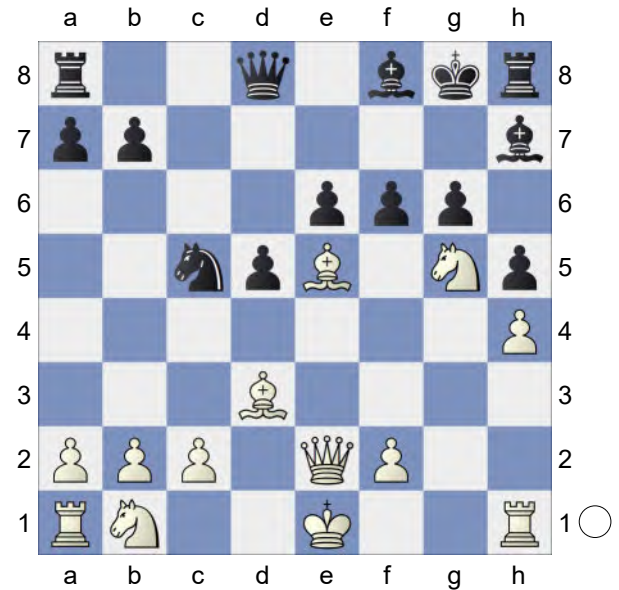


Loses the game. 11.g5+- h5 12.Bf4
 Nxc5 Black is weak on the dark squares
 13.Be5 2.13/23 Dodges Ng8-f6
 [13.Ne5+ 4.21/22 Kg7 14.Nc3]
 13...Nf6 14.gxf6 1.40/24
 [White should play 14.Bd4+- 2.65/22
 Nxd3+ 15.Qxd3 (15.cxd3 Rg8±)]
 14...exf6± 15.Ng5+

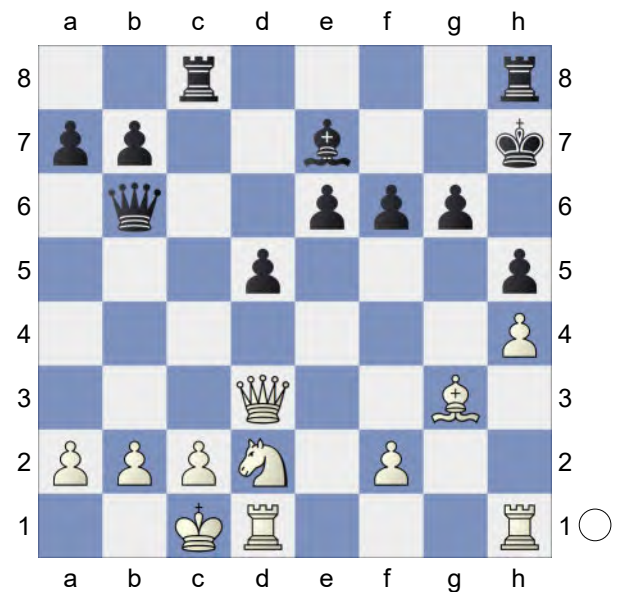


Pin 15...Kg8

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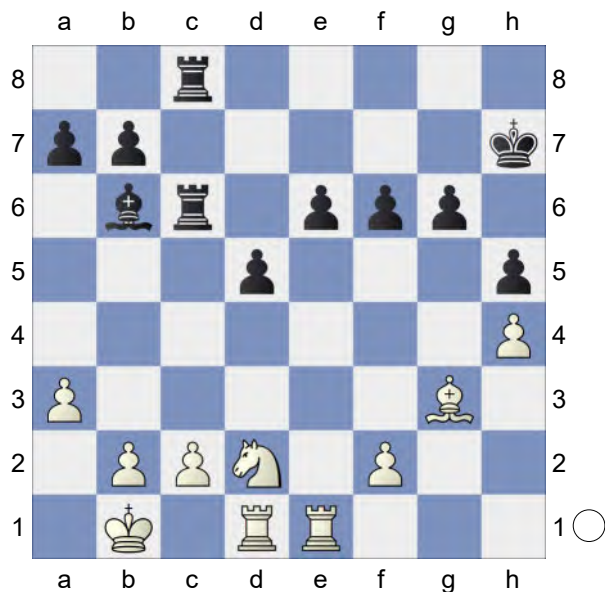


16.Nxh7 Nxd3+ 17.Qxd3 Kxh7
 18.Bg3 Qb6 2.11/21
 [18...e5± 1.57/20 19.0-0 Bh6]
 19.Nd2+- Be7 2.82/22
 [19...Bh6 1.91/21 was called for.
 20.0-0-0 Rhf8]
 20.0-0-0 Rac8

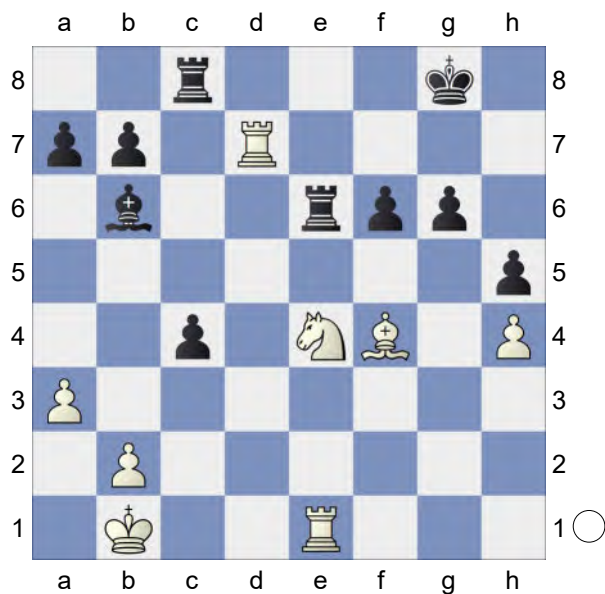


21.Rhe1 Bb4 22.Qb3 Rc6 23.Kb1
 Rhc8 24.a3 Bc5 25.Qxb6 Bxb6

(Diagram)



26.c4! Deflection 26...dxc4 27.Ne4 e5
28.f4 exf4 29.Rd7+ Kg8 30.Bxf4 Re6



31.Bh6

[31.Rxb7 c3± (31...f5? 32.Nf6+ Rxf6 33.Ree7+-)]

31...Bc5 3.74/24

[Δ31...c3 2.65/25 32.bxc3 Bc5]

32.Red1 2.22/23 **Be7** 3.48/23

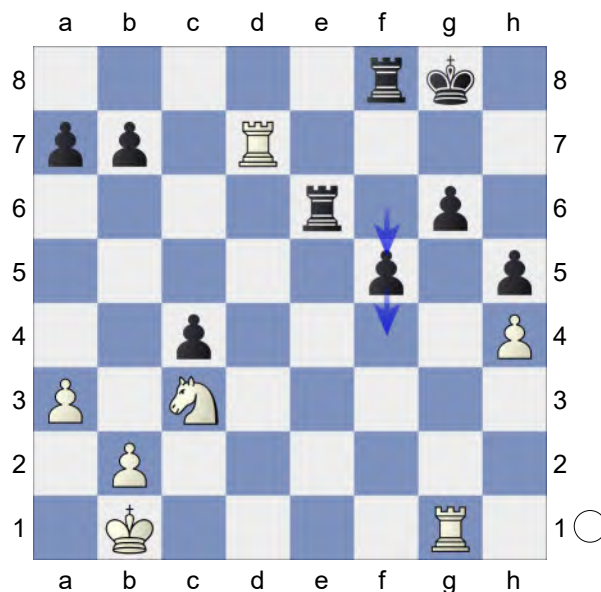
[Much weaker is 32...Rxe4 33.Rg7+ Kh8 34.Rdd7+-]

[Δ32...Bf8 2.22/23]

33.Nc3 Bf8 34.Bxf8 Rxf8 35.Rg1 1.37/25

[35.Rxb7+- 2.82/21 has better winning chances. Rd1-d7! is the strong threat. Rf7 36.Rb4]

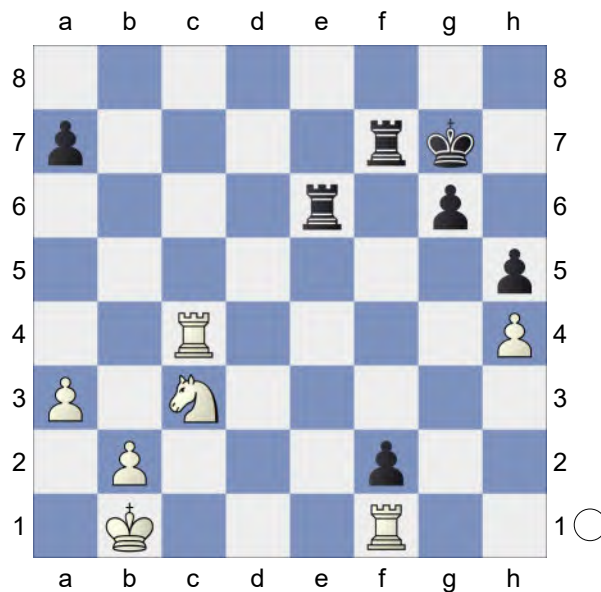
35...f5±



36.Rxb7 Rf7 2.39/25

[Δ36...f4 1.76/24]

37.Rb8+ Kg7 38.Rc8 f4 39.Rf1 f3 40.Rxc4 f2



41.Ne4 Rf4 42.Rc7+

[Stronger than 42.Rxf2 Rfxe4 43.Rc7+ Kh6±]

42...Kf8 2.53/23

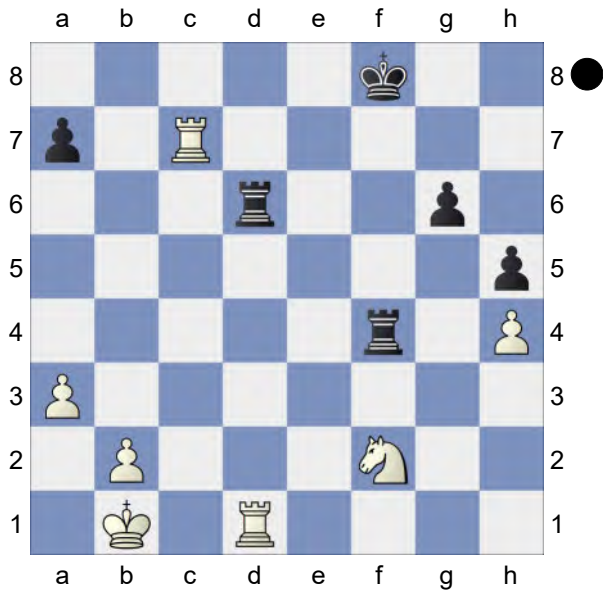
[42...Kg8 1.90/24 is a better defense.

43.Nxf2 (43.Rxf2 Rxe4 44.Rxf4
Rxf4=) 43...a5]

43.Nxf2+- Rd6? 4.82/24

[43...a5 2.41/22 keeps fighting.
44.Kc1 Re2]

44.Rd1



Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/
Black=0.55

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□ Doescher, Thorsten

■ Genova, Liubka

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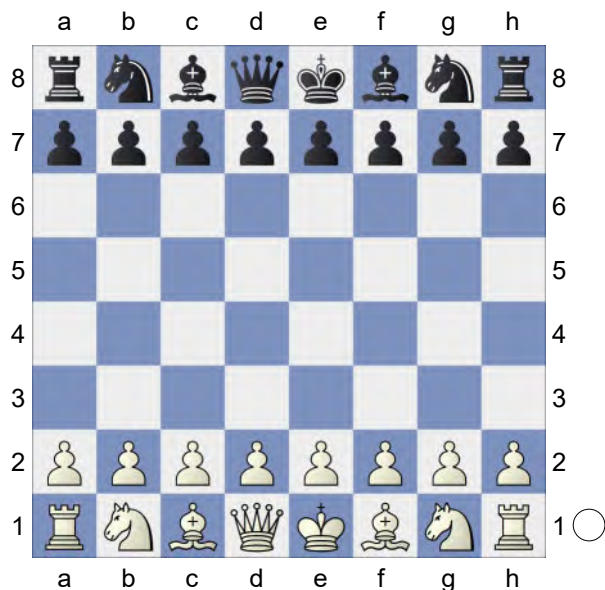
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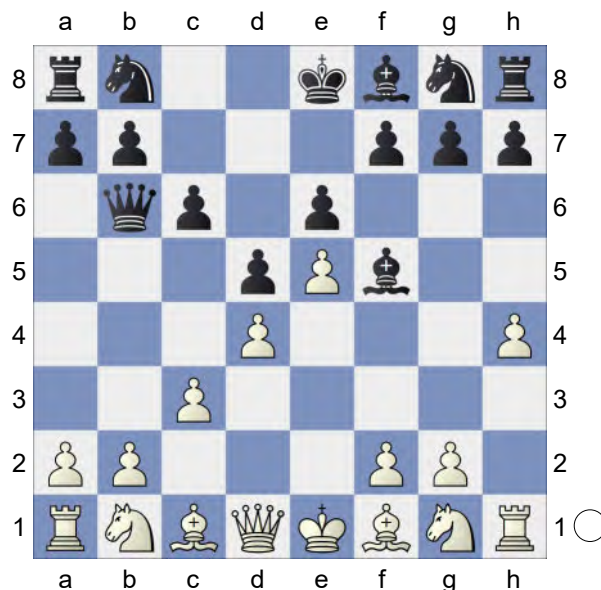


1.e4! c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5!! Bf5 4.h4! Qb6

[4...a6 5.Be3 h5 6.Ne2 e6 7.Ng3 Bg6 8.Be2 c5 9.c3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Bxb1 11.Rxb1 g6 12.b4 Be7 13.b5 axb5 14.Rxb5 b6 15.Qd2 Nd7 16.Nf1 Bxh4 17.Nh2 Be7 18.Rb3 Kf8 19.Nf3]

5.c3! e6

(Diagram)



6.Nd2!

[6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.Qxd3 Qa6 8.Qxa6 Nxa6 9.h5 c5 10.Ne2 f6 11.exf6 Nxf6 12.a3 Bd6 13.h6 gxh6 14.Bf4 Bxf4 15.Nxf4 0-0 16.Nd2 cxd4 17.cxd4 Rac8 18.Nd3 Kg7 19.Ke2 Nb8 20.Rac1 Nc6]

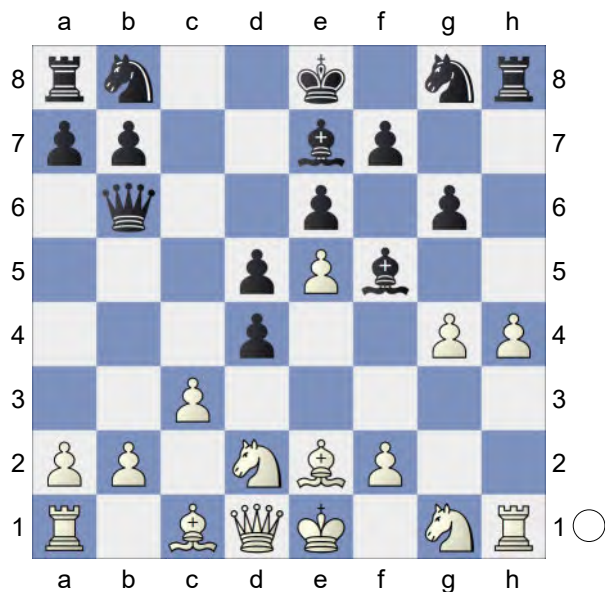
6...h5 7.Be2 Be7 8.Bxh5! g6 9.Be2 c5

[9...Rhx4 10.Rhx4 Bxh4 11.g3]
[9...Bxh4 10.g3 Bf6 11.Rxh8 Bxh8 12.g4 Bxg4 13.Bxg4]

10.g4 cxd4

[10...Be4 11.Nxe4 dxe4]

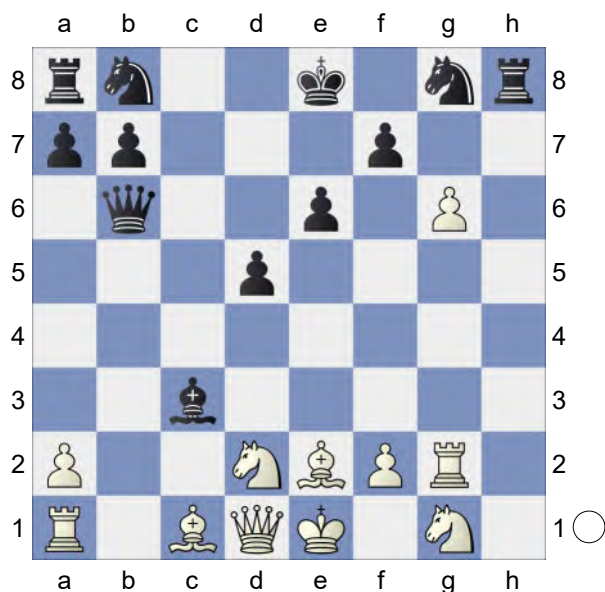
(Diagram)



11.gxf5 Bxh4 12.Rh2 dxc3 13.bxc3 #
13...Bg3

[13...Bf6 14.Rxh8 Bxh8 15.fxg6
fxg6]

14.Rg2+ Bxe5 15.fxg6 Bxc3
[15...fxg6 16.Rb1 Qc7]



16.Qc2+ Bxa1

[16...Qd4 17.gxf7+ Kxf7]

17.Qc8+ Ke7

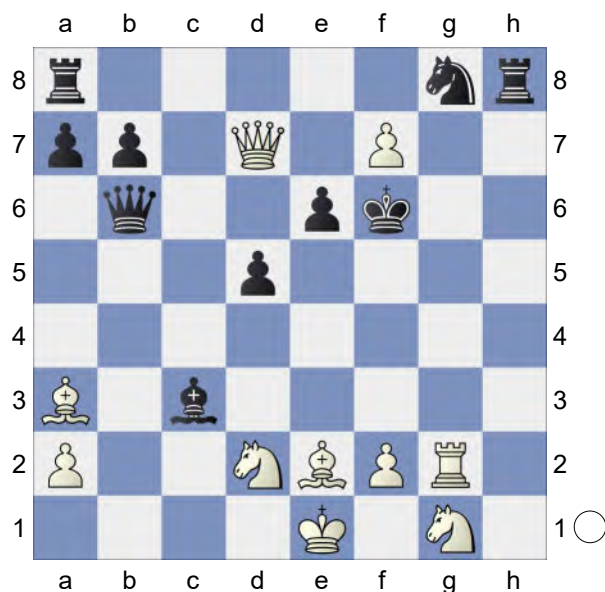
[17...Qd8 18.gxf7+ Kxf7 19.Qxd8
Ne7]

18.Ba3+ Kf6

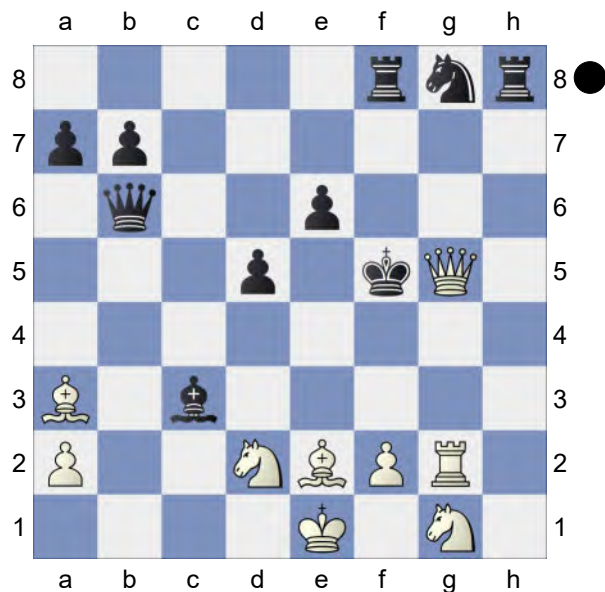
[18...Qd6 19.Qc7+ Nd7+ 20.Bxd6+
Kf6 21.Bd3 Rh6+ 22.gxf7 Bc3
23.fxg8N+ Rxg8 24.Rxg8 Bxd2+ #
25.Kxd2?? a6 26.Qd8+ Kf7 #
27.Qe8+ Kf6+ 28.Qe7#]

19.gxf7 Nd7 20.Qxd7+ Bc3

[20...Qb1+ 21.Nxb1 Rf8 # 22.Bxf8
Bd4 23.Bg7+ Kf5 # 24.Bd3+ Kf4
25.Ne2+ Kf3 26.Rg3#]



21.f8Q+ # 21...Rxf8+ 22.Qg7+ Kf5+ 23.Qg5#



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□ Shyam,Nikil P

■ Kulkarni,Chinmay

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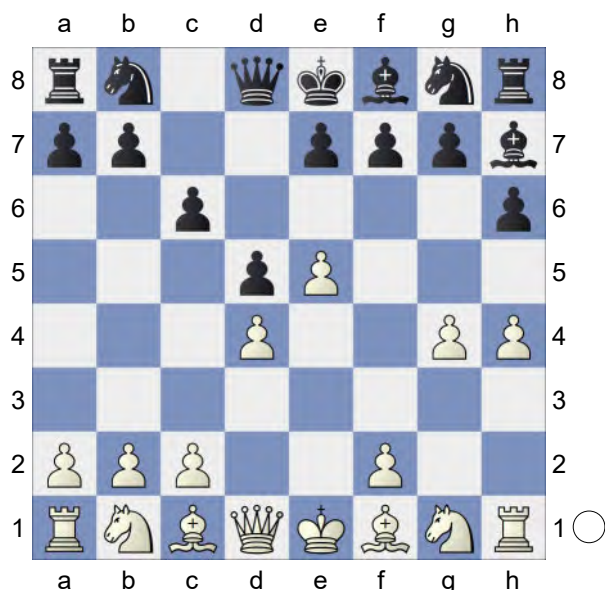
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7

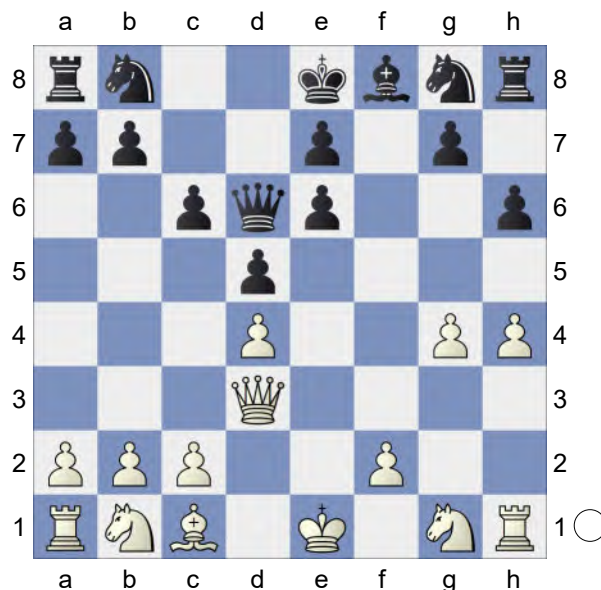


6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Qd6N
1.46/21

[Δ8...c5 0.90/20]

[8...Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5
11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4
Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5
16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1
Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxg4
21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 b6 23.c4
1-0 Moen,A (2095)-Blatt,F Izhevsk
Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) Kb7
24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3
b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4
29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5
31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6
33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+
Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8
1-0 Mastrovasilis,D (2095)-Grischenko,

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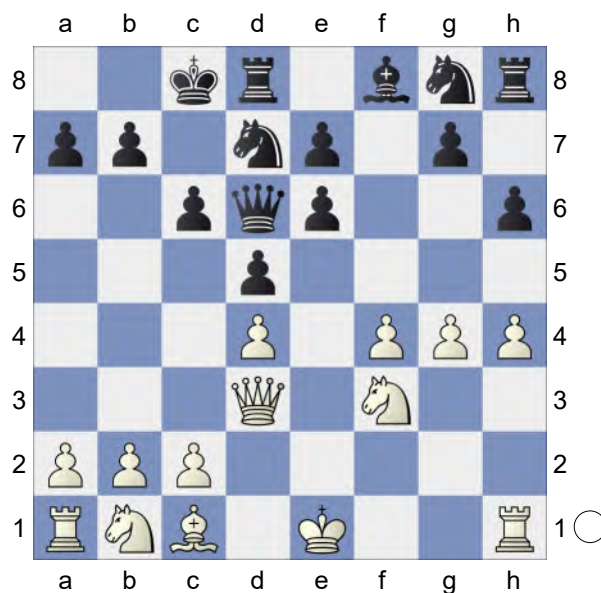
9.f4!± White is more active. 9...Nd7
1.97/21

[9...e5± 1.32/19]

10.Nf3+- 0-0-0 1.99/21

[10...Qb4+± 1.54/19 was necessary.

11.c3 Qb6]



11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.fxe5 Qd7 2.17/22

[Δ12...Qb4+ 1.62/21 13.c3 Qb6]

13.h5 1.17/21

[13.Nc3+- 2.17/22]

13...Qe8 2.52/21

[13...Nf6± 1.17/21]

14.Qg6 1.47/22

[14.Be3+- 2.52/21]

14...c5 2.12/22

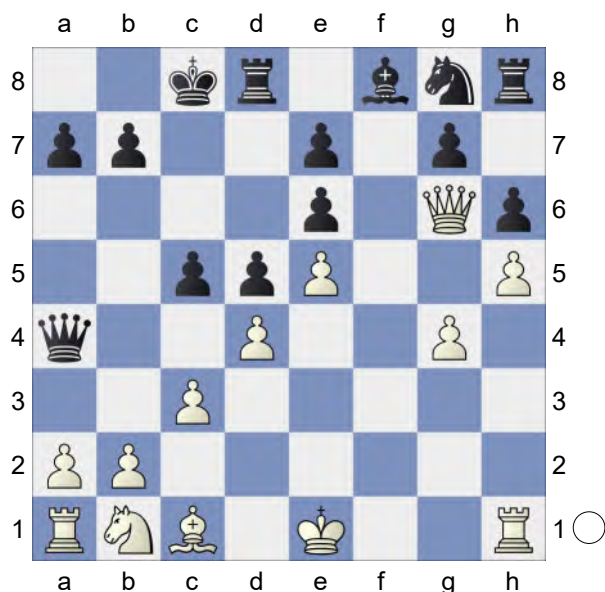
[14...Nf6± 1.47/22]

15.c3 White has strong compensation.

[15.Qxe6+?! Qd7 16.Qxd7+ Rxd7±]

15...Qa4 2.10/22

[15...a5± 1.53/20 16.Be3 (16.Qxe6+ Qd7±; 16.dxc5 Qc6±) 16...Qb5 (16...Qxg6 17.hxg6 c4 18.Na3±)]



16.b3

[16.Qxe6+ Qd7 17.Qxd7+ Kxd7±]

16...Qa5 2.23/22

[Δ16...Qb5 1.72/20 17.Be3 (17.Qxe6+ Kb8±) 17...Nf6]

17.Bd2

[17.Qxe6+ Kb8 18.Be3 Qb6 19.Qxb6 axb6±]

17...Qb6 2.17/21

[17...Nf6± 1.46/21]

18.Be3 Qa5 3.55/22

[18...Nf6 2.08/20 might work better. 19.exf6 exf6]

19.b4

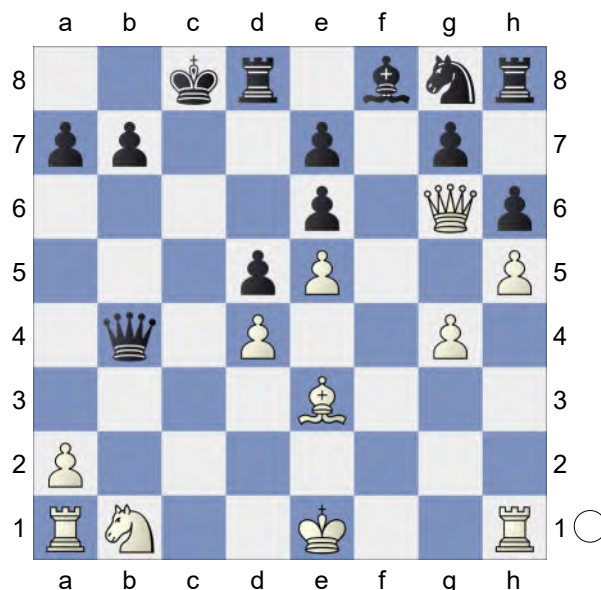
[19.dxc5 Qc7 20.Bd4 (20.Qxe6+

Qd7+-) 20...Nf6+-]

19...cxb4 20.cxb4

[20.Qxe6+ Kb8]

20...Qxb4+



21.Nd2 And now Ra1-b1! would win.

21...Nf6 22.Rb1

[22.exf6 exf6 23.a4 Qa5+-]

22...Qa4 23.0-0

[23.exf6?! exf6 24.0-0 Kb8 25.Bf4+ Ka8]

23...Kb8 24.Rfc1

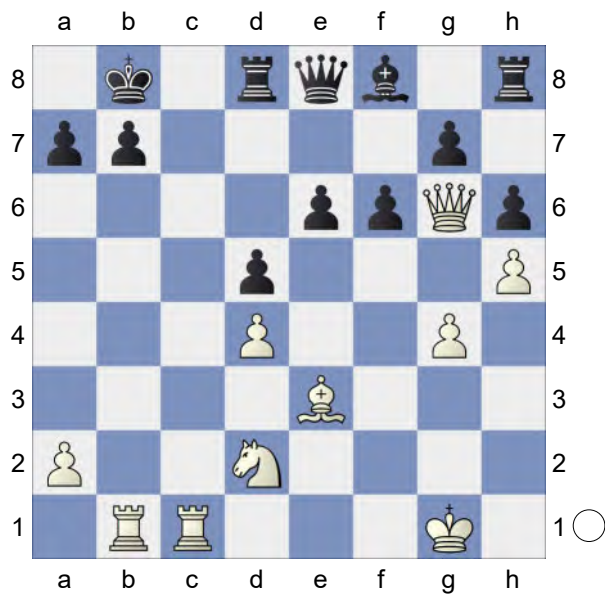
[24.exf6?! exf6 25.Kh1 b6 26.Bf4+ Ka8]

24...Qe8 3.38/25

[Δ24...b6 2.18/20 25.Rb3 (25.exf6 exf6 26.Nb3 Bb4+-) 25...Qe8 26.exf6 Qxg6 27.Bf4+ Zwischenzug (27.hxg6 exf6 28.Nb1 Kb7±) 27...e5 28.Bxe5+ (28.hxg6 exf4 29.f7 Rc8±) 28...Ka8 29.hxg6 gxf6]

25.exf6 exf6

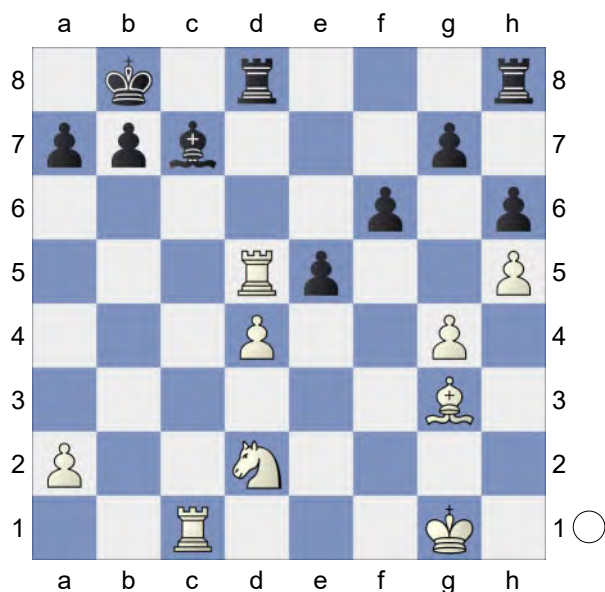
(Diagram)



26.Bf4+ e5 27.Qxe8 Rxe8 28.Bg3 Bd6 29.Rb5 Threatens to win with Nd2-f3. **29...Bc7?** 4.05/26

[29...Rd8 2.14/23 keeps fighting.
30.Rcb1 (30.Rxd5 Ba3±) 30...b6]

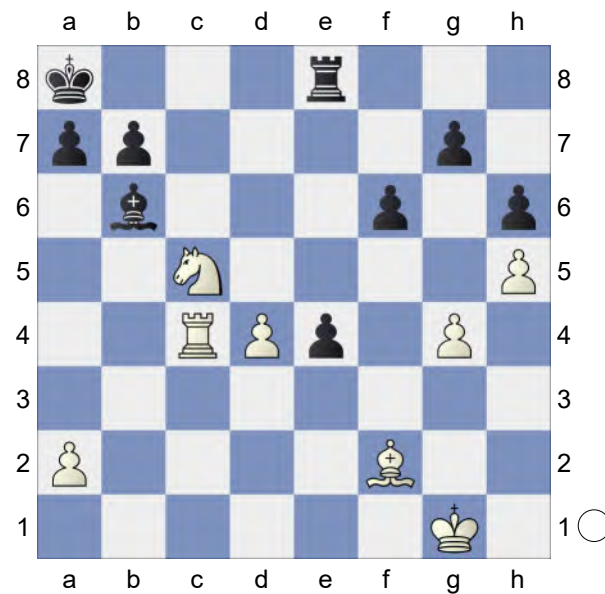
30.Rxd5 Rd5-d7 is the strong threat.
30...Rd8



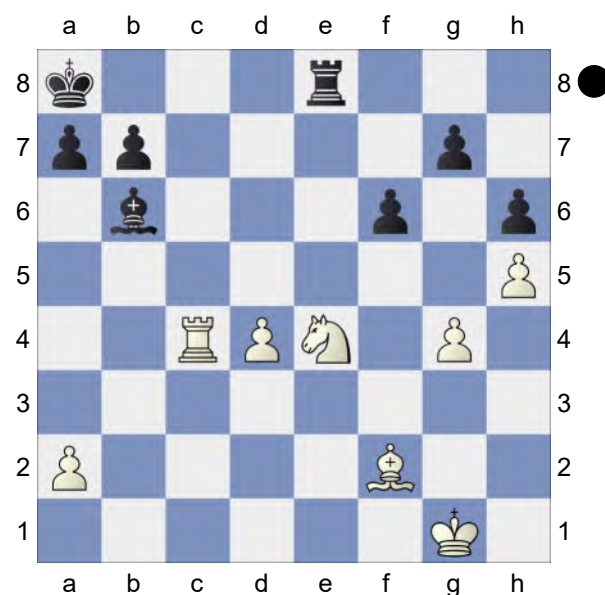
31.Rxd8+ Rxd8 32.Nb3 Bb6 33.Rc4 Ka8 34.Bf2 e4 5.47/23

[34...a5 3.76/23 is a better defense.
35.dxe5 Bxf2+ 36.Kxf2 fxe5 37.Nxa5 b6]

35.Nc5 Re8



36.Nxe4!



Deflection, Back Rank. Black got outplayed after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.65

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□ Malaniuk, Vladimir P

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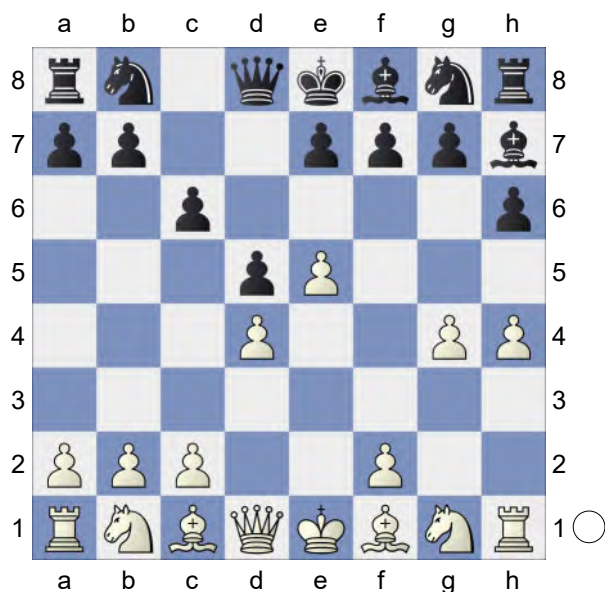
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.d4 c6 2.e4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7



6.e6! Qd6

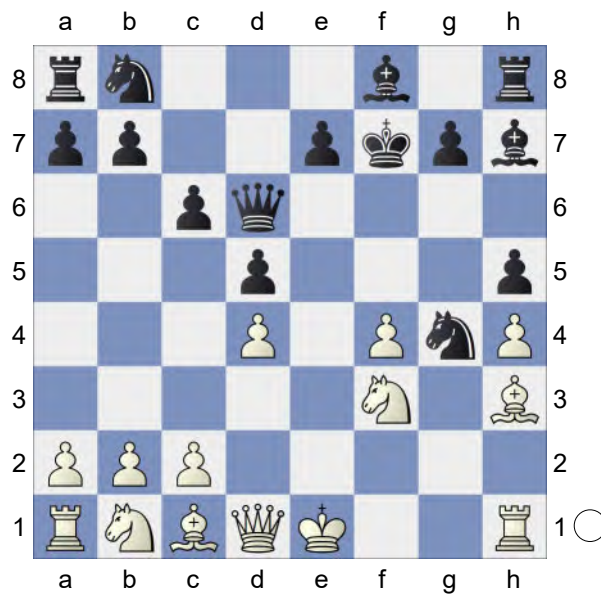
[6...fxe6 7.Bd3]

7.exf7+ Kxf7 8.f4 0.24/22

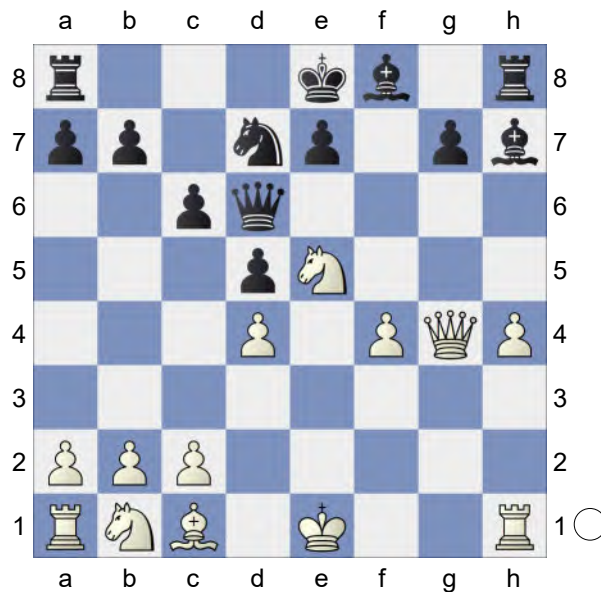
[8.Nf3± 0.73/19]

8...Nf6= White has an edge. 9.Nf3
aiming for g4-g5. 9...Nxcg4 10.Bh3 h5

(Diagram)

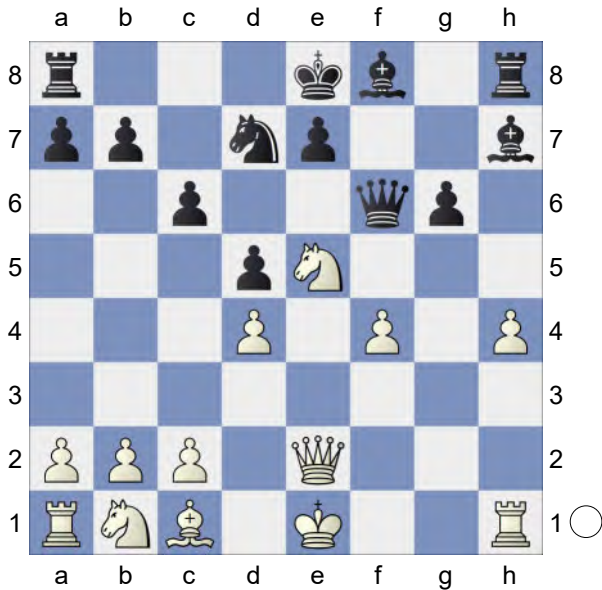


11.Ne5+! Ke8 12.Bxg4 hxcg4 13.Qxcg4
Nd7



14.Qh5+! g6 15.Qe2 Qf6

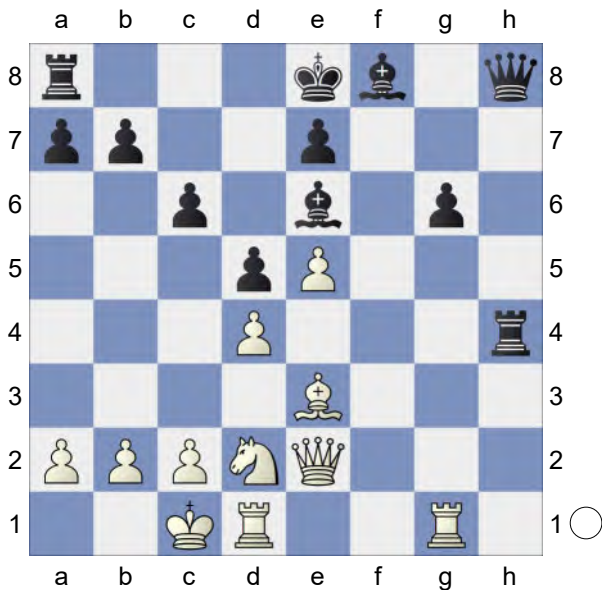
(Diagram)



16.Be3 Bg8 17.Nd2 Excellent horsemanship. **17...Rhx4 18.Rg1 Nxe5 19.fxe5 Qh8 20.0-0-0**

[Of course not **20.Rxg6** **Bf7** (**20...Bh7 21.Rg1** $\bar{f}$) **21.Rg1 Rh2** $\bar{f}$]

20...Be6

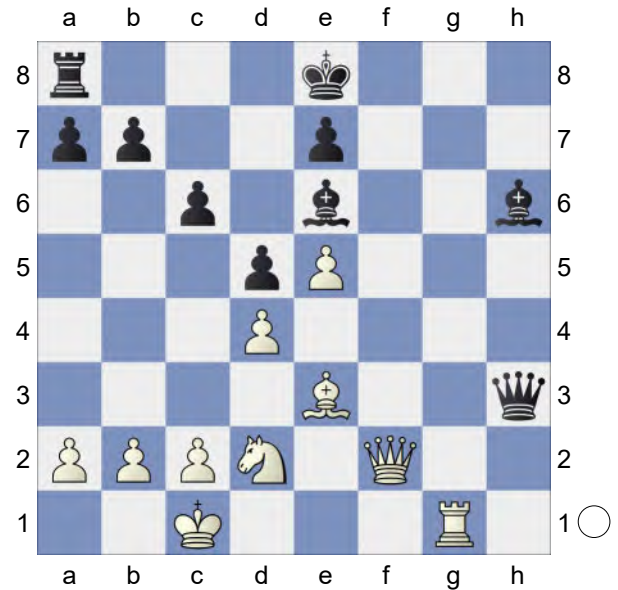


21.Rxg6 Qh5 22.Qg2 Rg4 23.Rxg4 Qxg4 24.Qf2

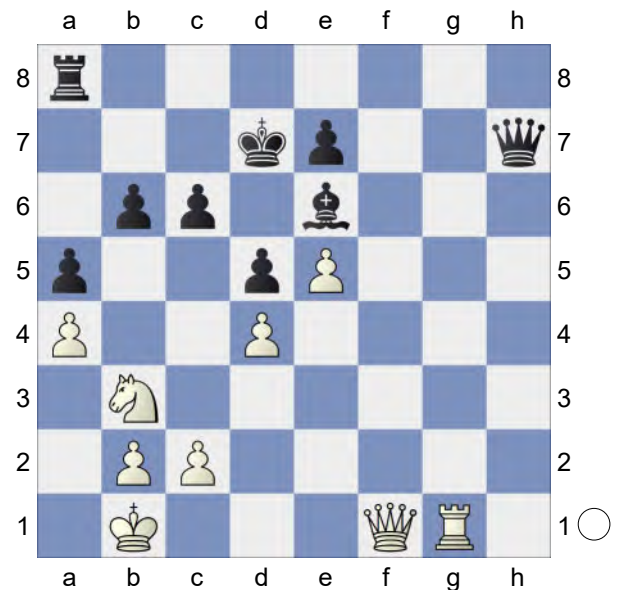
[**24.Qxg4** simplifies **Bxg4 25.Rg1 Bf5 26.Nf1**]

24...Qh3 Repels **Rd1-h1 25.Rg1 Bh6**

(Diagram)

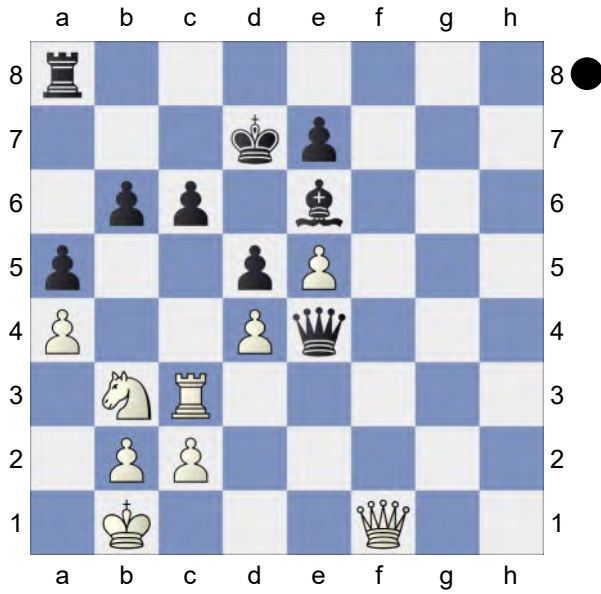


26.Bxh6 Qxh6 27.Kb1 Kd7 28.Nb3 b6 Inhibits **Nb3-c5+**. **29.a4 a5 30.Qf1 Qh7**



31.Rg3 Qe4 32.Rc3

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.08
 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
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221□ **Osipov, Anatoly**■ **Filin, Evgeny**

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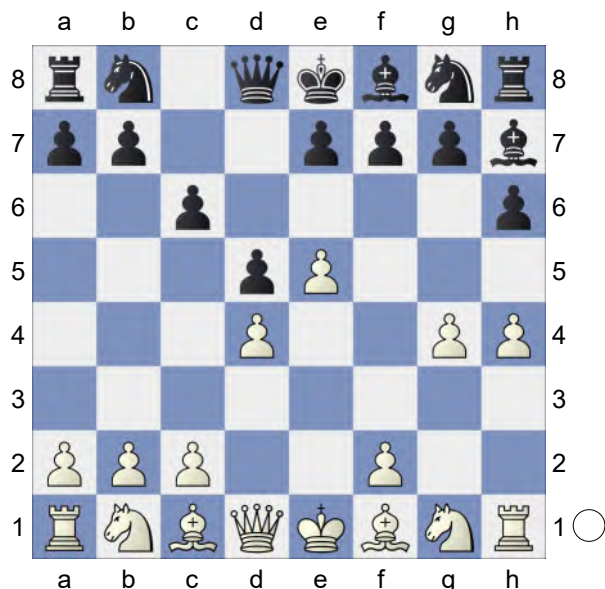
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B12**2264****2177****B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation****1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6 5.g4 Bh7**

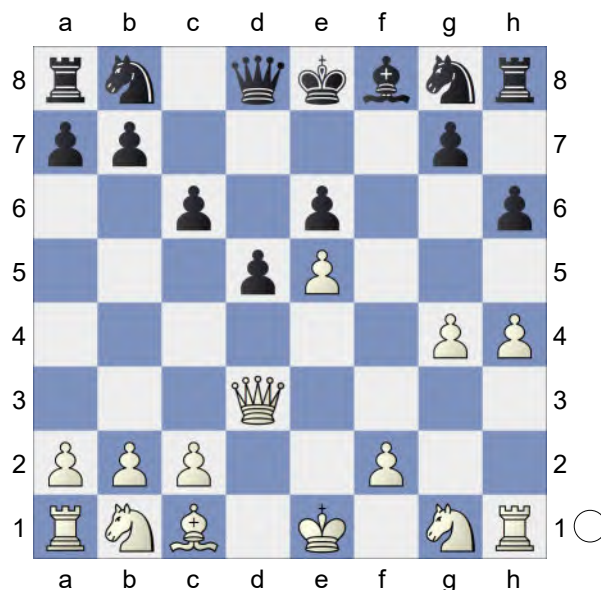
[5...Bd7 6.h5 c5 (6...e6 7.f4 c5 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Kf2 0-0-0 11.Kg3 Kb8 12.a4 cxd4 13.a5 Nxa5 14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Nxc6+ Bxc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qd4 Qxd4 19.cxd4 Ne7 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Bd3 0-1 Grünfeld 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 (2470)-

Theis,B (2613) (m/4-rapid) 101/(249) 2007 (5)) 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.Qxd5 Bxg4 9.Nc3 e6 10.Qg2 Bf5 11.Bb5 Qc7 12.Be3 0-0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nf3 Ne7 15.Nd4 Bh7 16.0-0-0 Nd5 17.Nxd5 Rxd5 18.f4 Rxc5 19.Rd2 Rg8 20.Rhd1 1-0 Vachier Lagrave,M (2710)-Grischuk,A (2752) Sportaccord WMG Blindfold rapid 2011 (1)]

**6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 e5N**

[7...Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1 Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxg4 21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 1-0 Moen,A (2095)-Blatt,F Izhevsk Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) b6 23.c4 Kb7 24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3 b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4 29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5 31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6 33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+ Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8 1-0 Mastrovasilis,D (2095)-Grischenko, S Wch U12 St Lorenzo 1995 (1)]

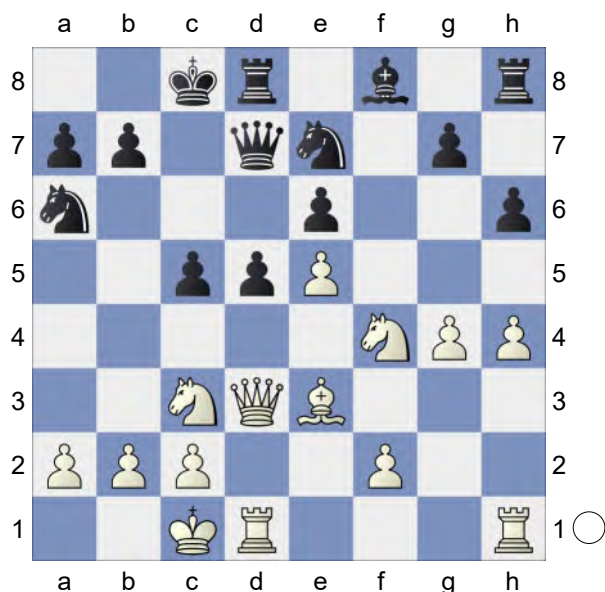
8.Bxh7 Rxh7 9.dxe5 Hoping for Qd1-d3. **9...e6** White is better. **10.Qd3** Inhibits g7-g6. **10...Rh8!**

**11.Ne2 Ne7** Prevents Qd3-g6+.**12.Nbc3! Qd7 1.01/21**

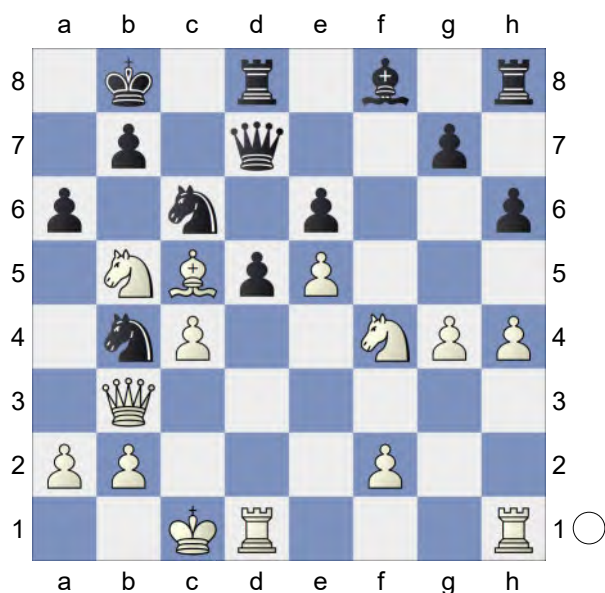
[12...Qb6± 0.56/19 might be stronger.]

13.Be3↑ White is on the roll. **13...Na6****14.Nf4** 0-0-0 would now be deadly.**14...c5 15.0-0-0 0-0-0**

(Diagram)

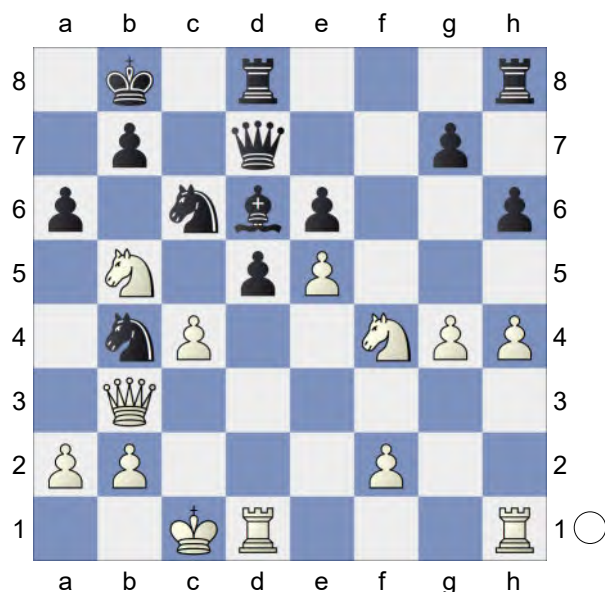


16.Nb5 Black must now prevent Nb5-d6+. **16...Kb8** **17.c4** White is much more active. The black rooks are passive. **17...Nb4** **18.Qb3** **a6** **19.Bxc5** **Nec6**

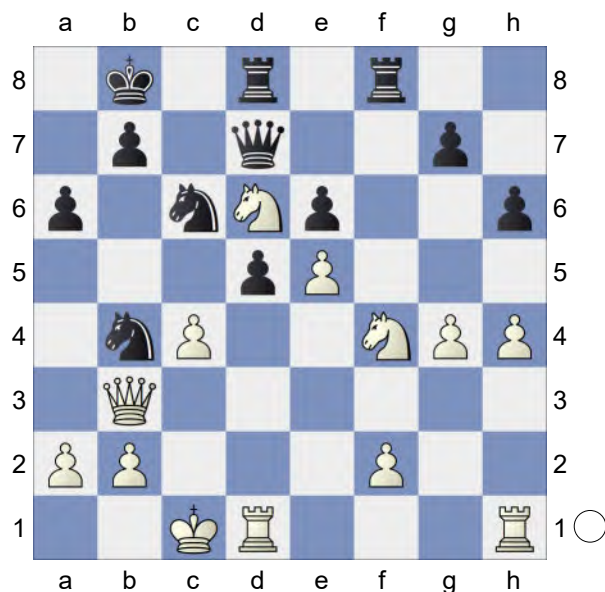


20.Bd6+ Bxd6

(Diagram)



21.Nxd6 And now a2-a3 would win. **21...Rhf8**



22.Ng6

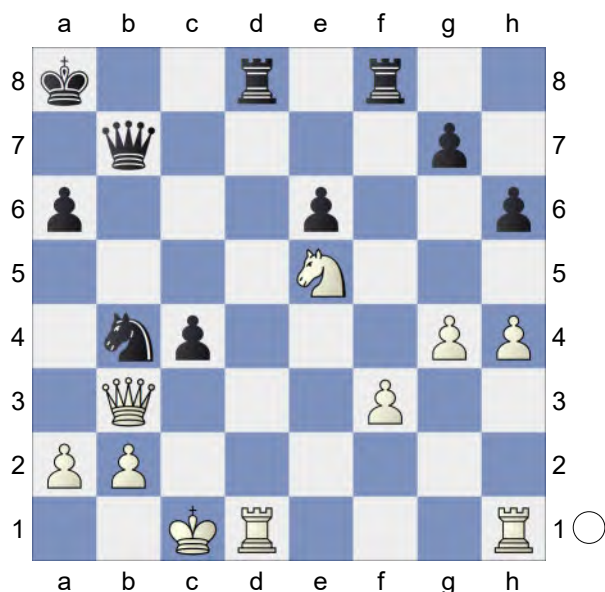
[22.cxd5?! Rxf4 23.dxc6 Qxc6+ 24.Kb1 Rxd6 25.exd6 Qe4+ 26.Ka1 (26.Kc1 Rxf2 27.Rd2 Nxa2+ 28.Qxa2 Qxh1+ 29.Rd1 Qc6+ 30.Kb1 Qc2+ 31.Ka1 Qxd1+ 32.Qb1 Qa4+ 33.Qa2 Rf1#) 26...Nc2+ (26...Rxc4? 27.Rc1+-) 27.Kb1 Na3+ (27...Rxf2? 28.d7+-; 27...Ne1+ 28.Kc1±) 28.Ka1 (28.Kc1 Qb1+ 29.Kd2 Nc4+) 28...Nc2+ 29.Kb1

Nb4+ (29...Rxf2? 30.d7+-; 29...Ne1+ 30.Kc1±) 30.Ka1 (30.Kc1 Rxf2 31.Rd2 Nxa2+ 32.Qxa2 Qxh1+ 33.Rd1 Qc6+ 34.Kb1 Qc2+ 35.Ka1 Qxd1+ 36.Qb1 Qa4+ 37.Qa2 Rf1#) 30...Nc2+= (30...Rxc4? 31.Rc1+-)]

22...Nxe5! Remove Defender 23.Nxb7! Qxb7 24.Nxe5 Ka8 Strongly threatening ...d5xc4.

[24...Rxf2? 25.Qxb4 Qxb4 (25...Rc2+? 26.Kxc2 Qxb4 27.Nc6+ Kc7 28.Nxb4+-) 26.Nc6+ Ka8 27.Nxb4+-]

25.f3 dxc4



26.Nxc4

[26.Qxc4? Rc8 27.Kb1 Rxc4+-]

26...Rb8 27.Rhe1 0.61/24

[27.a3 Nd5 28.Qxb7+ Rxb7=]

[Better is 27.Kb1± 1.08/24]

27...Qxf3 1.01/24

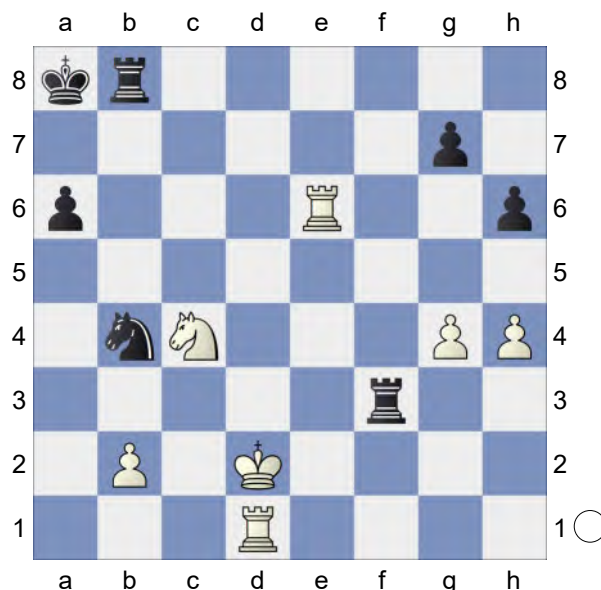
[27...Rxf3± 0.61/24 28.Nb6+ Ka7 29.Qxb4 Qc6+ 30.Kb1 Rxb6]

28.Qxf3+

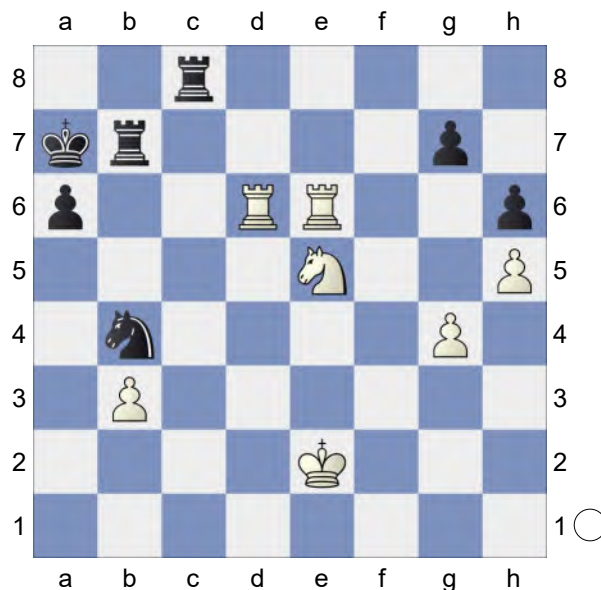
[28.Rxe6 Qxg4 29.Ne3 Nd3+ (29...Qxh4? perishes. 30.a3+-) 30.Rxd3 Rf1+ 31.Kd2 (31.Nxf1? Rxb3 32.Rxa6+ Kb7+-) 31...Rf2+ 32.Kc1 Rf1+ 33.Kd2 (33.Nxf1?

Rxb3 34.Rxa6+ Kb7+-) 33...Rf2+ 34.Kc1 Rf1+=]

28...Rxf3 29.Rxe6 Threatens to win with Kc1-b1. 29...Nxa2+ 30.Kd2 Nb4



31.Ke2 Rf7 32.b3 Ka7 33.h5 Rbf8 34.Rdd6 Rb7 35.Ne5 Rc8

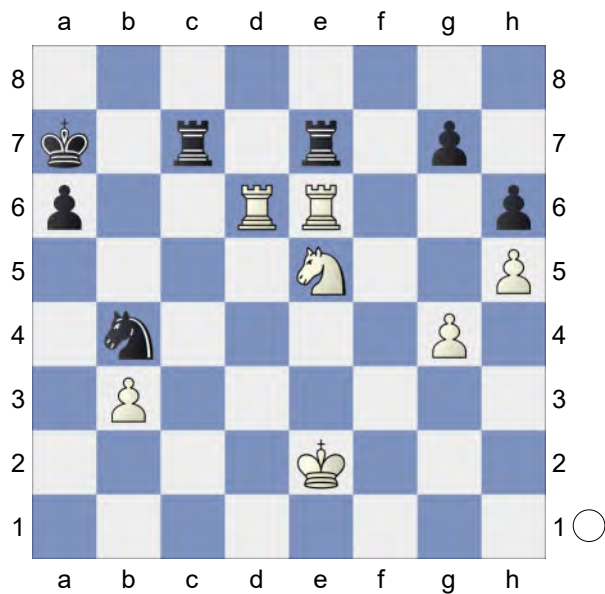


36.Nc4 -0.01/22

[36.Rd7± 0.75/22]

36...Rf8!= 37.Re4 Rff7 38.Re8 Rbd7 39.Ree6 Rc7 40.Ne5 Rfe7

(Diagram)

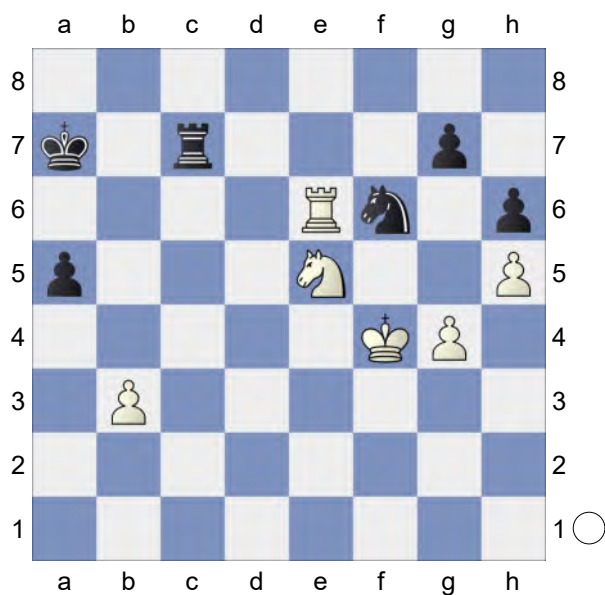


41.Ke3 Nd5+ Deflection 42.Ke4

[42.Rxd5? is the wrong capture. Rxe6
43.Kd2 Rb6-+]

42...Rxe6 White is slightly better.

43.Rxe6 Nf6+ 44.Kf4 a5



Weighted Error Value: White=0.08
(flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)

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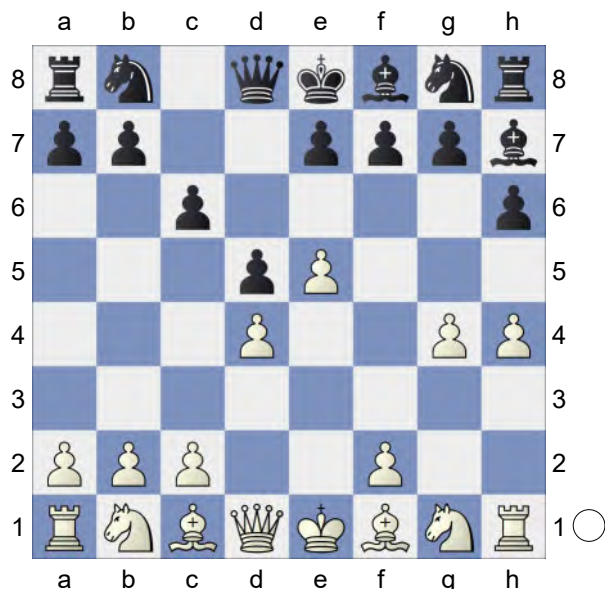
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7

[5...Bd7 6.h5 c5 (6...e6 7.f4 c5
8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Kf2 0-0-0
11.Kg3 Kb8 12.a4 cxd4 13.a5 Nxa5
14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Nxc6+
Bxc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qd4 Qxd4
19.cxd4 Ne7 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Bd3
0-1 Grünfeld 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 (2470)-

Theis,B (2613) (m/4-rapid) 101/(249)
2007 (5)) 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.Qxd5 Bxg4
9.Nc3 e6 10.Qg2 Bf5 11.Bb5 Qc7
12.Be3 0-0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nf3
Ne7 15.Nd4 Bh7 16.0-0-0 Nd5
17.Nxd5 Rxd5 18.f4 Rxc5 19.Rd2
Rg8 20.Rhd1 1-0 Vachier Lagrave,M
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6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Nf6N 1.35/21

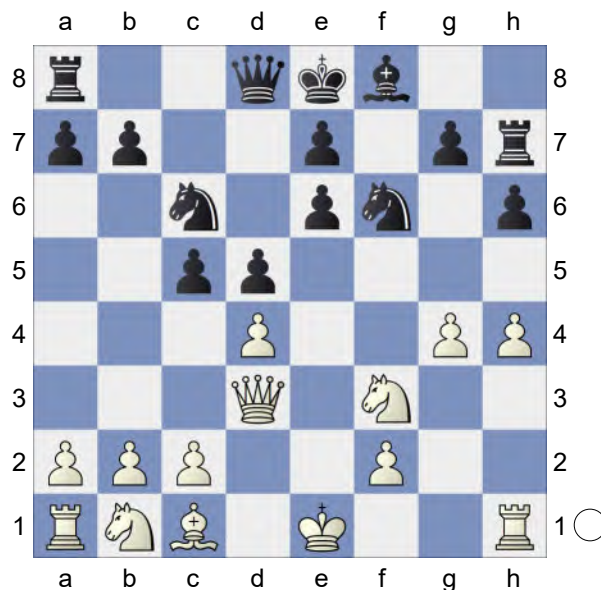
[Δ7...e5 0.83/20]

[7...Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4
10.Nbd2 Qa5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4
dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8
15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3
h5 18.Rfd1 Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+
20.Qxg4 hxg4 21.e6 c5 22.Rd5
1-0 Moen,A (2095)-Blatt,F Izhevsk
Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) b6
23.c4 Kb7 24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1
Rc8 26.Rc3 b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4
bxc4 29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5
31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6
33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+
Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8
1-0 Mastrovasilis,D (2095)-Grischenko,
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8.Bxh7± Rxh7 9.Qd3 c5 White is
clearly better. 10.Nf3

[10.dxc5?! e5±]

10...Nc6



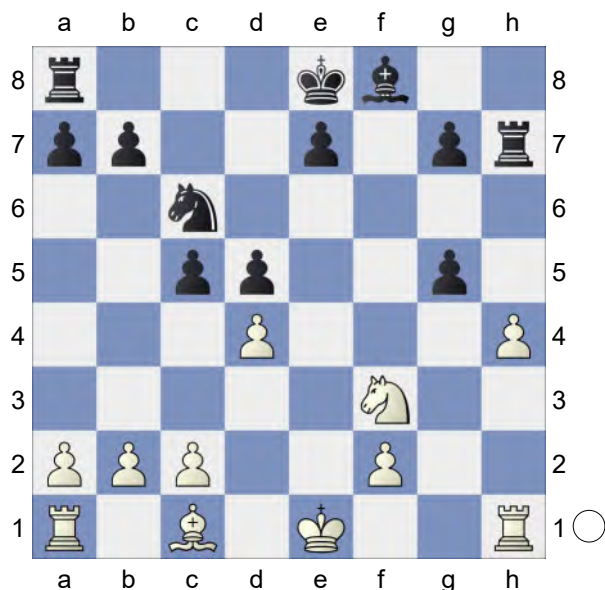
11.g5 0.39/20

[White should try 11.Qg6+± 1.52/19
Kd7 12.Ne5+ Kc8 13.Nd2 (13.Nxc6
bxc6 14.dxc5 e5±)]

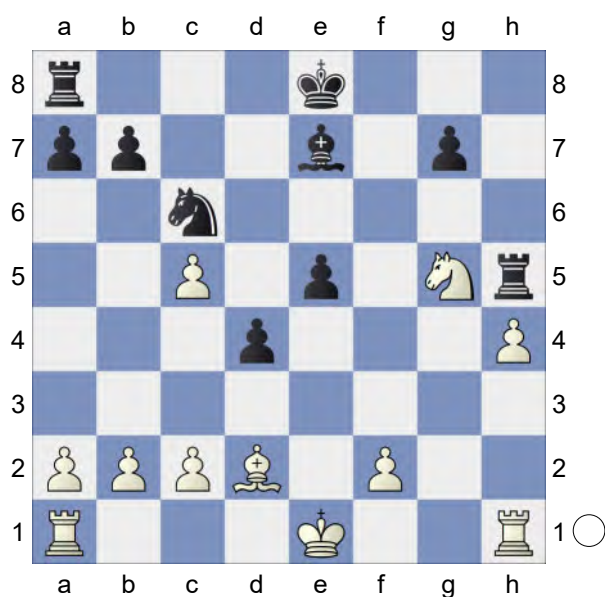
11...Ne4!± 12.Nbd2 hxg5 13.Nxe4
0.11/21

[13.dxc5!± 0.68/21 Qa5 14.c3 Qxc5

15.Nxe4 (15.Nxg5? Qxf2+ 16.Kd1
Nxg5-+ Pin) 15...dxe4 16.Qxe4]
13...dxe4= 14.Qxe4 Qd5 15.Qxd5
[15.Qxh7 Qxf3 16.Qg6+ (16.hxg5
Nxd4 17.Kf1 Nxc2 $\mp$) 16...Kd7-+]
15...exd5

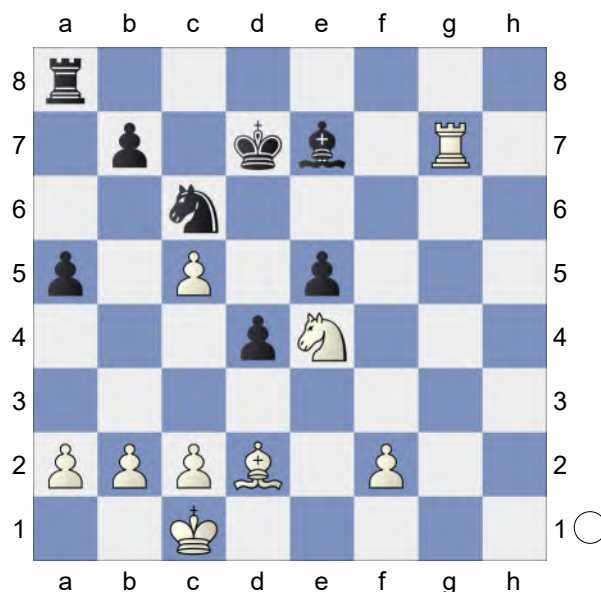


16.Nxg5 Rh5 17.dxc5 e6 18.Be3
[18.Nxe6? is the wrong capture. Re5+
19.Be3 Rxe6-+]
**18...d4 19.Bf4 e5 20.Bd2 $\uparrow$ White is
more active. 20...Be7**

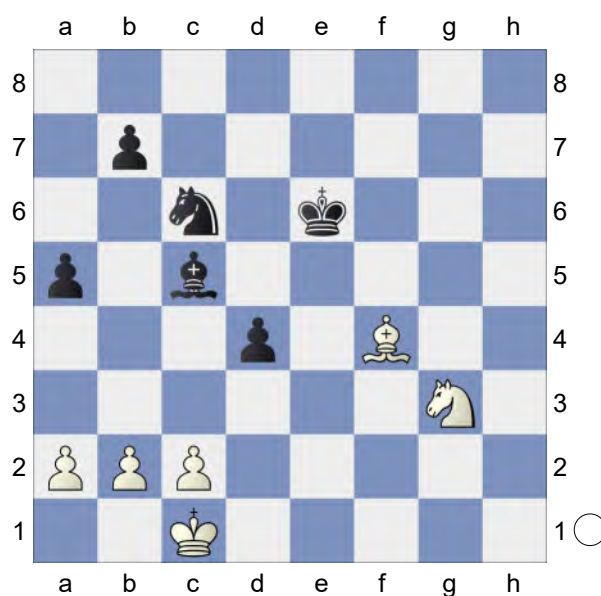


21.0-0-0 a5 22.Rdg1 Kd7 23.Ne4
Rxh4 1.30/28

[23...Rah8= 0.19/21]
24.Rxh4 $\pm$ Bxh4 25.Rxg7+ Be7

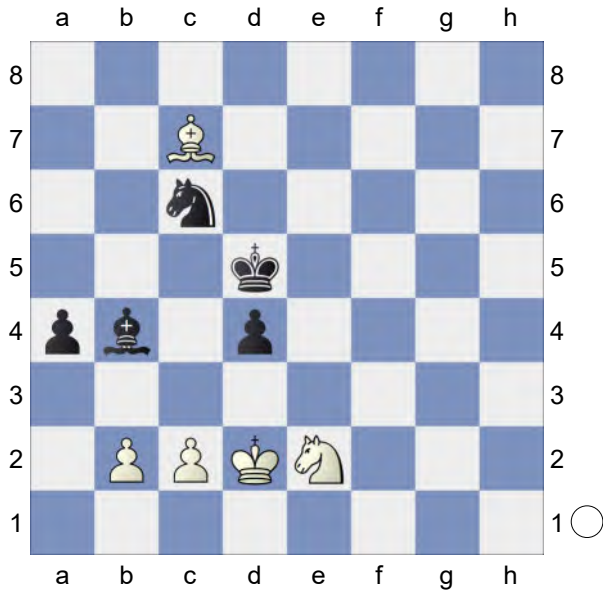


26.f4? -0.01/22 White is more active.
[26.Bg5! $\pm$ 1.57/21]
26...Rf8= The position is equal. **27.Rg4**
Ke6 White must now prevent ...Ke6-f5.
28.Ng3 exf4
[28...Bxc5!? 29.c3 $\square$ Ne7 $\mp$]
29.Rxf4 Rxf4 30.Bxf4 Bxc5

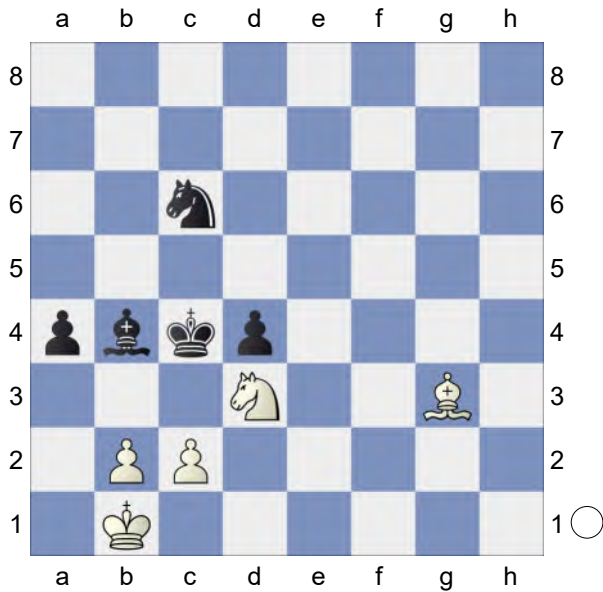


Endgame. KBN-KBN 31.Kd2 Kd5
32.a3 b5 33.Bc7 a4 34.Ne2 b4
35.axb4 Bxb4+

(Diagram)



**36.Kc1 Kc4 37.Nf4 Na5 38.Nd3 Nc6
39.Kb1 Bf8 40.Bg3 Bb4**

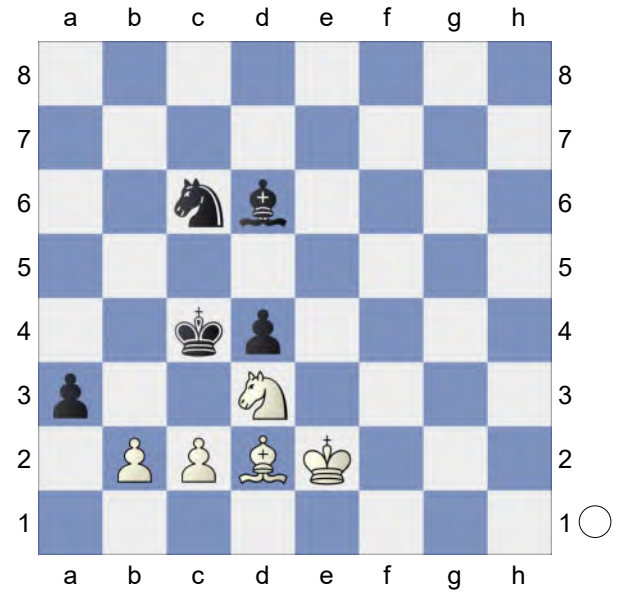


**41.Kc1 Bf8 42.Be1 Be7 43.Bd2 Bf8
44.Kd1**

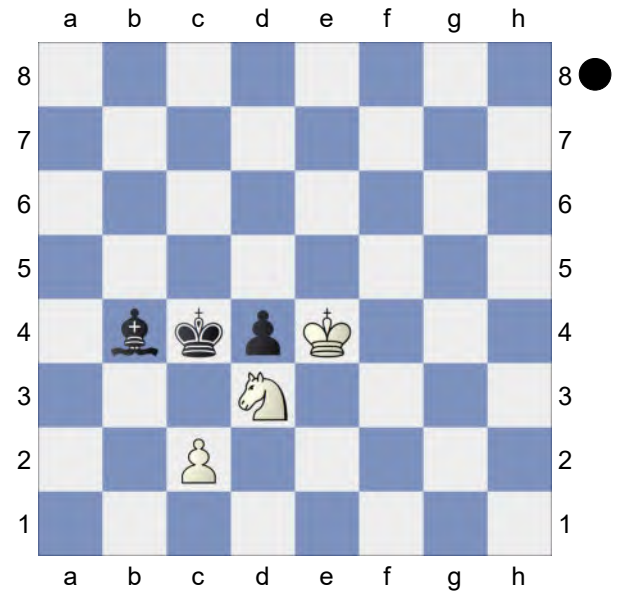
[44.b3+ axb3 45.Nb2+ Kd5]

44...Bd6 45.Ke2 a3

(Diagram)

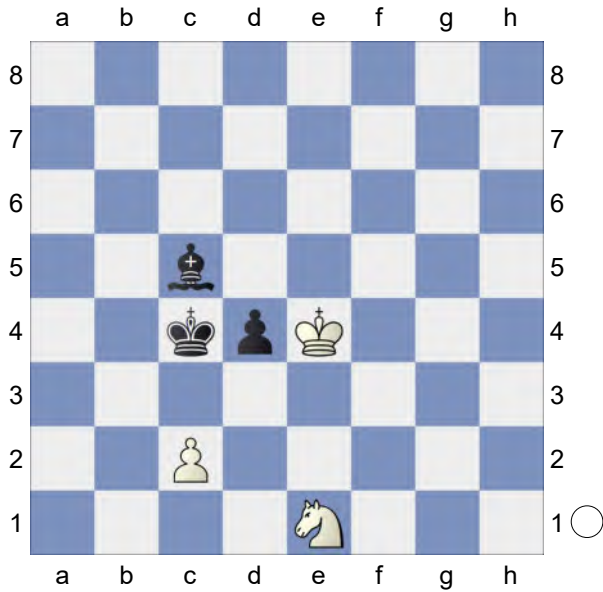


**46.bxa3 Bxa3 47.Kf3 Nb4 48.Bxb4
Bxb4 49.Ke4**

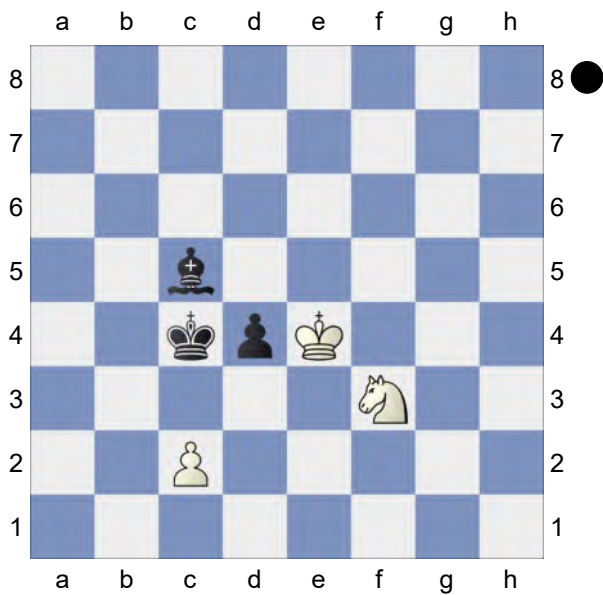


**Nd3xb4 would kill now. 49...Bd6 50.Ne1
Bc5**

(Diagram)



51.Nf3



Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise)

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[Kitty Kat]

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03.10.2020

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6 5.g4 Bh7**

[5...Bd7 6.h5 c5 (6...e6 7.f4 c5 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Kf2 0-0-0 11.Kg3 Kb8 12.a4 cxd4 13.a5 Nxa5 14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Nxc6+ Bxc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qd4 Qxd4 19.cxd4 Ne7 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Bd3 0-1 Grünfeld 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 (2470)-

Theis,B (2613) (m/4-rapid) 101/(249)

2007 (5)) 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.Qxd5 Bxg4

9.Nc3 e6 10.Qg2 Bf5 11.Bb5 Qc7

12.Be3 0-0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nf3

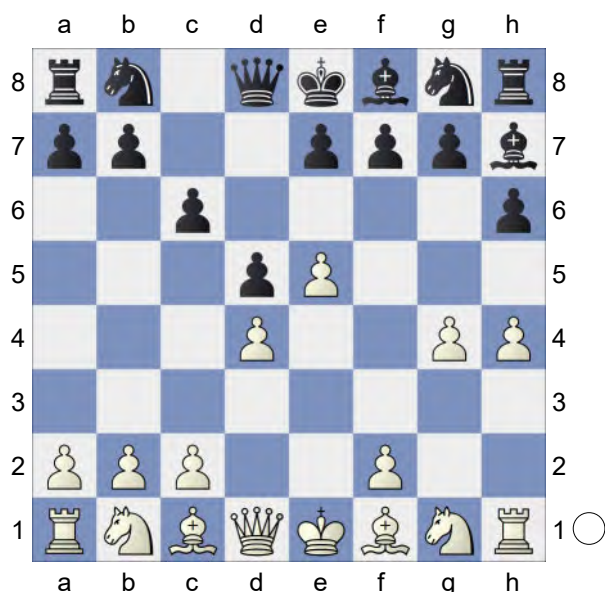
Ne7 15.Nd4 Bh7 16.0-0-0 Nd5

17.Nxd5 Rxd5 18.f4 Rxc5 19.Rd2

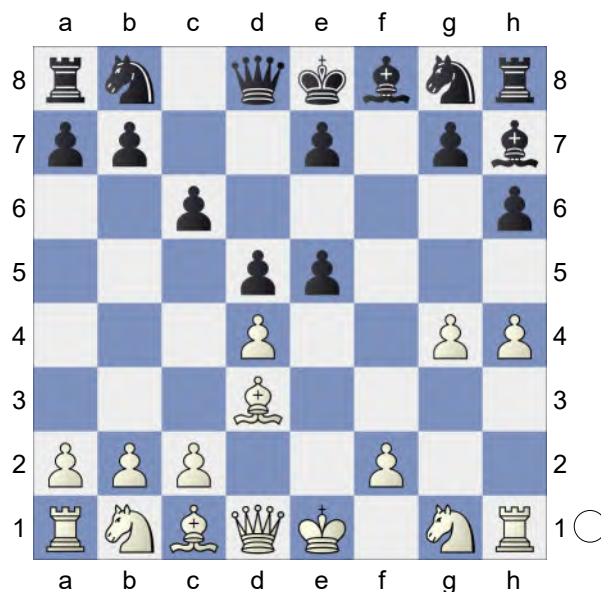
Rg8 20.Rhd1 1-0 Vachier Lagrave,M

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WMG Blindfold rapid 2011 (1)]

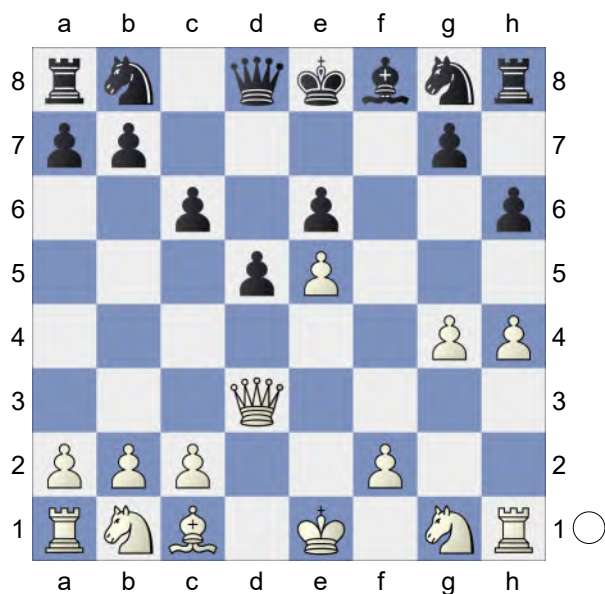
**6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 e5N**

[7...Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1 Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxc4 21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 1-0 Moen,A (2095)-Blatt,F Izhevsk Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) b6 23.c4 Kb7 24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3 b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4 29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5 31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6 33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+ Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8 1-0 Mastrovasilis,D (2095)-Grischenko, S Wch U12 St Lorenzo 1995 (1)]

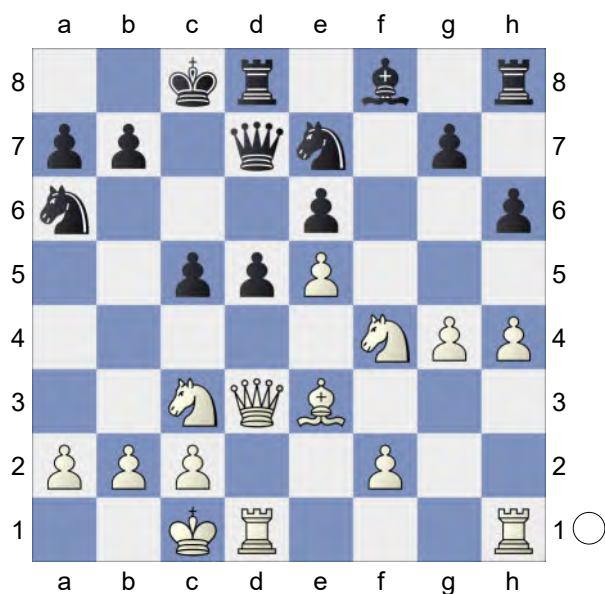


White must now prevent ...e5-e4. 8.Bxh7 Rxh7 9.dxe5 And now Qd1-d3 would win. 9...e6 White is slightly better. 10.Qd3 Rh8

(Diagram)

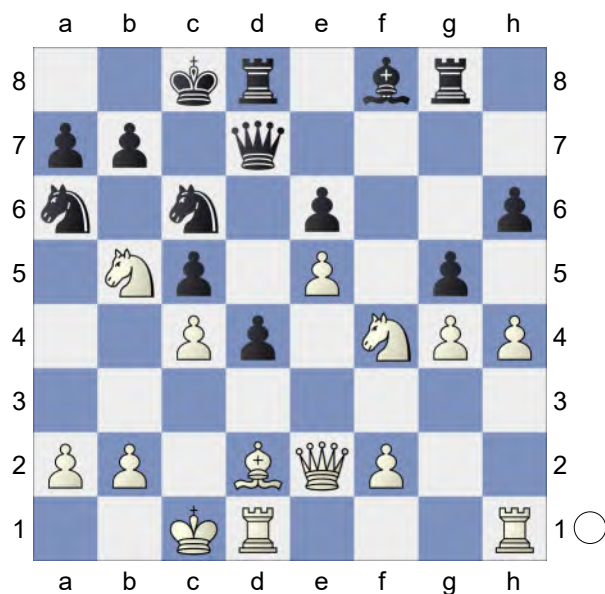


11.Ne2 Ne7 Wards off Qd3-g6+
 12.Nbc3 Qd7 13.Be3 Na6 14.Nf4 c5
 15.0-0-0 Hoping for Nc3-e4! 15...0-0-0

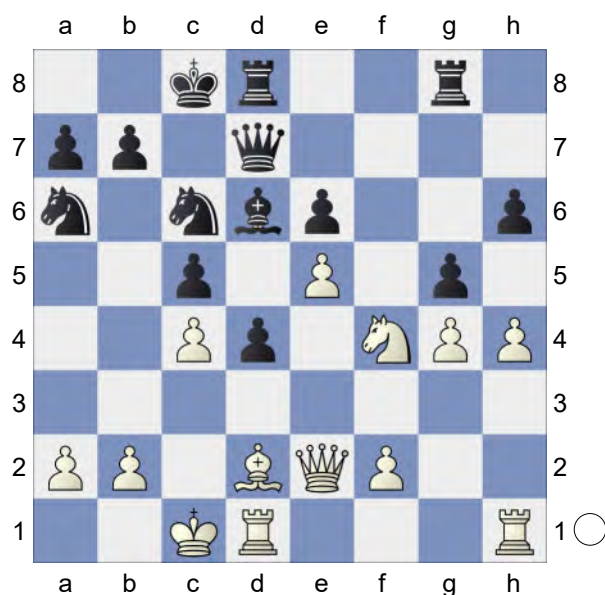


16.Nb5 0.50/21
 [16.a3± 0.91/20]
 16...Nc6 1.17/20
 [16...Kb8± 0.50/21]
 17.Qe2
 [And not 17.Qg6 Re8+]
 17...Rg8 18.c4 d4 19.Bd2 g5

(Diagram)



20.Nd6+? -3.88/24 Bxd6



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 Black=0.11 (very precise)
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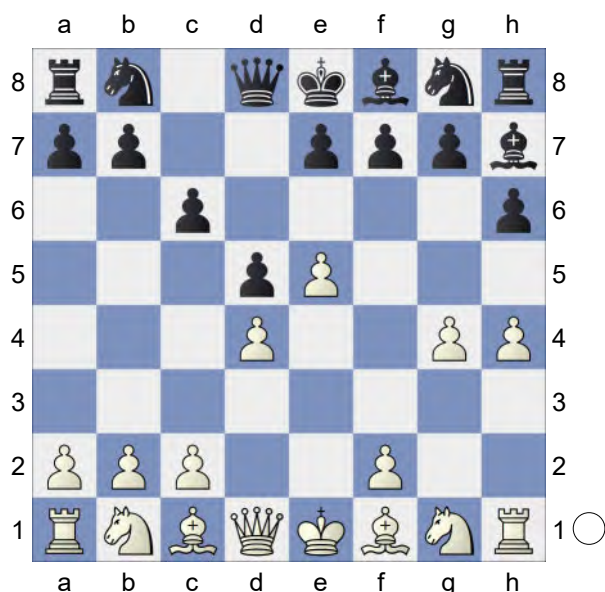
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 ■ Atanejhad, Sahebali **2180**
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6 5.g4 Bh7

[5...Bd7 6.h5 c5 (6...e6 7.f4 c5 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Kf2 0-0-0 11.Kg3 Kb8 12.a4 cxd4 13.a5 Nxa5 14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Nxc6+ Bxc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qd4 Qxd4 19.cxd4 Ne7 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Bd3 0-1 Grünfeld 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 (2470)-

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6.e6! fxe6 7.Nf3N 0.48/24

[7.Bd3± 0.85/22 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1 Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxg4 21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 1-0 Moen, A (2095)-Blatt, F Izhevsk Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) b6 23.c4 Kb7 24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3 b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4 29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5 31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6 33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+ Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8 1-0 Mastrovasilis, D (2095)-Grischenko, S Wch U12 St Lorenzo 1995 (1)]

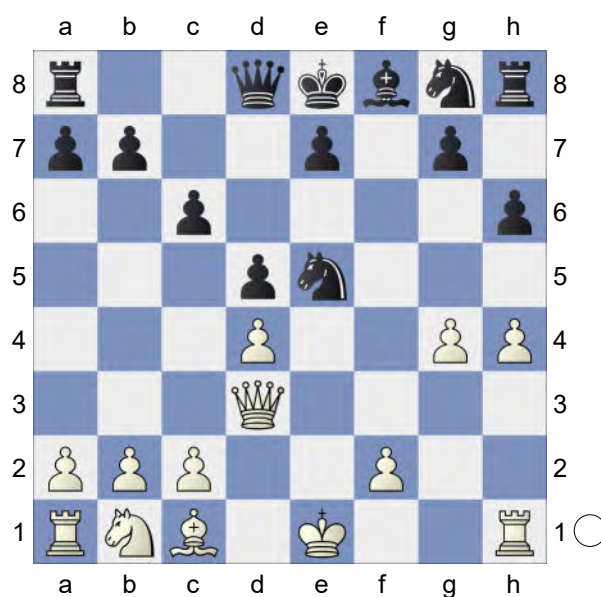
7...e5 8.Nxe5 Strongly threatening g4-g5. 8...Nd7 White is better. 9.Bd3 Bxd3 0.98/23

[9...Nxe5± 0.49/20 10.Bxh7 Rxh7 11.dxe5 Qc7]

10.Qxd3 0.48/24

[10.Nxd3± 0.98/23 c5 11.dxc5 (11.Nxc5 Nxc5 12.dxc5 e6±)]

10...Nxe5±



11.dxe5 e6 12.Nc3 Qd7 0.79/21
 [12...Qc7= 0.21/20]

13.Be3 c5 0.87/23

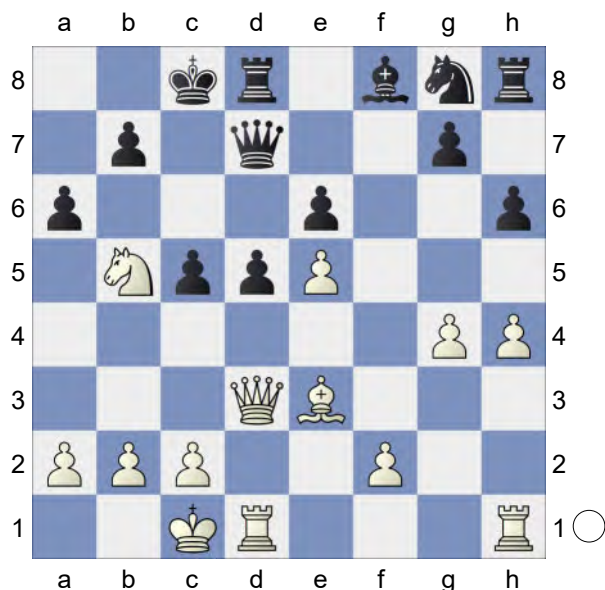
[13...h5± 0.51/21]

14.0-0-0± White is much more active.

14...0-0-0 15.Nb5 0.00/25

[15.Ne2± 0.42/22]

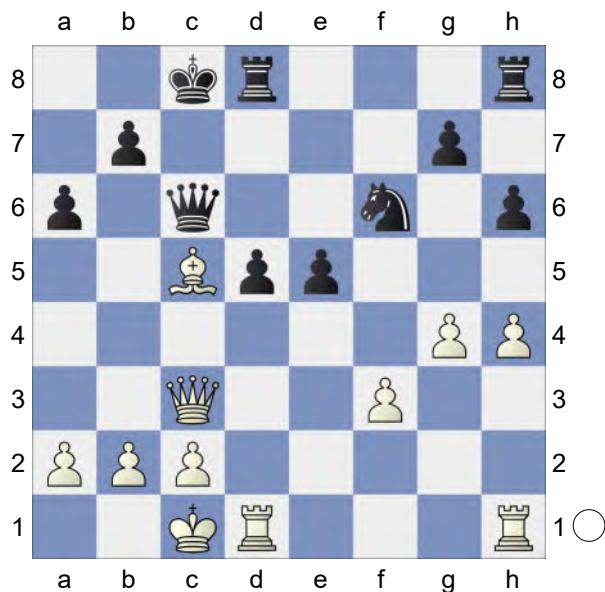
15...a6=



16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.exd6 Qxd6 18.Qc3 Nf6 19.Bxc5 Qc6

[19...Ne4!? 20.Bxd6+ Nxc3 21.bxc3 Rxd6±]

20.f3 Dodges Nf6-e4. Rd1-d3 would now be deadly. **20...e5**



21.Rhe1 Rhe8 22.Qa3 Rd7 0.41/21

Against Bc5-e7

[22...d4= -0.21/21]

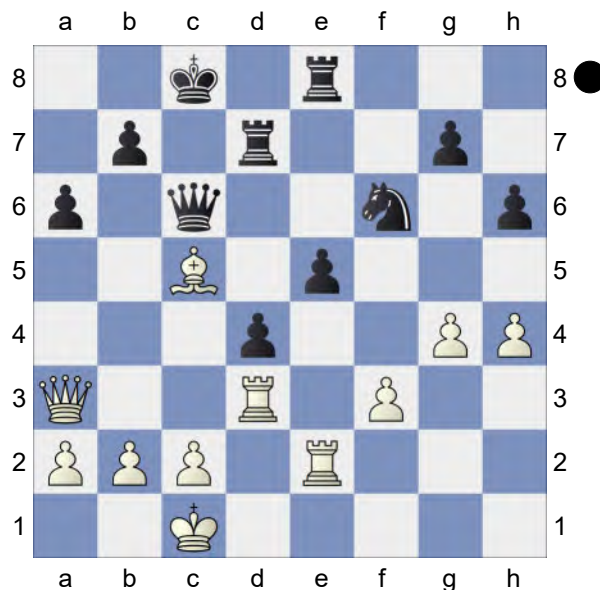
23.Rd3 -0.47/22

[23.Bg1± 0.41/21]

23...d4!± ...Rd7-c7 is the strong threat.

24.Re2 -1.57/22

[24.c3± -0.43/21]



Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.20 (precise)
1/2-1/2

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B12**2211**

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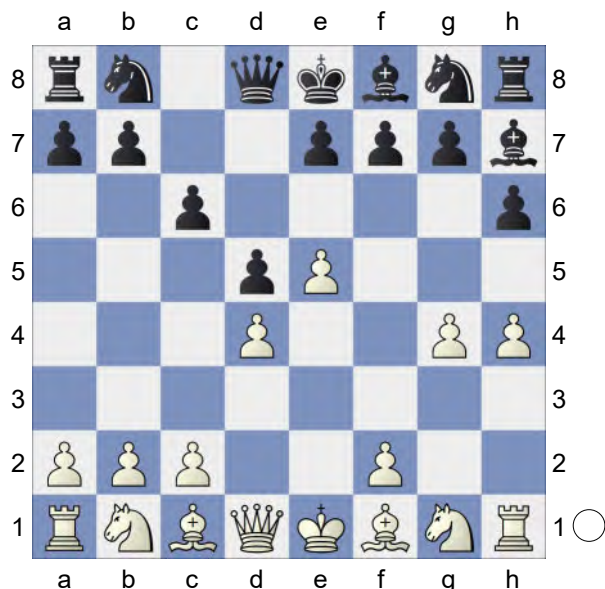
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6 5.g4 Bh7**

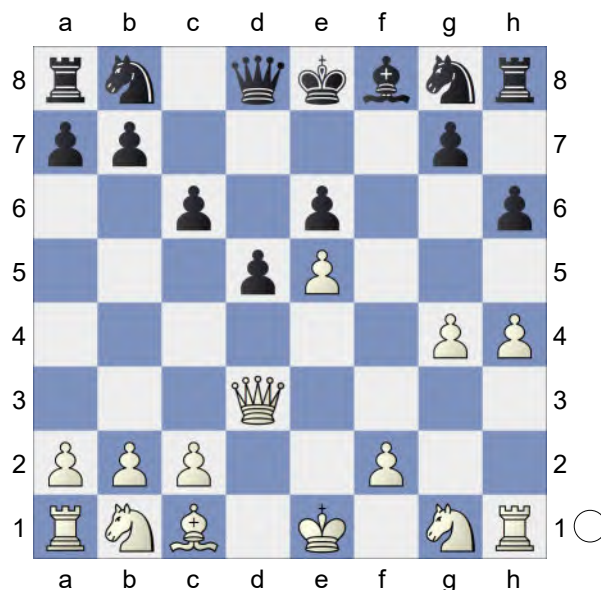
[5...Bd7 6.h5 c5 (6...e6 7.f4 c5 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Kf2 0-0-0 11.Kg3 Kb8 12.a4 cxd4 13.a5 Nxa5 14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Nxc6+ Bxc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qd4 Qxd4 19.cxd4 Ne7 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Bd3 0-1 Grünfeld 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 (2470)-

Theis, B (2613) (m/4-rapid) 101/(249) 2007 (5)) 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.Qxd5 Bxg4 9.Nc3 e6 10.Qg2 Bf5 11.Bb5 Qc7 12.Be3 0-0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nf3 Ne7 15.Nd4 Bh7 16.0-0-0 Nd5 17.Nxd5 Rxd5 18.f4 Rxc5 19.Rd2 Rg8 20.Rhd1 1-0 Vachier Lagrave, M (2710)-Grischuk, A (2752) Sportaccord WMG Blindfold rapid 2011 (1)]

**6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Threatens to win with****Bd3xh7. 7...e5N**

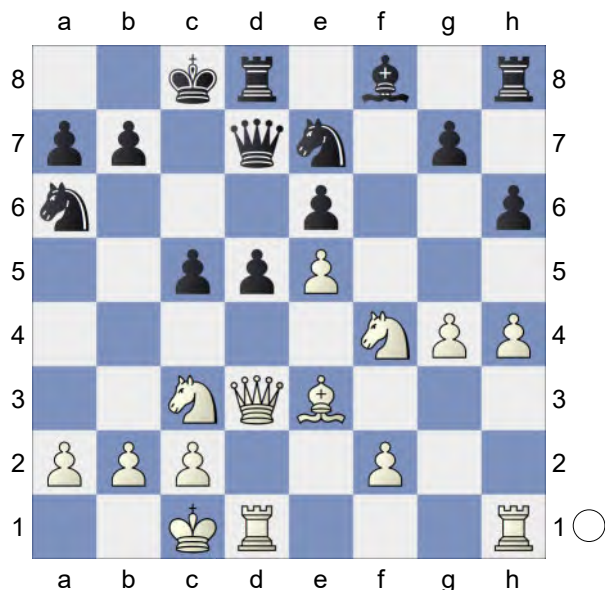
[7...Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1 Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxg4 21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 1-0 Moen, A (2095)-Blatt, F Izhevsk Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) b6 23.c4 Kb7 24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3 b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4 29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5 31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6 33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+ Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8 1-0 Mastrovasilis, D (2095)-Grischenko, S Wch U12 St Lorenzo 1995 (1)]

8.dxe5 e6 9.Bxh7 Rxh7 White is slightly better. 10.Qd3 Rh8



11.Ne2 Ne7 Repels Qd3-g6+ 12.Nbc3 Na6 13.Nf4 Qd7 14.Be3 c5 15.0-0-0 Nc3-e4! would now be deadly. 15...0-0-0

(Diagram)



16.Nb5 White has more active pieces.

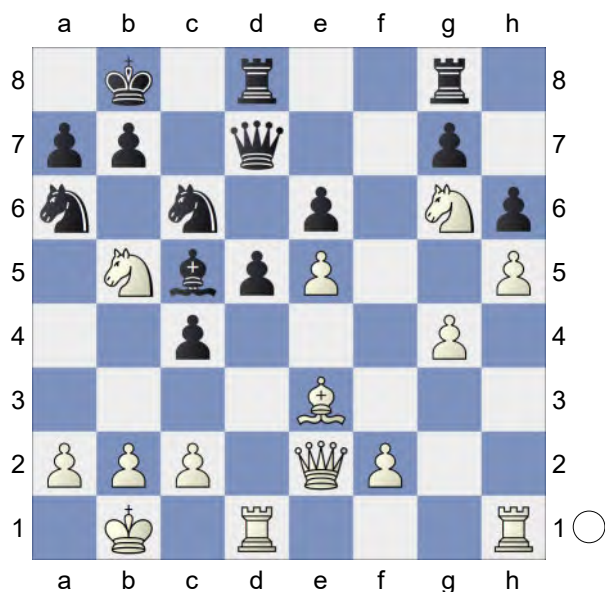
16...Nc6 17.Qe2

[17.Qg6 Re8 $\bar{f}$]

17...Rg8 18.h5 Kb8 19.Kb1 c4

20.Ng6 Bc5 1.25/20

[Δ 20...Nc7 0.80/20]



21.Rhf1 0.84/21

[Δ 21.c3 1.25/20]

21...Ne7 1.54/21

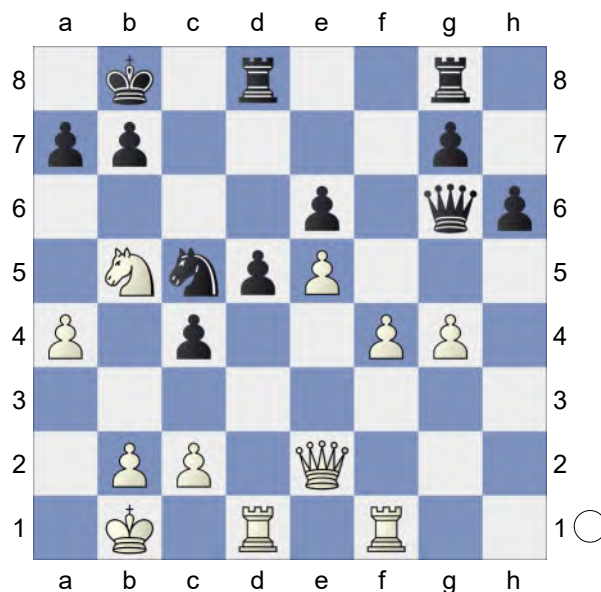
[Better is 21...Bxe3 0.84/21 22.Qxe3
(22.fxe3 Nxe5 23.Qh2 Ka8 $\bar{f}$)
22...d4 23.Nxd4 Nxd4]

22.a4 Nxc5 23.hxc6 Qe8 24.f4 Qxc6

25.Bxc5

[25.f5 Qe8 $\pm$]

25...Nxc5



26.Nd6! Wards off Qg6-e8. And now f4-f5 would win.

[26.f5?! Qe8 $\pm$]

26...Rd7 27.Qf3 1.19/23

[White should play 27.a5+- 1.85/22]

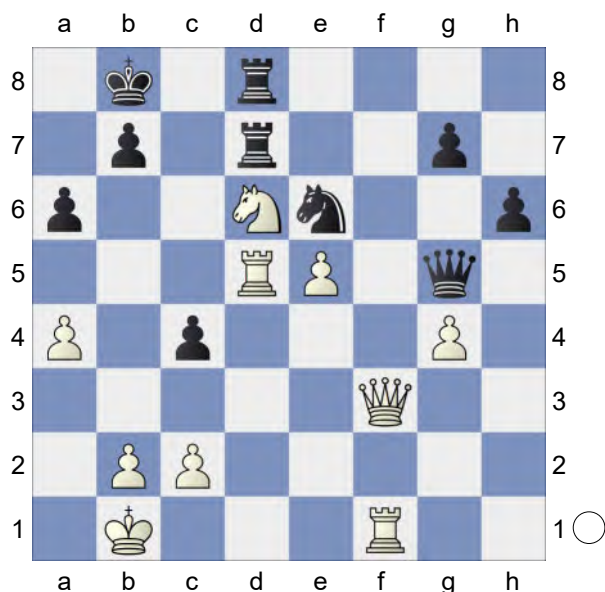
27...Rgd8 1.97/24

[27...Rf8 $\pm$ 1.19/23 28.f5 Qg5]

28.f5+- Qg5 29.fxe6 Nxe6 30.Rxd5 a6 2.08/22

[30...Rf8 $\pm$ 1.37/24 was worth a try.
31.Qxf8+ (31.Nf5 Rc7 $\pm$) 31...Nxf8
32.Rxf8+ Rd8]

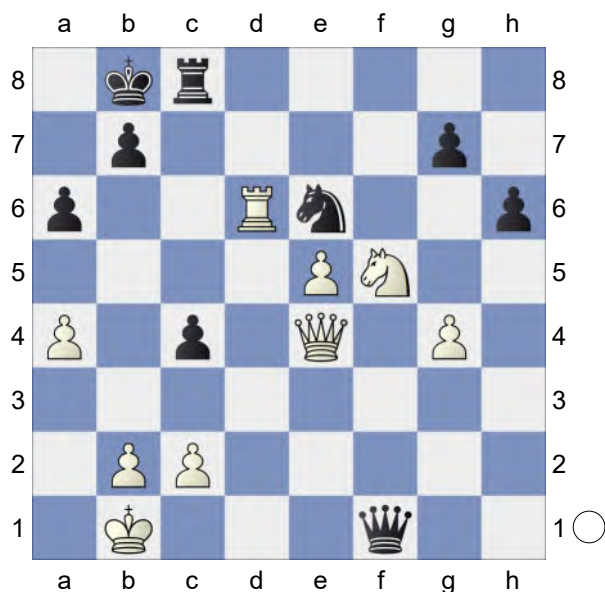
(Diagram)



31.Qe4 Hoping for Rf1-f7. **31...Qh4**
32.Nf5

[32.Qxc4 h5±]

32...Qh3 **33.Rfd1** **Rxd5** **34.Rxd5**
 Strongly threatening Nf5-d4. **34...Rc8**
35.Rd6 **Qf1+**



36.Ka2 **Qf4** **37.Qxf4** **Nxf4** **38.Nxg7**
 Endgame. e5-e6! is the strong threat.
 KRN-KRN

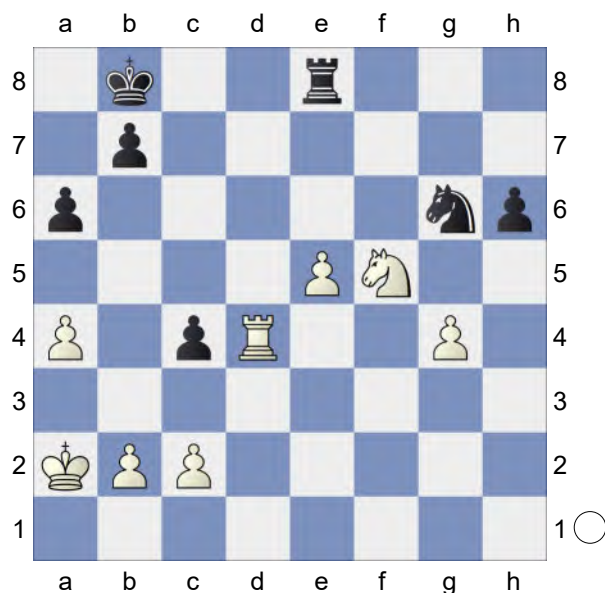
[Much less strong is 38.e6?! g6±]

38...Rg8 **39.Nf5** aiming for e5-e6.

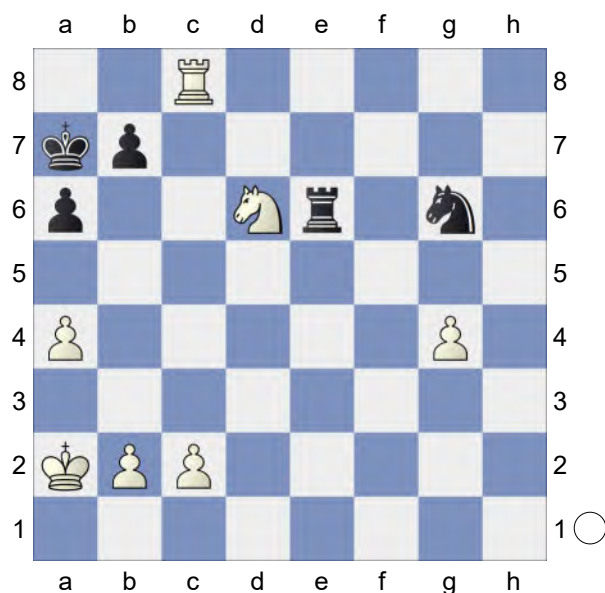
[39.Rd7?! Kc8 40.Rf7 Ng6±]

39...Re8 **40.Rd4**

[40.Nxh6 Rxe5 41.Rd4 Ng6
 42.Rxc4 Ka7±]
40...Ng6



41.Rxc4 **Rxe5** **42.Nxh6** **Re3** **43.Nf5**
Re2 **44.Nd6** **Re6** **45.Rc8+** **Ka7**



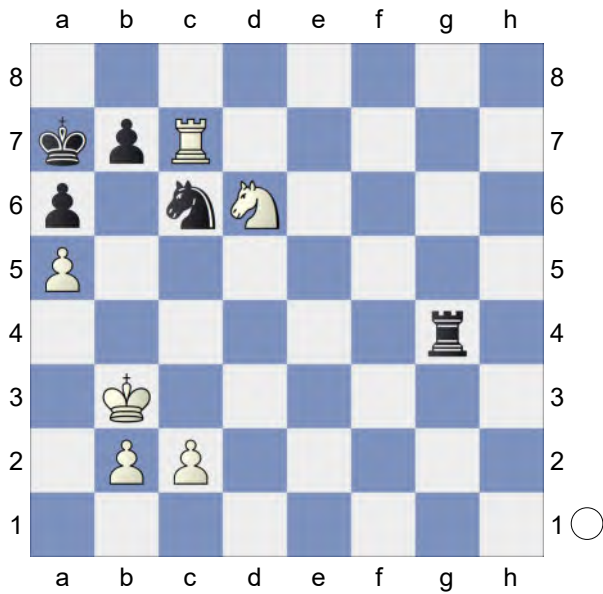
46.Nc4 Black must now prevent a4-a5.
46...Re4 **47.a5** Intending Nc4-b6 and
 mate.

[47.g5 Rg4 48.Rc5 Nf8±]

47...Ne7 **48.Rc7** **Nc6** **3.88/26**

[48...Rxc4 **2.72/28** might work better.
 49.Ne5 Rg7 50.Nc6+ Nxc6 51.Rxc7
 Nxa5]

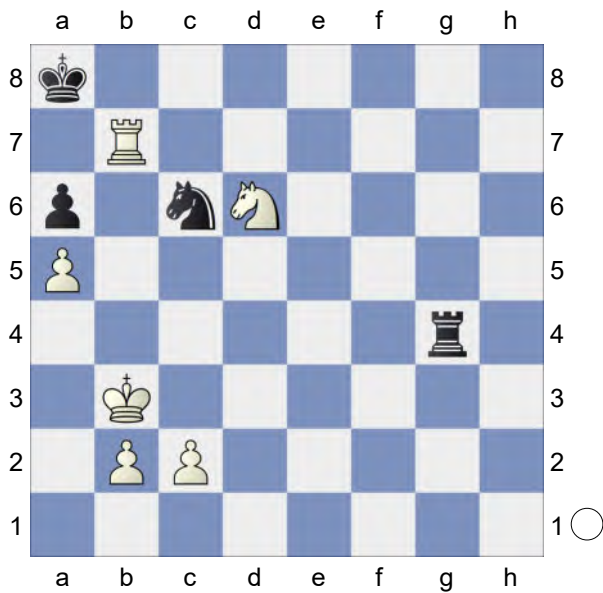
49.Nd6 Ra4+ 50.Kb3 Rxcg4



51.Rxb7+

[51.Nxb7 Nd4+ 52.Ka2 Kb8=]

51...Ka8

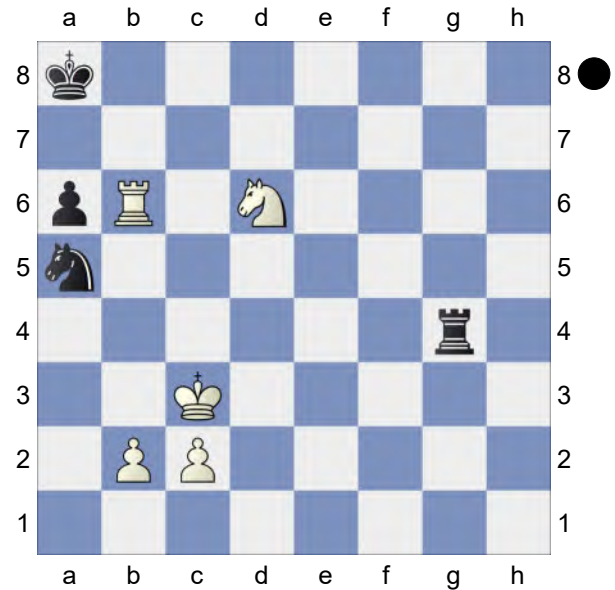


52.Rb6! Nxa5+ 4.98/32

[52...Rg3+ 3.54/28 53.Kc4 Nb8]

53.Kc3

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.06
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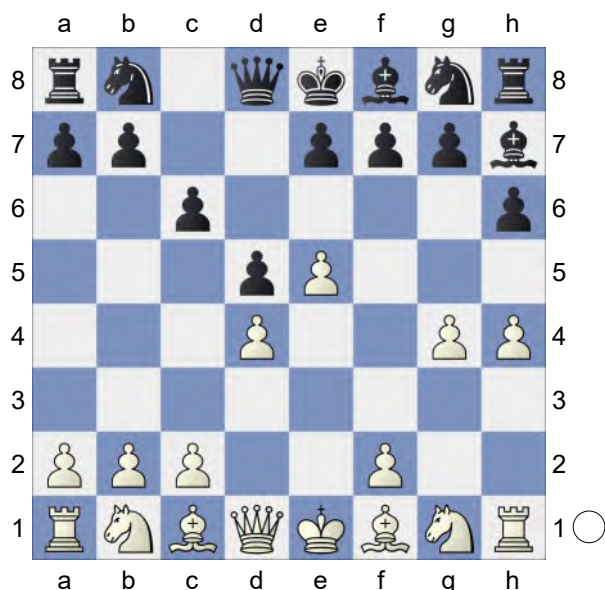
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B12**2455****2520**

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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7



6.e6! Qd6

[6...fxe6 7.Bd3]

7.exf7+ Kxf7 8.f4 0.04/19

[8.g5± 0.80/20]

8...Qe6+N 0.65/21

[8...Nf6= 0.04/19

A) 9.Nf3 Nxcg4 10.Bh3 h5
 11.Ne5+ Ke8 12.Bxg4 hxg4
 13.Qxg4 Nd7 (13...Be4 14.Qc8+
 Qd8 15.Qe6 Qd6 16.Qf7+ Kd8
 17.Rg1 Nd7 18.Nc3 Qb4 19.Bd2
 Bxc2 20.Nxd5 Nxe5 21.Nxb4
 Nxf7 22.Nxc2 Rxh4 23.0-0-0 e6
 24.Bb4 Bxb4 25.Rxg7 Ke7
 26.Nxb4 Rxf4 27.Nd3 Rf5
 28.Re1 1-0 Koestinger, D (2388)-
 The Trompowski (2371) cm1 Wijk
 1994 (2)) 14.Qh5+ g6 15.Qe2

Qe6 16.Nc3 Qf5 17.Be3 Bg8
 18.0-0-0 Be6 19.Qd2 Nxe5
 20.fxe5 Qf7 21.Bg5 Bf5 22.Ne2
 e6 23.Ng3 Kd7 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ Nevednichy, V
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B) 9.Bh3 c5 10.g5 Nc6
 (10...hxg5 11.hxg5 Ne4 12.Bc8
 Nc6 13.Bxb7 Qe6 14.Ne2 Rb8
 15.Bxc6 Qxc6 16.f5 g6 17.Nf4
 Bg7 18.Rxh7 Rxh7 19.fxg6+
 Qxg6 20.Qf3 Rf8 21.Nd2 Qxg5
 22.Nxe4 Qg1+ 23.Ke2 Rh2+
 24.Nf2 Kg8 25.Qxd5+
 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ Muzychuk, A (2606)-Sutovsky,
 E (2687) Amsterdam ACP Golden
 Classic 2012 (5)) 11.gxf6 Nxd4
 12.Rh2 exf6 13.Nc3 Rd8 14.Nf3
 Nf5 15.Re2 Be7 16.Kf2 Rhe8
 17.Bg4 Kf8 18.Bh5 g6 19.Bg4 d4
 20.Ne4 Ne3 21.Nxd6 Nxd1+
 22.Ke1 Rxd6 23.Kxd1 d3
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 (2496) 44: World Championship
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[8...Be4 9.Nf3 Ke8 10.Nc3 Nf6
 11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Ne5 Nd7 13.Bd3
 Nxe5 14.fxe5 Qe6 15.Qf3 g6
 16.Bxe4 dxe4 17.Qxe4 Bg7 18.b3
 Kd7 19.c4 h5 20.gxh5 Rxh5 21.Bg5
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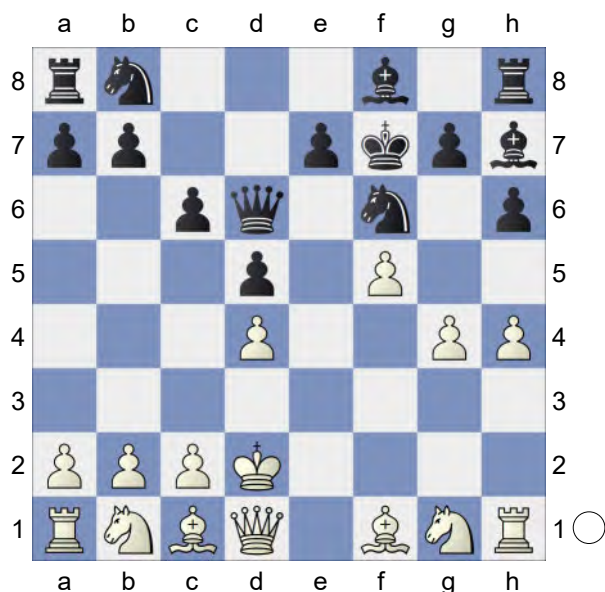
9.Kd2 -0.44/20

[White should play 9.Be2± 0.65/21]

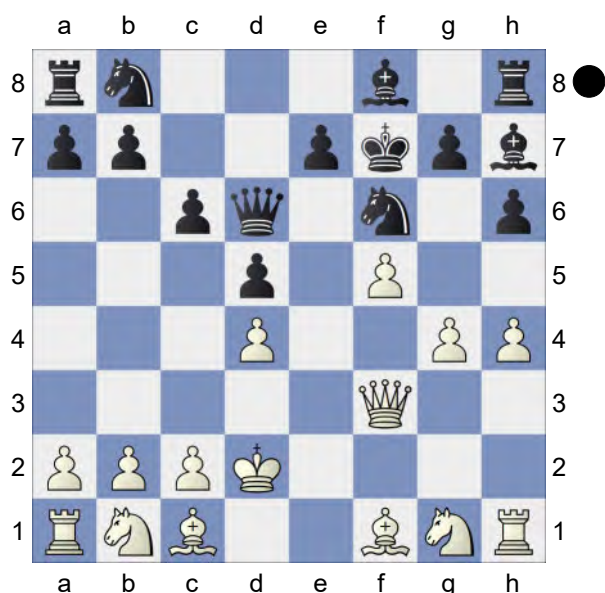
9...Nf6 ...Nf6-e4+ is the strong threat.

10.f5 Qd6

(Diagram)



11.Qf3



Qg3! Decoy 12.Bh3 Qxh4 0.28/21

[12...Ne4+ -0.08/21 is superior.
13.Ke2 Qxf3+ 14.Kxf3 e6]

13.Ke2 Nbd7 0.82/22

[13...e6!= -0.05/21 remains equal.
14.fxe6+ Ke8]

14.Bf4 -0.01/21

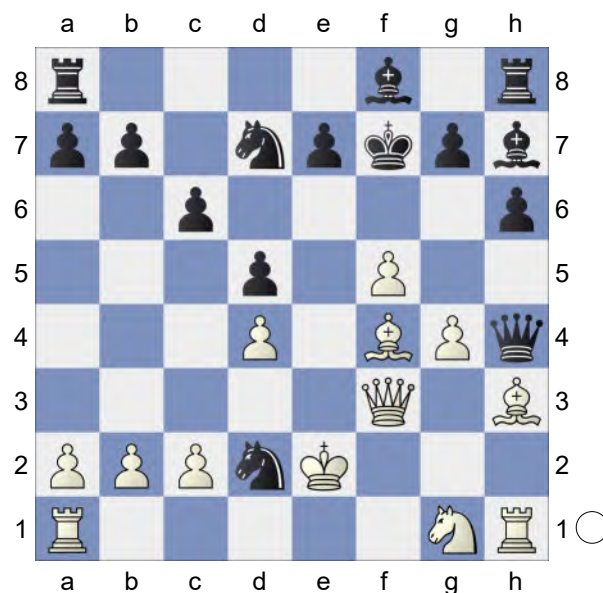
[14.Nc3± 0.82/22 Qf3-g2 would now
be deadly. g5 15.Bd2]

14...Ne4 1.21/22

[14...Re8!= -0.01/21 keeps the
balance. 15.Bg3 Qg5]

15.Nd2± Nxd2 1.75/22

[15...Ke8± 1.12/21]



16.Kxd2+- Threatens to win with g4-g5!

[16.Bxd2?! Qf6±]

16...Qf6 17.Ne2 -0.01/22

[Better is 17.Qe3+- 1.80/21]

17...g5!= 18.fxg6+ Qxg6 19.Qb3

[19.Bxh6+? Nf6 20.Bxf8 Qxc2+
(20...Raxf8 21.Qf5±) 21.Ke1
Raxf8+ (21...Kxf8 22.Rc1±)]

**19...Nf6? 1.65/21 White leaves nothing
to chance now.**

[19...e5!= -0.01/20 and Black has
nothing to worry. 20.Bxe5 (20.dxe5?
Nc5+) 20...Nxe5 21.Raf1+ Kg8
22.dxe5 Re8]

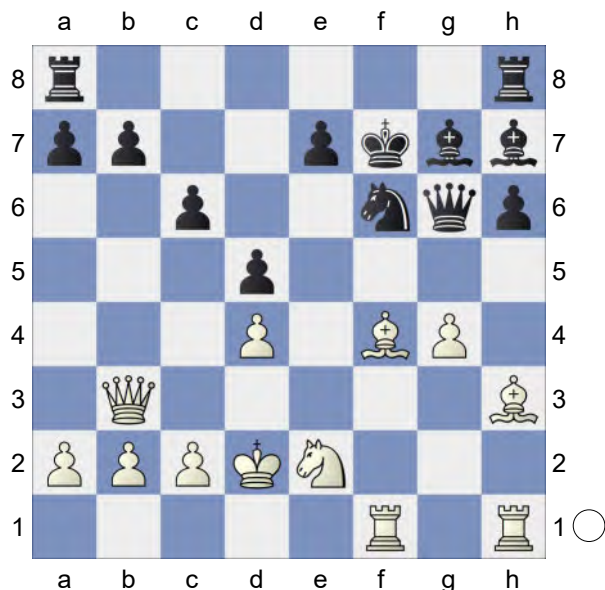
20.Raf1↑ Black is under strong pressure.

[20.Qxb7 Bg7=]

20...Bg7 2.63/21

[20...a5± 1.24/20]

(Diagram)

**21.Ng3**

[21.Qxb7 Qxc2+ (21...Nxg4?
22.Be5+ Bf6 23.Bxg4+-) 22.Ke1
Qb1+ 23.Kf2 Qd3+]
[21.Kc1?! a5±]

21...Rhe8 3.44/21

[Δ21...Rh8 2.15/19]

22.Nf5

[22.Qxb7? Qxc2+ (22...Nxg4?
23.Nf5+-) 23.Ke1 Be4 24.Nxe4
Qxe4+ 25.Kd2 Qxd4+ 26.Kc2
Kg8+-]

22...Bf8? 4.33/21

[22...b5 2.32/19 was called for.
23.Kc1 a5]

23.Qxb7 2.29/23

[Δ23.Kc1 4.33/21]

23...Kg8 Black is weak on the dark squares 24.Kc1

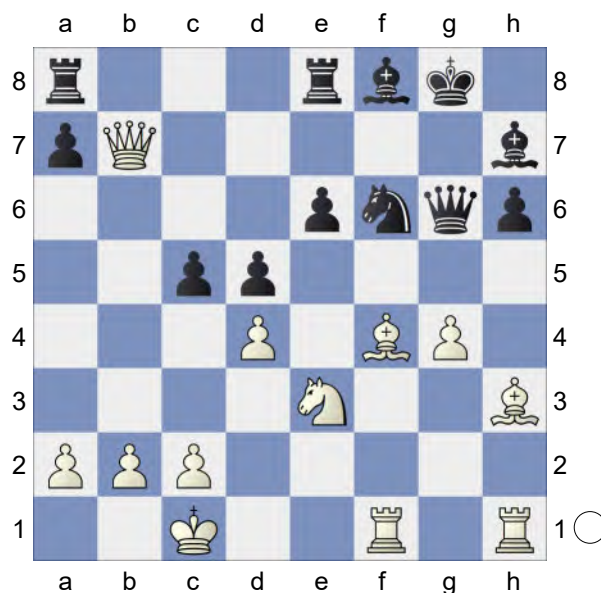
[24.Qxc6? Ne4+ (24...Nxg4?
25.Qxg6+ Remove Defender Bxg6
26.Bxg4+-) 25.Kd1 Qxc6+-]

24...e6 25.Ne3 1.53/21

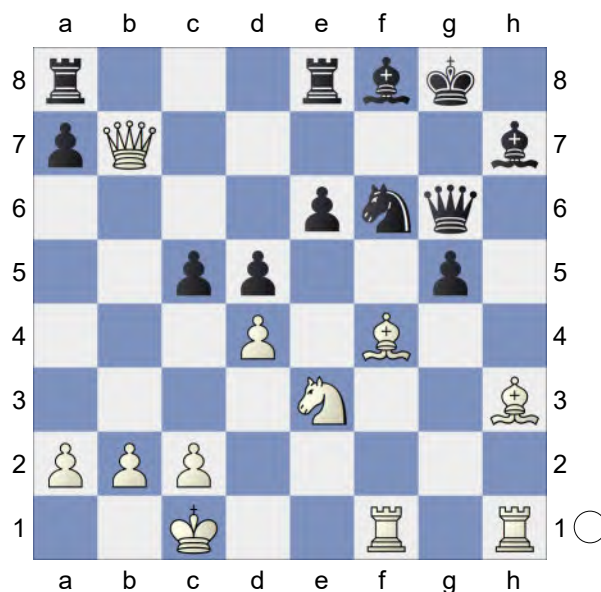
[25.Rfg1+- 1.98/23 Qf7 26.Nxh6+
Bxh6 27.Qxf7+ (27.Qxc6? Bxf4+
28.Kb1 Rac8+- Deflection) 27...Kxf7
28.Bxh6]

25...c5? 4.53/23

[25...Qg7± 1.53/21 might work better.
26.Qxc6 Rac8]

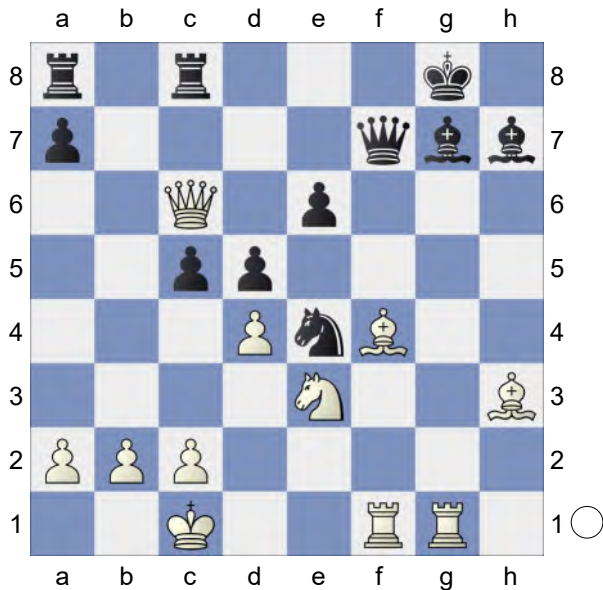
**26.g5 hxc5 7.13/23**

[26...Nh5 3.71/20]

**27.Bxg5! Ne4 7.83/22**

[Δ27...Rab8 5.02/21 28.Qxb8
(28.Qxa7 Nh5+-) 28...Qxg5
(28...Rxb8? loses. 29.Bxe6+ Kh8
30.Bxf6+ Bg7 31.Bxg7+ Qxg7
32.Rf7+- Skewer) 29.Bxe6+
(29.Qxa7 Qxe3+ 30.Kb1 Bxc2+

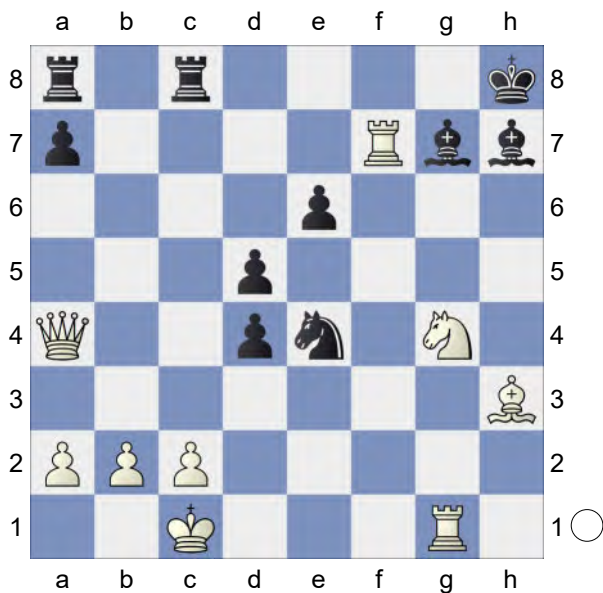
31.Ka1 Re7=) 29...Kh8 (29...Rxe6?
 30.Rhg1+- **Pin**)
 [27...Qxg5 28.Rfg1]
28.Bf4 Bg7 29.Rhg1 Qf7 30.Qc6
Rec8



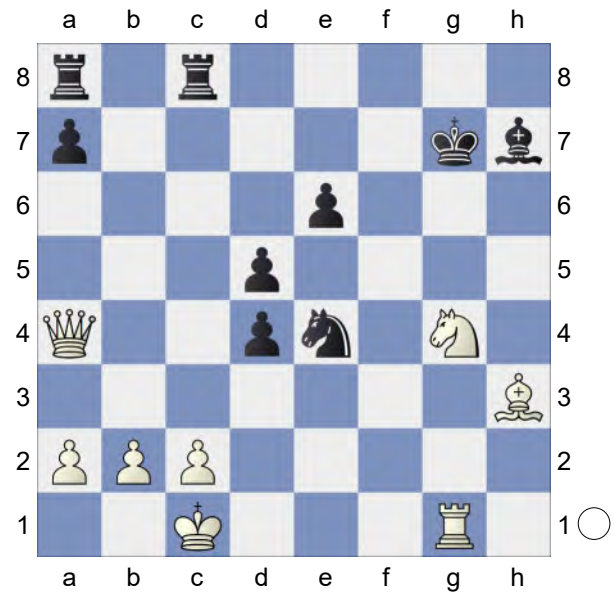
31.Qa4 aiming for Bf4-e5. **31...cxd4**
32.Ng4 5.63/20

[32.Be5 14.87/21 Bf5 33.Nxf5
 (33.Rxg7+ Qxg7 34.Bxg7 Bxh3+-)
 33...exf5 34.Bxg7 (34.Rxg7+ Qxg7
 35.Bxg7 Ng3+-)]

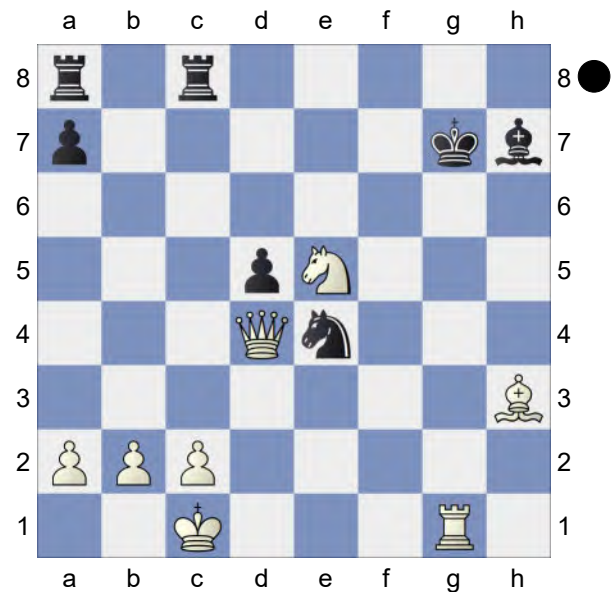
32...Kh8 White must now prevent ...Ne4-
c5. 33.Be5 Bxe5 34.Rxf7 Bg7



35.Rxg7! Kxg7



36.Qxd4+ e5 37.Nxe5+



Weighted Error Value: White=0.86/
 Black=0.96

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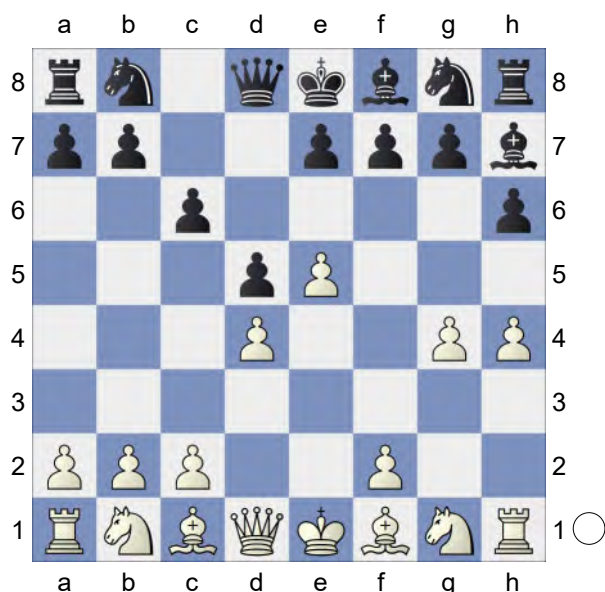
B12**2353****2453**

07.11.2004

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6 5.g4 Bh7**

[5...Bd7 6.h5 c5 (6...e6 7.f4 c5 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Kf2 0-0-0 11.Kg3 Kb8 12.a4 cxd4 13.a5 Nxa5 14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Nxc6+ Bxc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qd4 Qxd4 19.cxd4 Ne7 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Bd3 0-1 Grünfeld 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 (2470)-

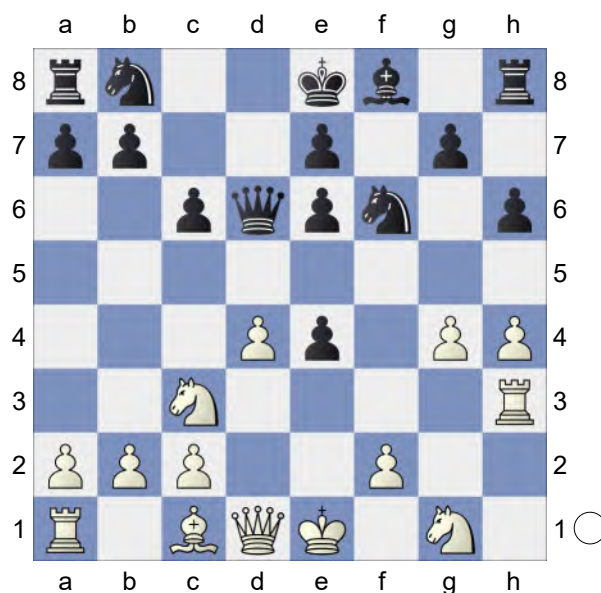
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**6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Be4N**

[7...Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1 Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxc4 21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 1-0 Moen,A (2095)-Blatt,F Izhevsk Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) b6 23.c4 Kb7 24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3 b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4 29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5 31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6 33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+ Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8 1-0 Mastrovasilis,D (2095)-Grischenko, S Wch U12 St Lorenzo 1995 (1)]

8.Rh3 Qd6 0.99/21

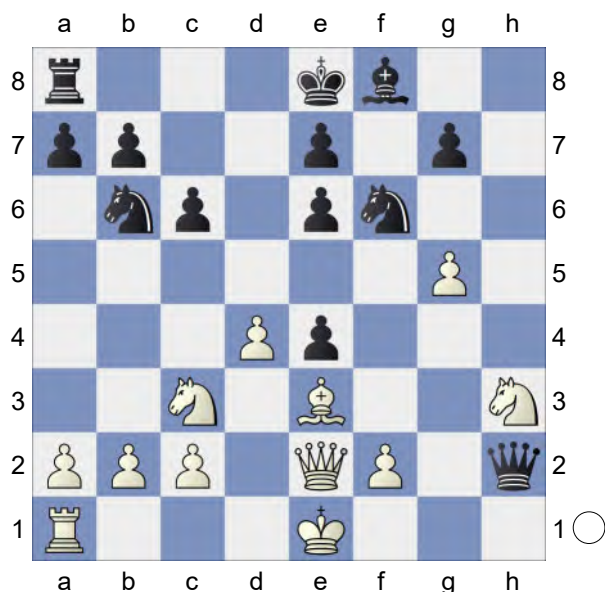
[8...c5± 0.56/20 feels stronger.]

9.Bxe4± dxe4 White is slightly better.**10.Nc3 Nf6****11.Be3 0.01/23**

[11.Qe2!± 0.71/21]

11...Nbd7= 12.Qe2 Nb6 13.g5 hxg5 14.hxg5 Rxh3 15.Nxh3 Qh2!

(Diagram)



16.Nf4

[16.gxf6 simplifies Qxh3 17.fxg7 Bxg7 18.0-0-0]

16...Nfd5 17.Nxe6 Qg1+ 18.Qf1'

White is not holding back

[18.Kd2 with more complications. Qxa1 19.Qh5+ Kd7 20.Nc5+]

18...Qg4

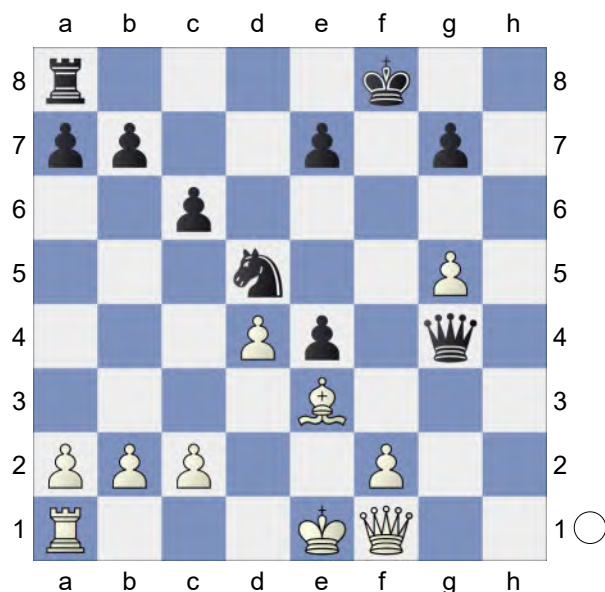
[18...Qxf1+ simplifies 19.Kxf1 Kf7 20.Nc5 Nc4]

19.Nxd5 Nxd5

[19...Qxe6? perishes. 20.Nc7+ Kf7 21.Nxe6+-]

20.Nxf8 Kxf8

(Diagram)

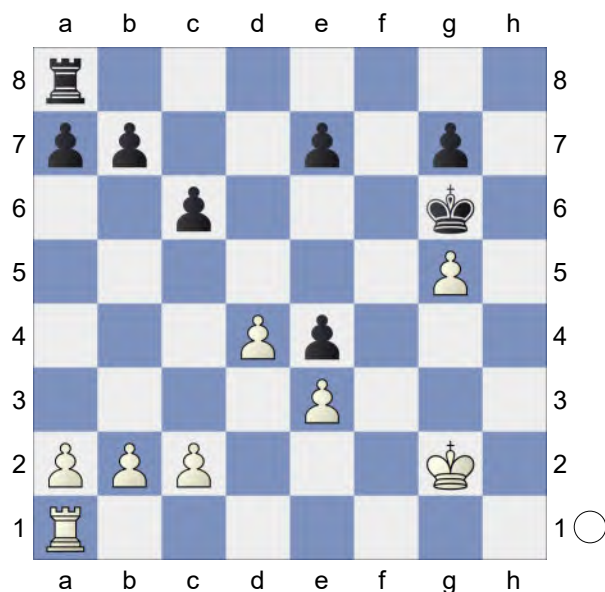


21.Qe2 Nxe3 22.fxe3 Endgame. **KQR-KQR 22...Qg1+ 0.01/20**

[22...Qxg5 -0.36/23 was preferable. 23.0-0-0 Ke8]

23.Qf1+= Qxf1+ 24.Kxf1 KR-KR

24...Kf7 25.Kg2 Kg6



26.Rf1 Inhibits Ra8-f8. **26...e5** Wards off Rf1-f4 **27.dxe5 Re8 28.Rd1 Rxe5** Hoping for ...Re5-d5!

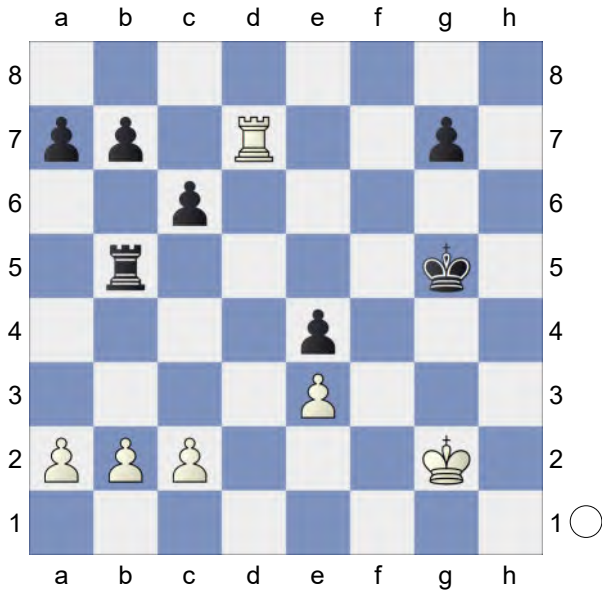
[But not 28...Kxg5 29.Rd7±]

29.Rd6+ -0.49/25

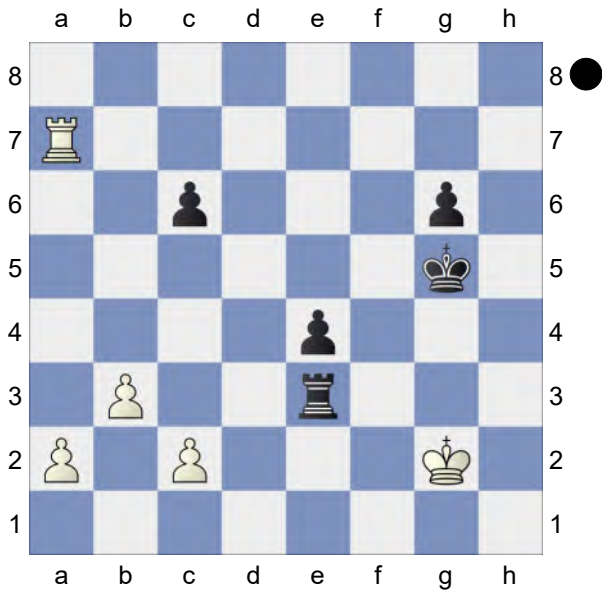
[29.Rd7= -0.07/20]

29...Kxg5 Strongly threatening ...Re5-

d5. 30.Rd7 Rb5



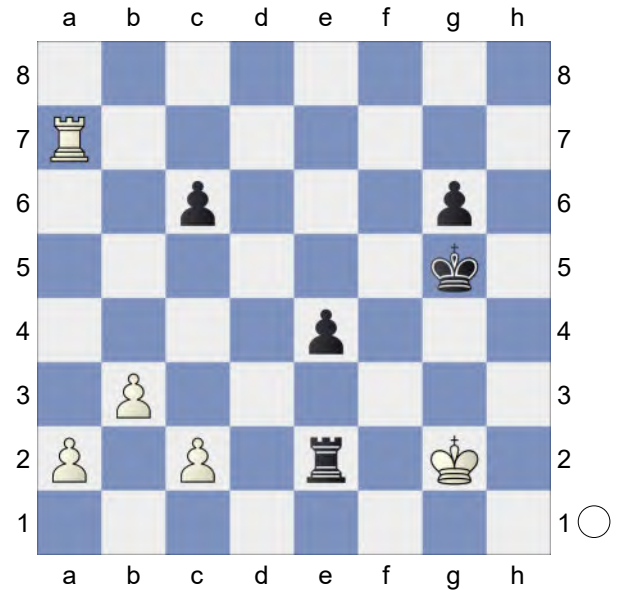
31.b3 g6 32.Kg3 Rf5 And now ...a7-a5 would win. 33.Rxb7 Rf3+ 34.Kg2 Rxe3 35.Rxa7



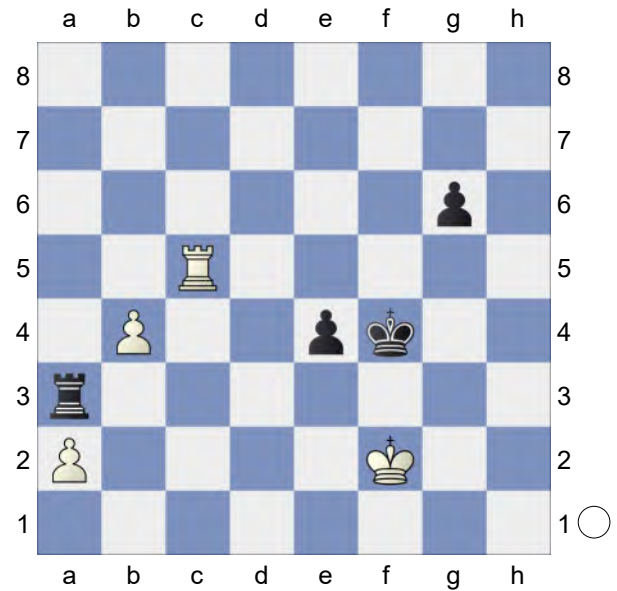
Re2+ -0.02/24

[35...Rc3! -0.73/25 ...Kg5-f4! is the strong threat. 36.Kf2 Kf5 (36...Rxc2+ 37.Ke3=)]

(Diagram)

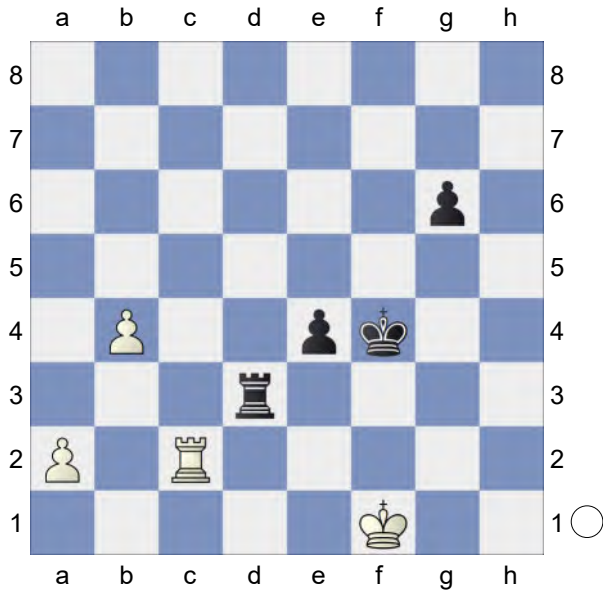


36.Kg3= Rxc2 37.Ra5+ c5 White must now prevent ...Rc2-c3+. 38.b4 Rc3+ 39.Kf2 Kf4 40.Rxc5 The position is equal. 40...Ra3

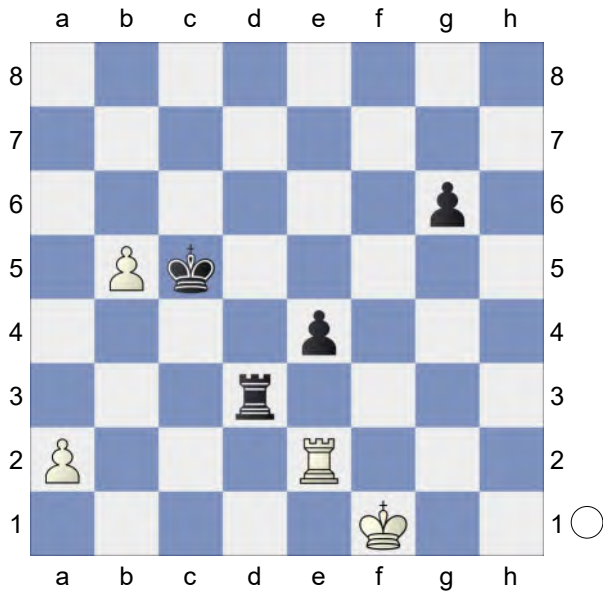


41.Rc2 Rh3 42.Kg2 Prevents Rh3-h2+. 42...Rg3+ 43.Kf1! Rh3 44.Kg2 Rg3+ 45.Kf1! Rd3

(Diagram)



46.Rf2+ Ke3 aiming for ...Rd3-d1+.
47.Re2+ Kd4 48.b5 Kc5



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□ Tomilin, Artjom

■ Scardoelli, Harley Lorentz

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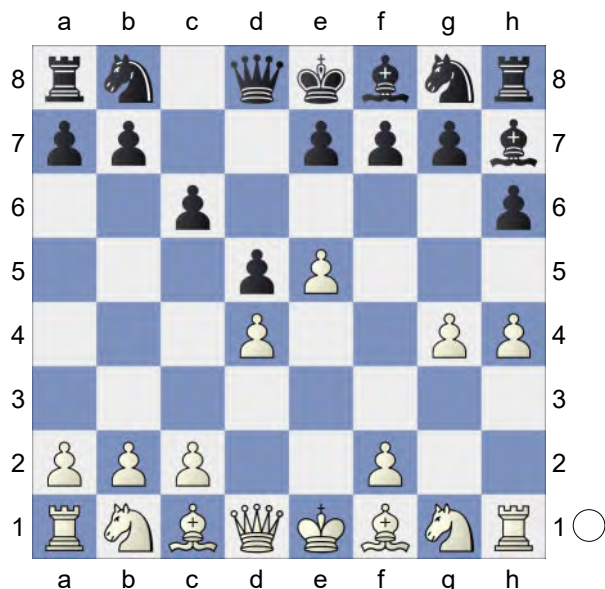
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7

[5...Bd7 6.h5 c5 (6...e6 7.f4 c5
8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Kf2 0-0-0
11.Kg3 Kb8 12.a4 cxd4 13.a5 Nxa5
14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Nxc6+
Bxc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qd4 Qxd4
19.cxd4 Ne7 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Bd3
0-1 Grünfeld 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 (2470)-

Theis, B (2613) (m/4-rapid) 101/(249)
2007 (5)) 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.Qxd5 Bxg4
9.Nc3 e6 10.Qg2 Bf5 11.Bb5 Qc7
12.Be3 0-0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nf3
Ne7 15.Nd4 Bh7 16.0-0-0 Nd5
17.Nxd5 Rxd5 18.f4 Rxc5 19.Rd2
Rg8 20.Rhd1 1-0 Vachier Lagrave, M
(2710)-Grischuk, A (2752) Sportaccord
WMG Blindfold rapid 2011 (1)]



6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 c5N

[7...Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4
10.Nbd2 Qa5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4
dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8
15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3
h5 18.Rfd1 Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+
20.Qxg4 hxc4 21.e6 c5 22.Rd5
1-0 Moen, A (2095)-Blatt, F Izhevsk
Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) b6
23.c4 Kb7 24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1
Rc8 26.Rc3 b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4
bxc4 29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5
31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6
33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+
Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8
1-0 Mastrovasilis, D (2095)-Grischenko,
S Wch U12 St Lorenzo 1995 (1)]

8.Bxh7

[8.dxc5 e5±]

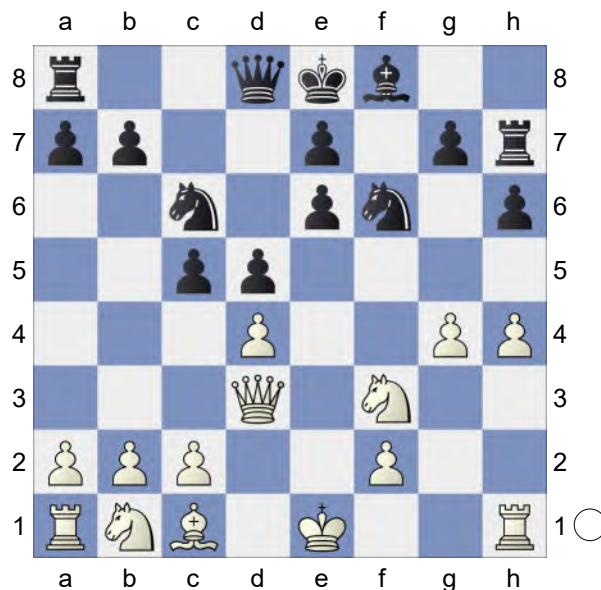
8...Rxh7 9.Qd3 Nf6 1.00/21

[Black should try 9...Rh8!± 0.37/22]

10.Nf3±

[10.dxc5 Nc6±]

10...Nc6

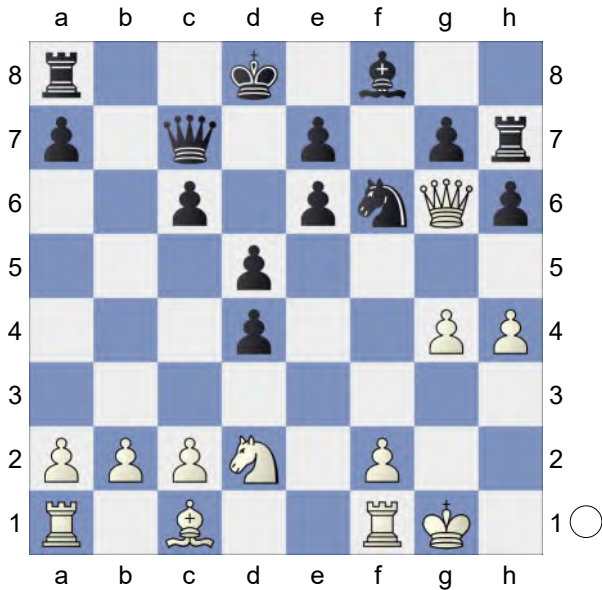


11.Ne5! Qa5+

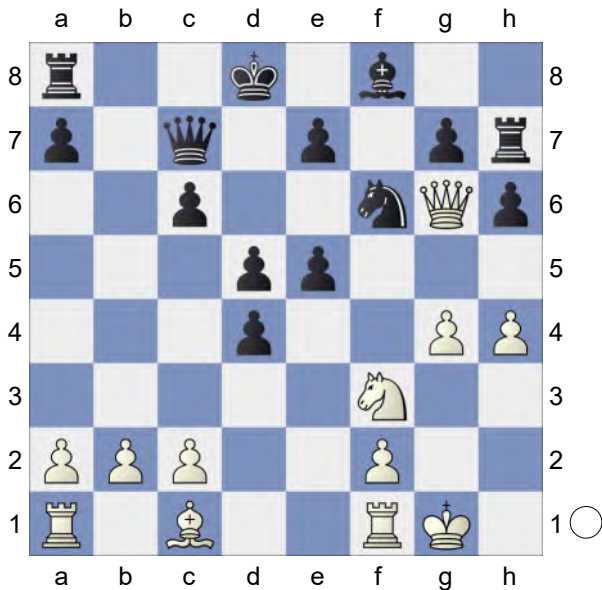
[11...cxd4 12.Qg6#]

12.Nd2 cxd4 13.Qg6+! Kd8 14.Nxc6+
bxc6 15.0-0! Qc7

(Diagram)

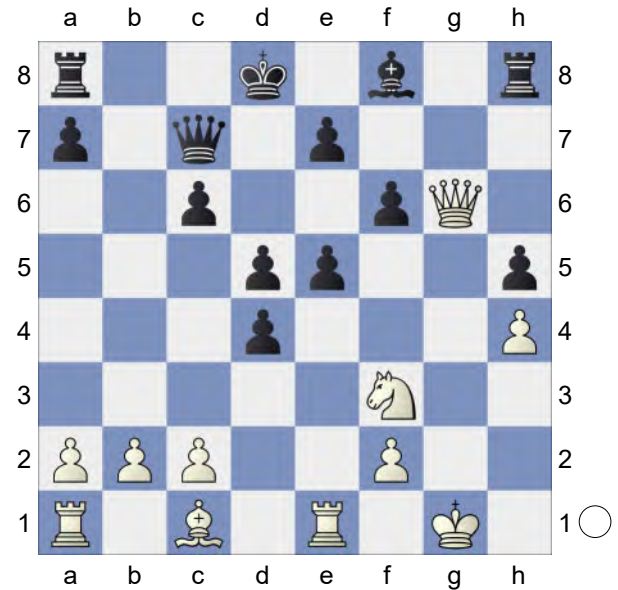


16.Nf3 Strongly threatening Rf1-e1!
16...e5

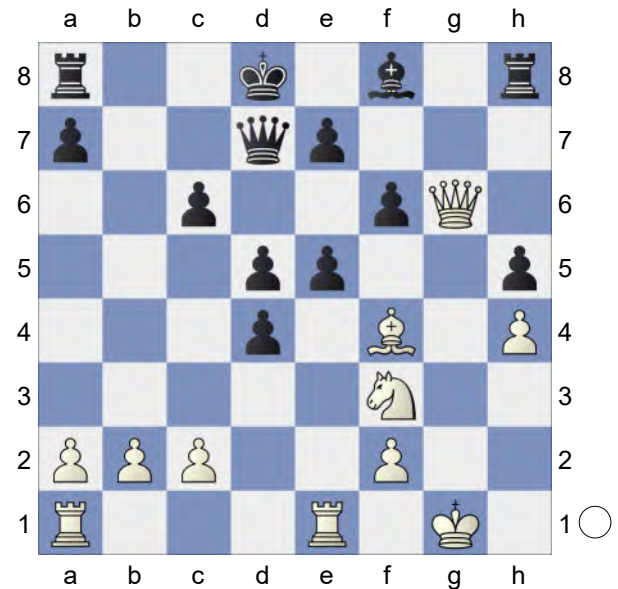


17.g5!
 [17.Re1 e4 18.Nxd4 Qd7=]
17...Rh8 18.gxf6 gxf6 19.Re1 0.72/19
 [Δ19.c3 1.13/20]
19...h5 1.09/21
 [Δ19...Kc8 0.72/19]

(Diagram)

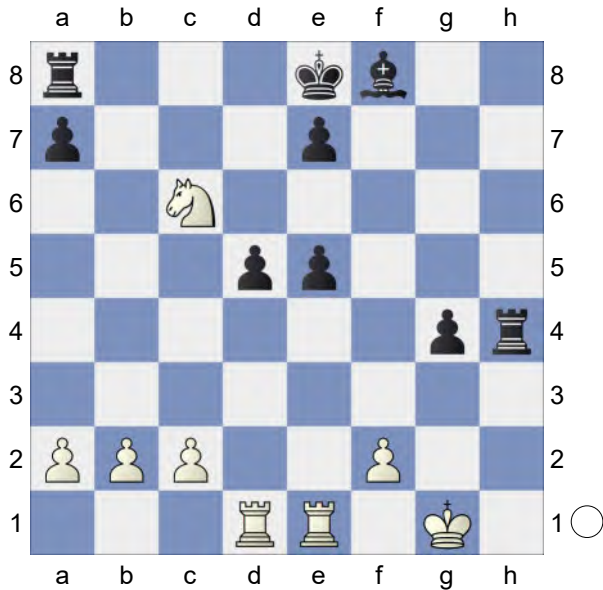


20.Bf4! White has more active pieces.
20...Qd7
 [20...exf4? 21.Nxd4 Kd7 22.c4+-]



21.Bxe5 aiming for Be5-g3. **21...Qg4+**
22.Qxg4 hxg4 23.Nxd4
 [23.Ng5?! Kd7 24.Bxd4 e5=]
23...fxe5 24.Nxc6+ Ke8 25.Rad1
 [25.Rxe5 Rc8 26.Nb4 (26.Nxa7
 Rxc2 27.Nb5 Bg7=) 26...Rhx4=]
25...Rhx4

(Diagram)



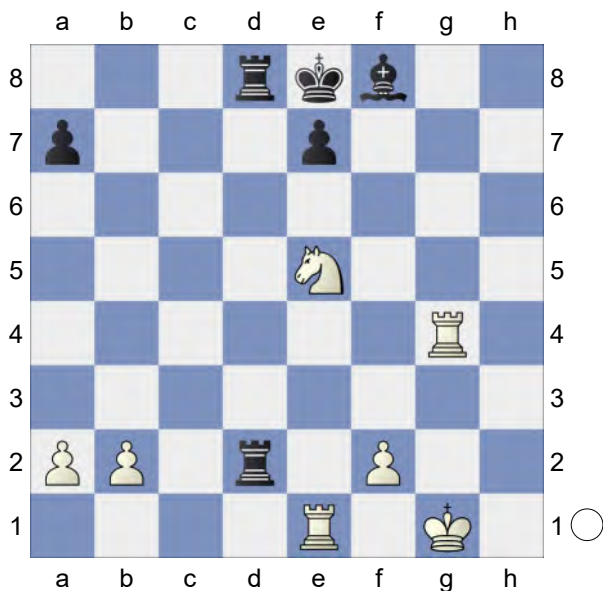
26.Nxe5

[Resist 26.Rxe5 Rc8 27.Nd4
(27.Nxa7 Rxc2 28.Nb5 Bg7=)
27...Bg7 28.Rxd5 Bxd4 29.R5xd4
Rxc2]

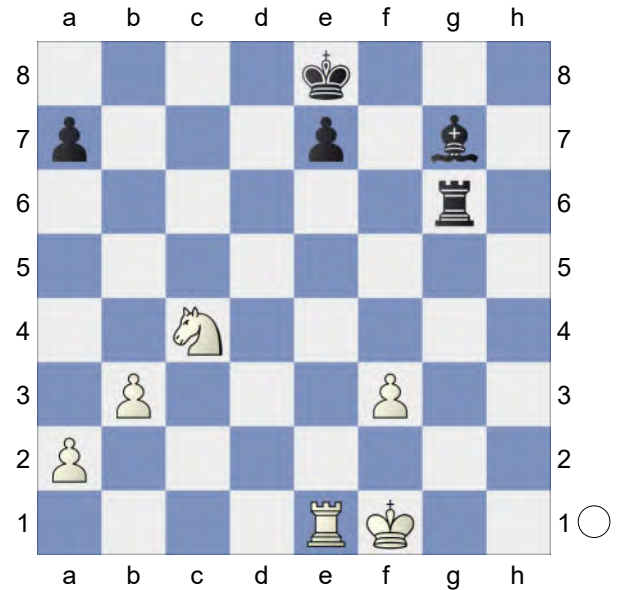
26...Rd8 27.c4 Rh6 28.cxd5

[But not 28.Nxg4?! Rg6 29.Rd4
Bg7=]

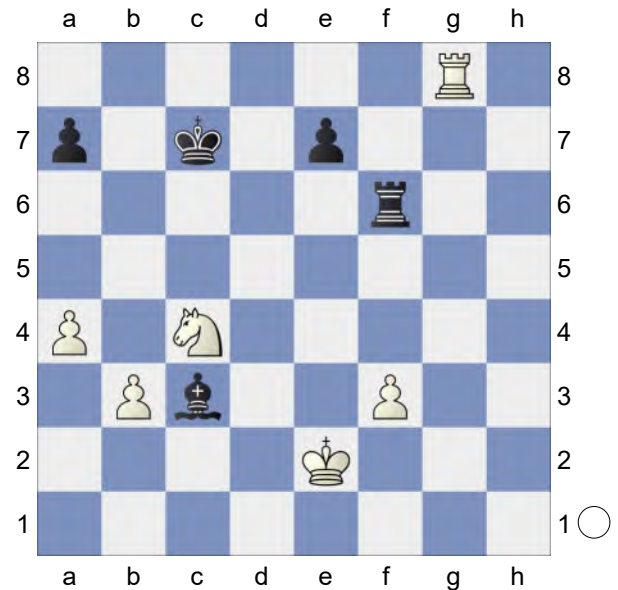
28...Rhd6 29.Rd4 Rxd5 30.Rxg4 Rd2



31.Nc4 R8d4 32.Rxd4 Rxd4
Endgame. KRB-KRN 33.b3 Rg4+
34.Kf1 Bg7 35.f3 Rg6
(Diagram)

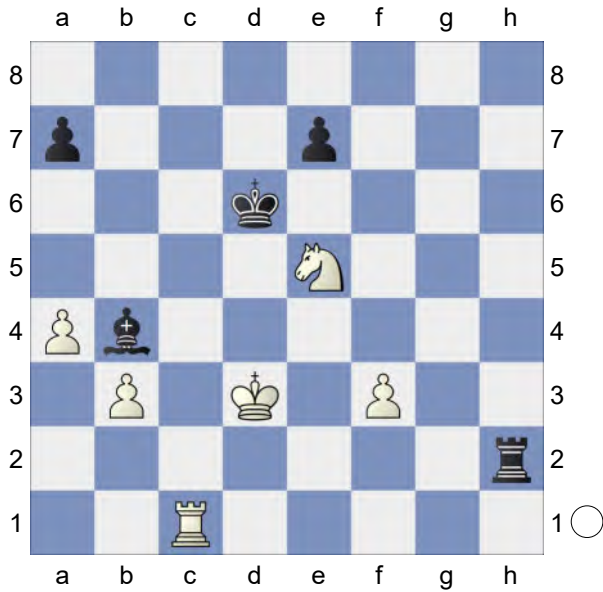


36.Re4 Ra6 37.a4 Kd7 38.Rg4 Bc3
39.Ke2 Rf6 40.Rg8 Kc7

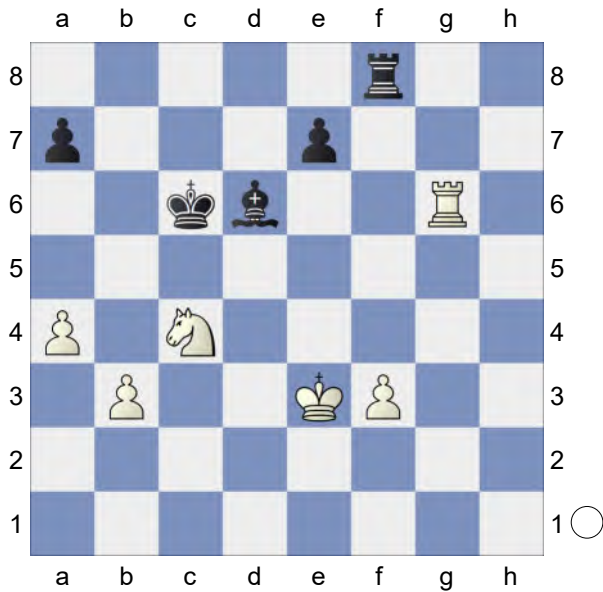


41.Ke3 Re6+ 42.Kd3 Bb4 43.Rg1
Rh6 44.Ne5 Rh2 45.Rc1+ Kd6

(Diagram)

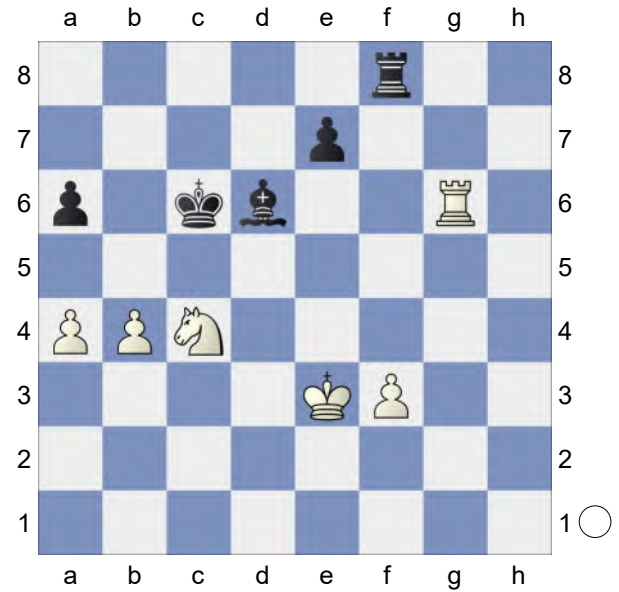


**46.Nc4+ Kc6 47.Rd1 Rh4 48.Rg1 Rf4
49.Rg6+ Bd6 50.Ke3 Rf8**

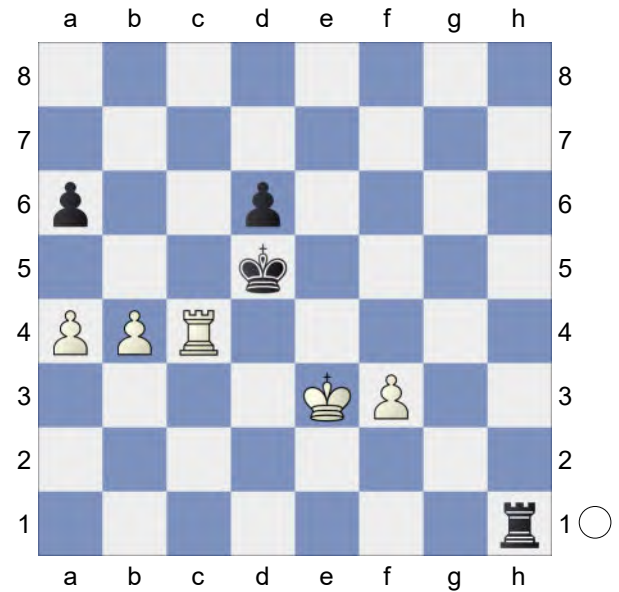


51.b4 a6

(Diagram)

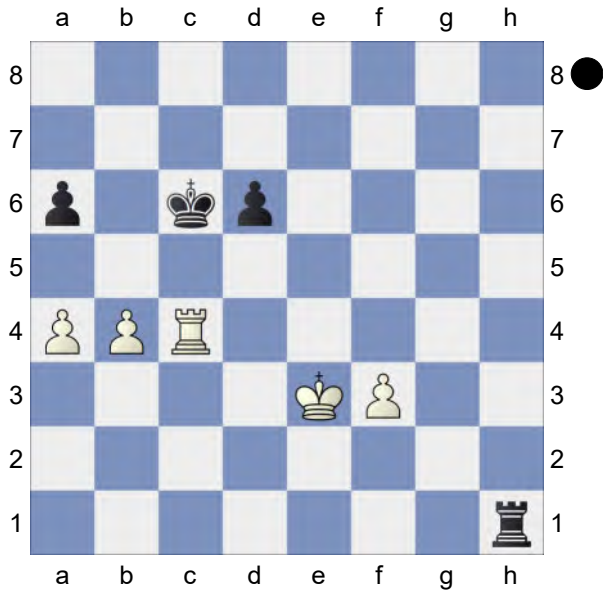


**52.Nxd6! exd6 53.Rg4 Rh8 54.Re4
Rh1 55.Rc4+ Kd5**



**56.Rd4+ Kc6 57.Rc4+ -0.01/42
[57.Re4± 0.75/24]**

(Diagram)



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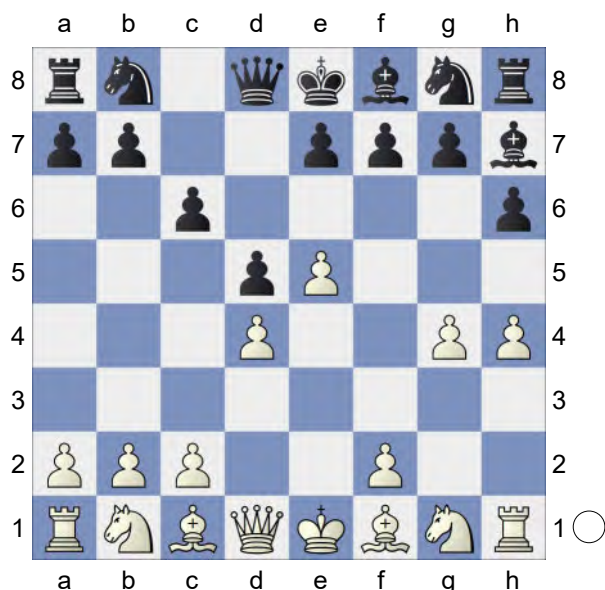
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7

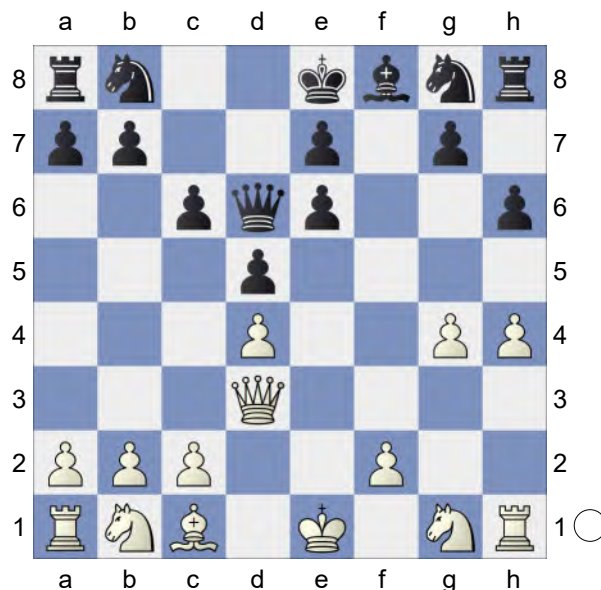


6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Qd6N
1.34/21

[8...c5 0.77/20]

[8...Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5
11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4
Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5
16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1
Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxg4
21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 b6 23.c4
1-0 Moen, A (2095)-Blatt, F Izhevsk
Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) Kb7
24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3
b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4
29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5
31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6
33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+
Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8
1-0 Mastrovasilis, D (2095)-Grischenko,

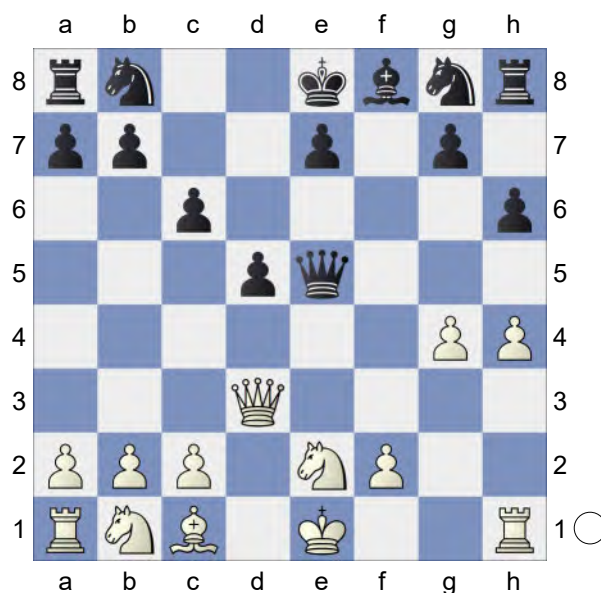
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9.Ne2? -0.27/21 White is more active.

[White must play 9.f4!± 1.34/21]

9...e5= 10.dxe5 Qxe5

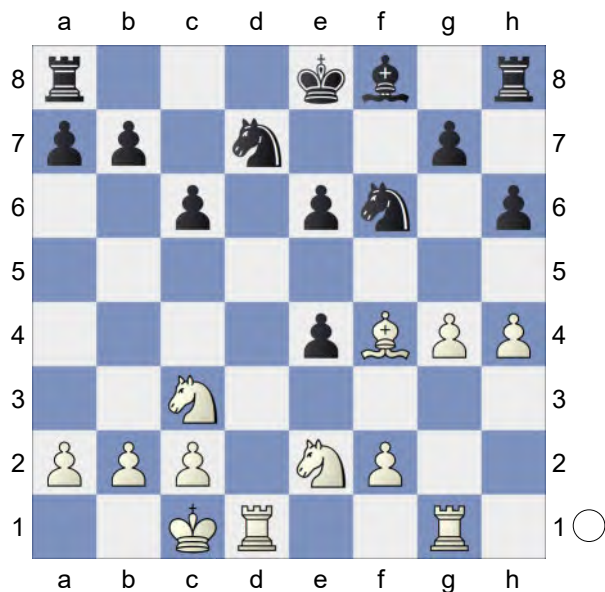


11.Bf4 Qe4 0.45/21

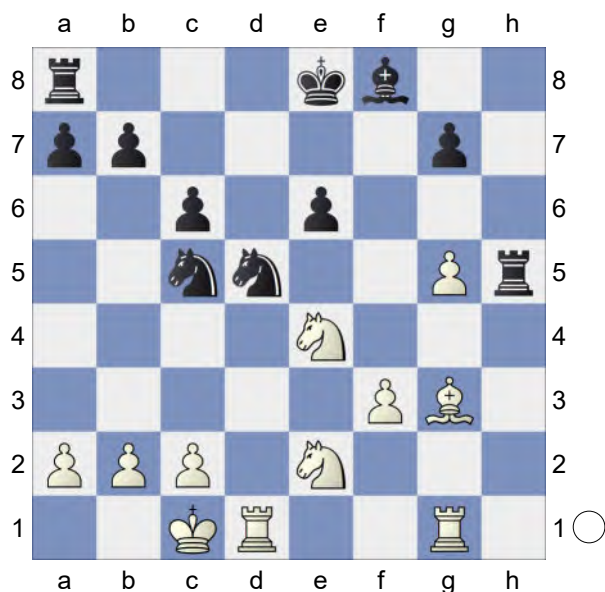
[11...Qf6= -0.15/20]

12.Qxe4± dxe4 13.Nbc3 Nf6 14.Rg1
Nbd7 15.0-0-0 e6

(Diagram)

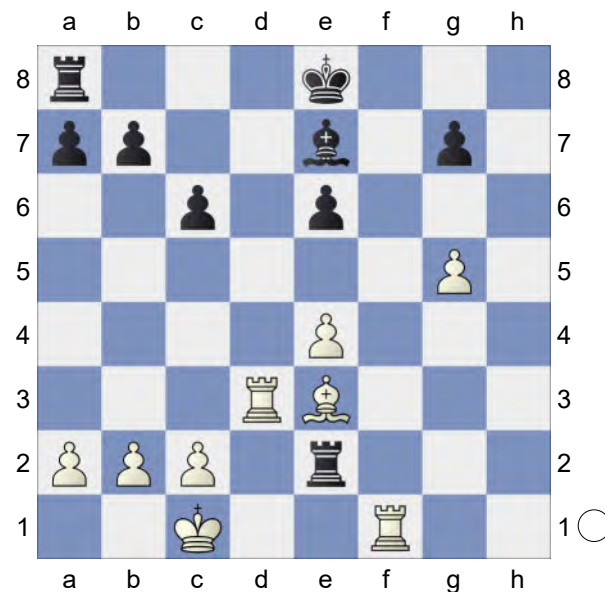


16.g5 hxg5 17.hxg5 Nd5 18.Nxe4
 Nc5 19.f3 Rh4 1.61/22
 [19...0-0-0± 0.40/21]
 20.Bg3+- Rh5 1.69/20
 [20...Rh3± 1.23/20]

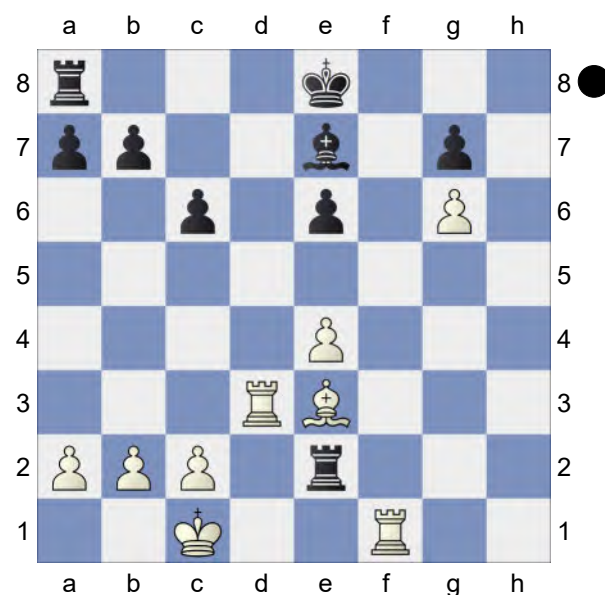


21.Bf2 0.44/23
 [21.Nd6+- 1.69/20 Kd7 22.Nf4
 Rxc5 23.Ne4 Nxe4 24.fxe4 Pin]
 21...Nxe4± 22.fxe4 Rh2! 23.Rgf1 Ne3
 24.Bxe3 Rxe2 25.Rd3 Be7

(Diagram)

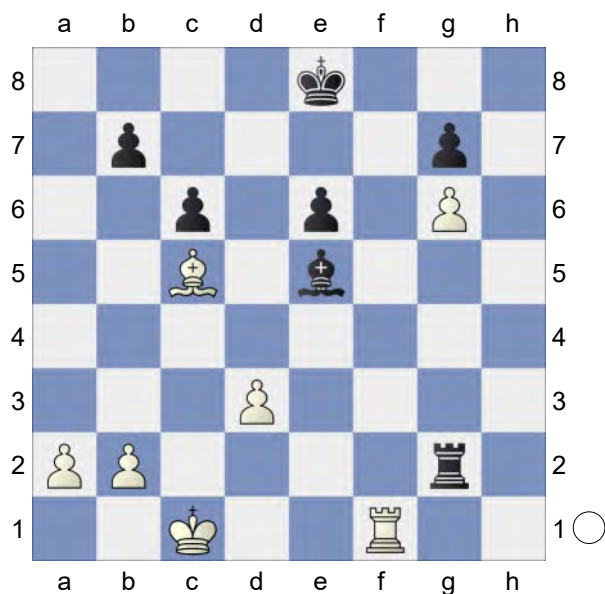


26.g6

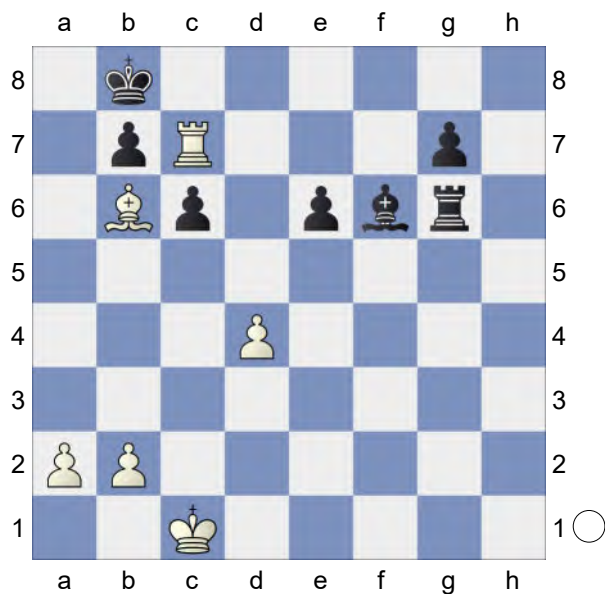


Threatens to win with Rf1-h1. 26...Rd8!
 ...Rd8xd3 would now be deadly. 27.Bxa7
 Strongly threatening Rf1-f7. 27...Rxd3
 28.cxd3= Endgame. KRB-KRB
 28...Bf6! 29.Bc5 Rg2 30.e5 Bxe5

(Diagram)



31.Rf8+ Kd7 32.Rf7+ Kc8 33.d4 Bf6
34.Bb6 Rxc6 35.Rc7+ Kb8



36.Rf7! White wants to mate with Rf7-f8+. 36...Kc8 37.Rf8+ Kd7 38.Rb8
-0.35/25

[38.Rf7+= 0.01/26 deserves
consideration. Kc8 (38...Be7?
39.Bc5+-)]

38...Kd6 0.01/25

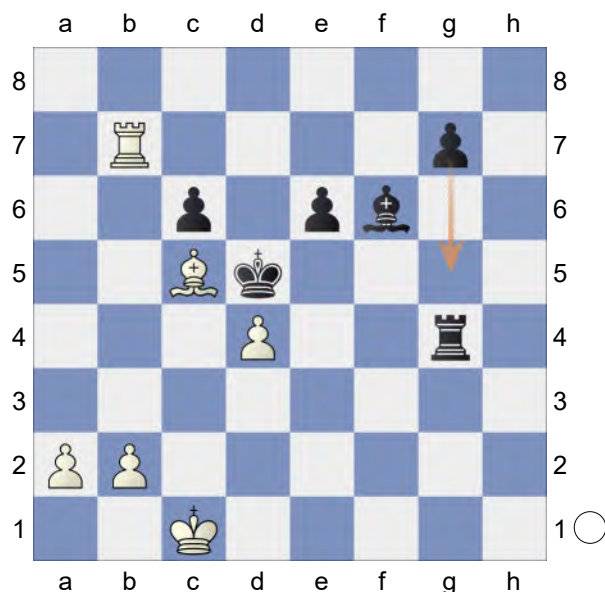
[38...Rg1+ 0.35/25 39.Kc2 Rg2+
40.Kc3 e5 41.Rxb7+ Ke6]

39.Rxb7 Rg4 40.Bc5+ -0.38/5

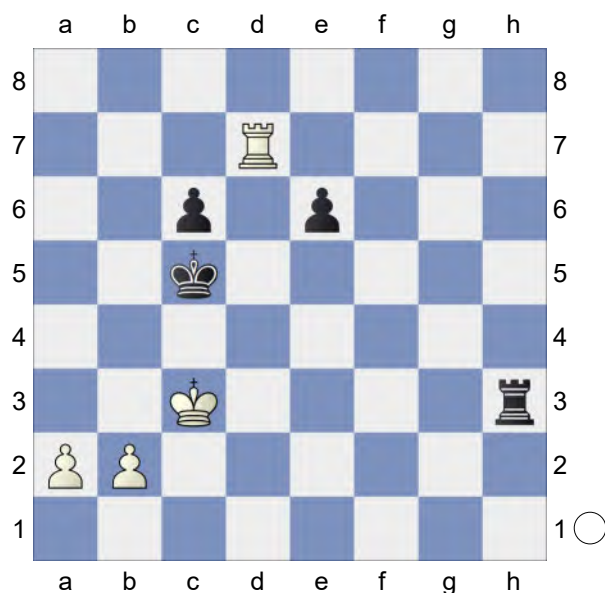
[40.Kc2= 0.01/25 should be

considered.]

40...Kd5

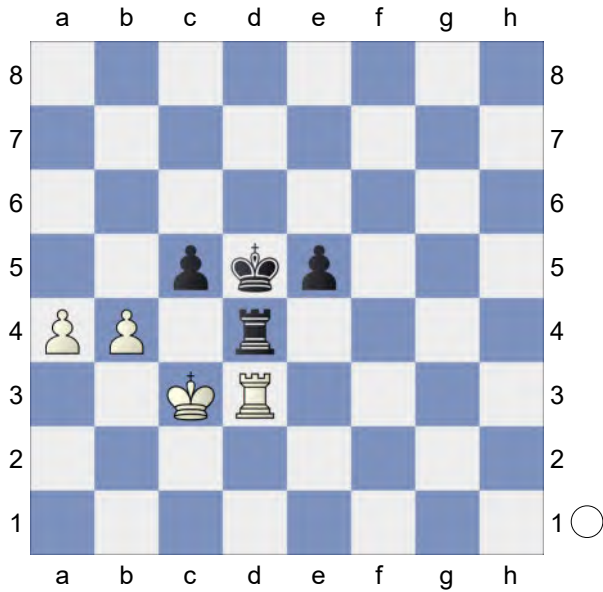


41.Kc2 Bxd4 42.Bxd4 The position is
equal. 42...Rxd4 43.Rxc7= KR-KR
43...Rh4 44.Rd7+ Kc5 45.Kc3 Rh3+

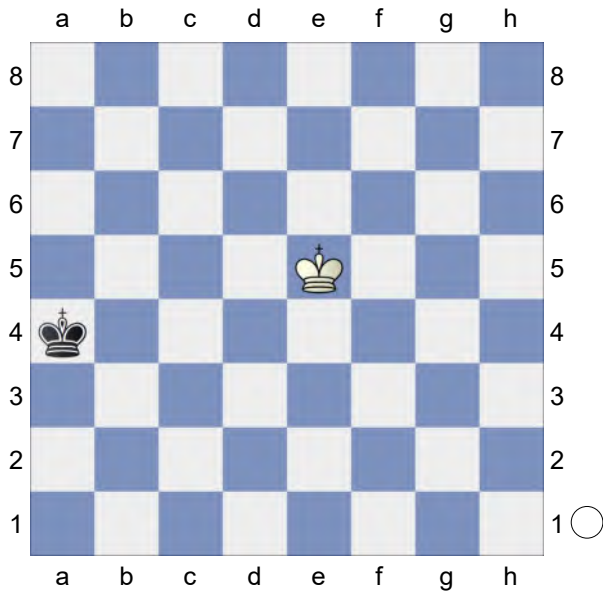


46.Rd3 Rh4 47.Re3 Kd5 48.b4 e5
49.a4 c5 And now ...Rh4-c4+ would win.
50.Rd3+ Rd4

(Diagram)



**51.bxc5 Rxd3+ 52.Kxd3 Kxc5 53.Ke4
Kb4 54.Kxe5 Kxa4**



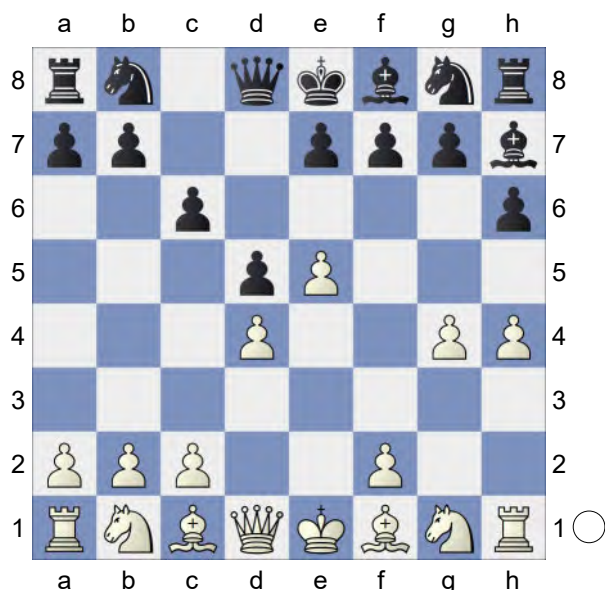
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precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise)
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*[Kitty Kat]***B12****2567****2288****B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7



6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6
1.99/21

[8...c5!± **0.56/20**]

9.Nf3+- White has strong compensation.

9...Qa5+ 2.59/22

[♞9...Kf7 **1.63/20** 10.g5 hxc5]

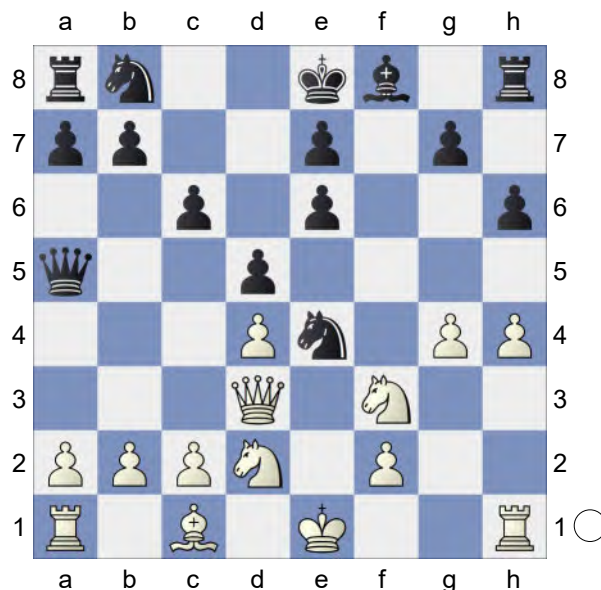
10.Nbd2 1.46/21

[10.Bd2+- **2.59/22** Qc7 11.Qg6+ Kd8 12.Ne5]

10...Ne4 2.82/22

[10...Nbd7± **1.46/21**]

(Diagram)

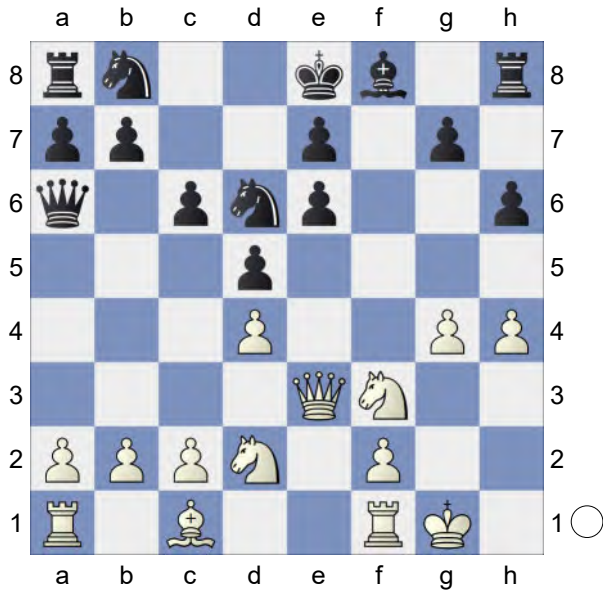
**11.0-0 Qa6N**

[11...Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1 Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxcg4+ 20.Qxcg4 hxcg4 21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 b6 23.c4 Kb7 24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3 1-0 Moen,A (2095)-Blatt,F Izhevsk Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4 29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5 31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6 33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+ Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8 1-0 Mastrovasilis,D (2095)-Grischenko,S Wch U12 St Lorenzo 1995 (1)]

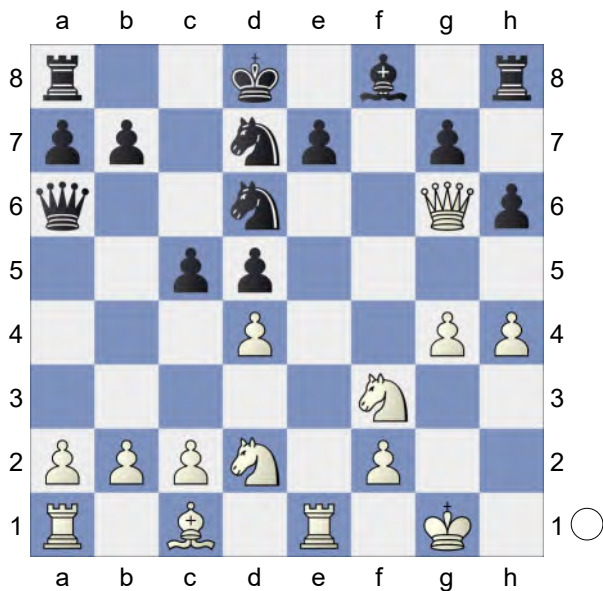
12.Qe3 Nd6 3.97/21

[12...Nf6 **1.96/21** might work better. 13.Qxe6 Nbd7]

(Diagram)

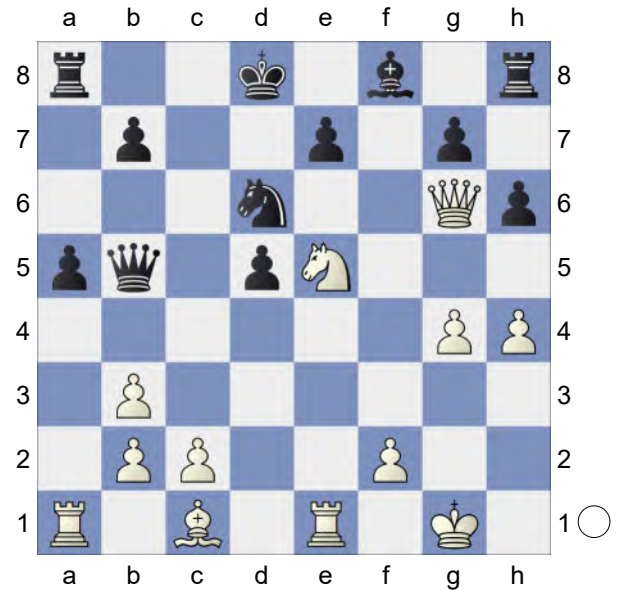


13.Qxe6 Nd7 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Re1
c5 4.58/20
 [Δ 15...Rc8 2.98/19 16.Nb3 b6]

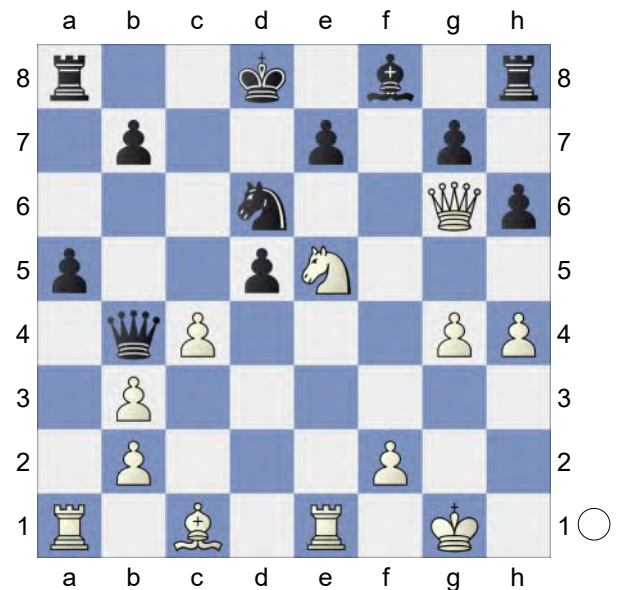


16.dxc5 White is clearly winning.
16...Nxc5 17.Ne5 Qb5 18.Nb3
aiming for a2-a4! 18...Nxb3 19.axb3 a5

(Diagram)



20.c4! Qb4
 [20...Qe8 21.Qe6]



Black got outplayed after the opening.
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.27
 (precise) /Black=1.11
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□ Caro Kann

■ 11.Qg4 Kf8 12.0-0 c5 13.b

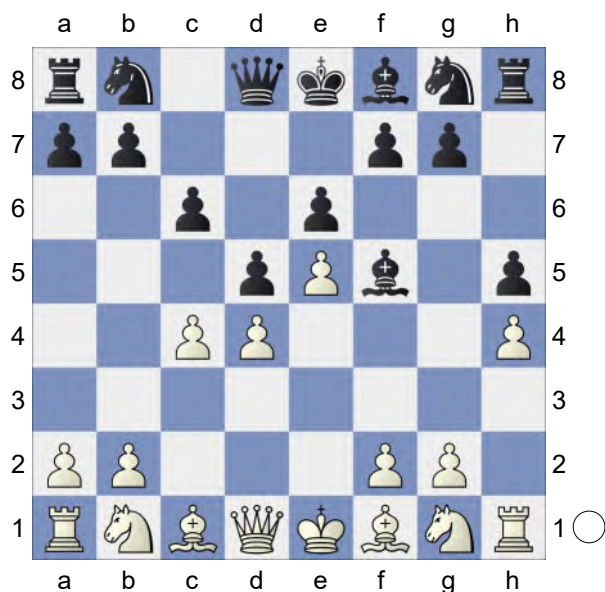
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[Blatny,P,Schippel,Ftacnik, MH]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.c4 e6



6.Nc3 Ne7

[6...Bb4 7.Qb3 a5 (7...Qa5?! only opens up the position for the better developed party. opens up the position only for the white pieces. 8.Bd2 Ne7 wants to win material, but White's lead of development will become rather dangerous. 9.Nf3! Nd7 10.cxd5 Nxd5 Black is now a R up, but his position is far from easy! 11.a3 N7b6 12.Be2 Be7 13.0-0± with good attacking chances and better development for the sacrificed material. Nxc3 14.bxc3 Qa4 15.Qa2 Qc2 16.Rfc1! Qxa2 17.Rxa2 Bg4 18.a4 0-0-0 19.a5± Nd7? 20.g3+- f6 21.Bf4 Rhf8 22.exf6± and White has more than enough compensation for the exchange. gxf6 23.Re1) 8.a3!

dx4 9.Bxc4 Bxc3+ 10.Qxc3 Nd7 11.Bg5 Ne7 12.Ne2 Nb6 13.Nf4 Qd7 14.Ba2 White has an enormous lead of development, Black cannot connect his rooks. Ned5 15.Nxd5± Nxd5 16.Qc5 b6 17.Qc4 0-0 18.Qe2± a4 19.Qxh5 c5 with a big lead of development for White. with a big lead of development for the pawns. 20.Rd1 Rfc8± 21.0-0 c4 22.Rc1]

7.Nge2

[7.Bg5 Nd7 8.Nge2 f6 (8...Bg4 9.cxd5! exd5 10.f3 Be6 11.Nf4± Qb6 12.Nxe6↑ fxe6 'x' 13.Bd3 0-0-0 is met by 14.Ne2 c5 15.Qb3 cxd4 16.Qxb6 axb6 17.Rc1+ Nc6 18.f4± and Black's pieces lack of any harmony. Nc5 19.Bb5± The overoptimistic Rd7? is answered by 20.Rh3!± Rc7? 21.Bxc6 Rxc6? founders on the double pin after 22.Rd1!+-) 9.exf6 gxf6 10.Be3 dxc4± 11.Ng3 Nb6 (11...Bg4± 12.Be2 leads to lively complications: Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Nd5 14.Bd2 N7b6 15.0-0 Qd7 16.a4 a5 17.Nce4! Black has to defend himself very carefully. Qf7 18.Nc5 e5 19.Nce4 0-0-0 20.dxe5 Re8± 21.exf6 Rg8± 22.Qf3 Rg4 23.Rfe1 Qg6 24.f7± is the other way of getting compensation for the exchange. Re7 is answered by the phantastic 25.Ng5!! c3 26.Bxc3 Rxh4 27.Qf5+) 12.Be2 Bg6 13.Bxh5 Bxh5 14.Nxh5 Nf5 15.Nf4 Qd7 16.Ng6 Rg8= 1/2-1/2 (48) Leko,P (2713)-Timman,J (2605) Wijk aan Zee 2002 Black has solved all of his opening problems, and now White has to fight for the draw. 17.h5 0-0-0 18.Qf3 Nd5 19.Nxd5 looks also tempting for Black

because of his strong ♖ and ♔.
 ≤Qxd5 20.Qxd5 cxd5]

[7.a3 deserves attention. deserved attention as well. Nd7 8.Nf3 dxc4 9.Bxc4 is again met by Nb6! 10.Be2 (10.Ba2 Ned5 11.Bg5 Be7 Δ12.Ne2 White has sacrificed his h2 P for a better development, the black K on f8 poses a lot of problems. Bg4 13.Qd3 Qd7 14.Rc1 Bf5 15.Qd2 White wants to avoid the exchange of queens. f6 16.Be3 Bg4 17.Nh2 So, he can't stop Black from exchanging queens, but Black has not fully equalized yet. Nxe3 18.Qxe3 Bxe2 19.Qxe2 Nd5= 1/2-1/2 (139) Bacrot,E (2729)-Bologan,V (2700) Saint Vincent 2005 20.Nf3 f5 21.Qd2) 10...Ned5! 11.Ng5 Bg6 12.Nce4 Be7 13.Ng3 Qd7 14.Bxh5 Bxh5 15.Nxh5 ♗ g6 is again running into 16.Ng7+! is the same motif as before. Kf8 17.N7xe6+ fxe6 18.Qf3+ Ke8 19.Qf7+ Kd8 20.Nxe6+± with a penetration on the 7-th rank. Kc8 '!' '?' 21.Qxg6 Nc7 22.Ng5 Qxd4]

[7.Nf3 Nd7 8.cxd5!" and finally Black can make use of his bad R on h8! Nxd5 Δ9.Nxd5 cxd5 10.Be2 Bg4 11.g3 Black sacrifices back the P in order to accomplish his development. Be7 12.0-0 Nb8 13.Ne1 Bh3 14.Ng2 g6 15.Qb3 Qb6 16.Qxb6∞ Bellaiche-Brochet, Evry 2003 axb6 17.Be3 Nc6 18.Rfc1 Kd7 19.a3 Rhc8 20.Rc3 Na7 21.Rac1 Rc6 22.Bd2∞]

7...dxc4

[7...Bg4

A) 8.Bg5 Qb6 9.Qd2 Nd7

A1) 10.cxd5 can even be risky after Nxd5!? 11.Nxd5 cxd5

12.Nc3 a6 13.Rc1 Bb4 (13...Qa7 14.Be2 Bb4 15.a3= with a drawish R ♔ . Bxe2 16.Kxe2 Ba5 17.Rh3 b5 18.Kf1 Nf8! 19.b4 Bb6 20.Ne2 Ng6 21.Rhc3± and White wins back the P, although his advantage in the ♔ is far from a decisive one.

Rb8!? 22.Rc6 0-0 23.Ng3 Rb7 24.Rxb6 Qxb6 25.Nxh5!) 14.a3 Be7 and Black's pieces are extremely active. 15.Bxe7 Kxe7 16.Be2 Bxe2! 17.Qg5+ Kf8 18.Nxe2 Qxb2 19.Rh3 Qb6 20.Rg3 g6 21.Rf3! Ke8 22.Qf4;

A2) 10.Ng3 f6 11.exf6 gxf6!? 12.Be3 Nf5 13.Nxf5 Bxf5 14.cxd5± cxd5 15.Rc1 Kf7 (15...Rc8! 16.Bd3!? Bxd3! 17.Qxd3 Kf7! 18.0-0 Bg7 19.Ne2 f5 20.Nf4 Nf6 and the mass exchanges lead to a draw. 21.f3 Qa6 22.Qxa6 bxa6 23.Kf2 1/2-1/2 (25) Shirov, A (2697)-Karpov, A (2687) Moscow 2002) 16.Be2± Bd6 17.Nb5 Bb8 18.Bf4 Bxf4 19.Qxf4∞ Ke7 20.0-0 Rag8 21.Rfe1± a6 '≥' 22.Nc3 Qd6 23.Bf3;

B) 8.f3 Bf5 9.Ng3 Bg6= Socko-Erenburg, Istanbul 2003 10.Bg5 Qb6 11.Qd2 Nd7 12.a3 (12.Rc1 - 16...Bxf3 dxc4 13.Bxc4 If White can get back the d p, his position is much better because of the bad black K. Rd8 14.Qf2 f6 15.Be3∞ Nd5) 12...f6 13.Be3 Qb3 White's pieces are not active enough and Black can safely finish his development. 14.cxd5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5∞ Stellwagen-Nep, Corus

Wijk aan Zee 2002 Qxd5 (15...cxd5± keeps the tension and the ♖. 16.Rc1 fxe5 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Rc3 Qa4± with a strong ♖. 19.Rc7) 16.Rc1 Nb6 17.Ne2 (17.exf6 gxf6 18.Bd3 Bxd3 19.Qxd3± and White has still the extra P. 0-0-0!? 20.Ne2) 17...fxe5 '∞' 18.dxe5 Qxe5 (18...Qxd2+ gaining space in the ♖ was worthy of consideration. 19.Bxd2 0-0-0 20.Nf4!? Bf5 21.Be2) 19.Bd4 Qc7 '∞' 20.Qg5 '!' Bf5 '!' '≥' (20...Bf7 21.Bxg7± Rg8± was quiet and strong, but Leko now plays va banque, which happens not so often to him. 22.Be5 Rxc5!? 23.Bxc7± Rb5± was again tempting.)

B1) 21.Ng3 Be7 22.Qxg7 Rh7 23.Bxb6 Bb4+ (23...Qxb6 24.Qg8+± 0-1 (55) Leko,P (2722)-Karpov,A (2687) Moscow 2002) 24.axb4 Qxg7?!;

B2) 21.g4 hxc4 22.fxc4 Be4 23.Rh3 Be7 24.Qxg7 (24.Qe3 Bd5 25.h5 0-0-0 26.Nc3 Black wants to keep the tension in the ♖. Bf6) 24...Rh7 25.Qe5 (25.Bxb6 Bxh4+; 25.Qg8+ Kd7 26.Bxb6 Rxc8 27.Bxc7 Kxc7 28.g5 Bf5 29.Rh1 Bxc5 1/2-1/2 (47) Shirov,A (2723)-Topalov,V (2743) Monte Carlo 2003) 25...Qxe5 26.Bxe5 Bxh4+]

8.Ng3 Bg6 Now, this move is ok!

[8...b5

A) 9.Bg5 Qd7 (9...Qb6 10.a4 Bg6 11.Be2 Nd7 12.0-0= 1-0 (47) Fressinet,L (2619)-Schandorff,L (2546) Germany 2003 Rd8 13.axb5 cxb5 14.Be3

Nf5 15.Nxf5 Bxf5 16.b3 exploiting the weaknesses on the light squares. Bb4 17.Na2 Be7 18.bxc4± Nxe5 19.c5± Qb8 20.Qb3 Nc4 21.Nb4 Be4 22.Na6; 9...Qa5 10.Be2 Bg4 11.f3± leads to a very favourable ♖ for White because of his extra P and ♖. Bf5!? 12.a4! is the strong reply centralizing the Q. Qb6 13.a5 Qb7 14.0-0 Na6 15.f4 Nb4 16.Bxh5± and White is a P up. Bd3 17.Rf2± Qd7 18.Bf3 0-0-0 19.Nce4 Now the complications will lead to an equal ♖. Nf5 20.Bxd8! Qxd8 21.Nxf5 exf5 22.Ng5 Qxd4) 10.a4 b4! with a nasty pressure on the weakened dark squares. 11.Na2 b3± and Black still suffers from his bad K on f8. 12.Nc3 Bc2 13.Qd2 c5! 14.dxc5 Qxd2+ 15.Kxd2 -1.29/19 (⊖15.Bxd2 -0.93/23 Nec6 16.f4) 15...Nec6 16.Nb5 -2.38/20 (16.Bxc4 17.f4) 16...Na6± -0.74/22 The opening of the position helps for the better developed party. (16...Bxc5+ -2.38/20 is more deadly. 17.Nc7+ Kd7 18.Nxa8 Nxe5) 17.Na3 -1.42/24 (⊖17.Bxc4 -0.74/22 Bxc5 18.Nd6+ Bxd6 19.exd6) 17...Nxe5± 18.Re1?! -1.99/21 This is not a big relief! (18.Nxc4 19.Nxc4+ 19.Bxc4 Nxc5 20.Bb5+ Nd7 21.Ke2) 18...Nd3+ 19.Nxc2 bxc2 20.Bxd3 cxd3 21.Kxd3 Bxc5;

B) 9.a4± b4!

B1) 10.Na2 -1.01/22 10.Nce4 -0.08 b3! 11.Nc3 Bc2! 12.Qd2 Nd5 -0.44/22 (12...c5! 13.dxc5 Nbc6) 13.Bxc4 Bb4± -0.04/21 (13...Nd7 14.Nd7 15.Nd7 16.Nd7 17.Nd7 18.Nd7 19.Nd7 20.Nd7 21.Nd7 22.Nd7 23.Nd7 24.Nd7 25.Nd7 26.Nd7 27.Nd7 28.Nd7 29.Nd7 30.Nd7 31.Nd7 32.Nd7 33.Nd7 34.Nd7 35.Nd7 36.Nd7 37.Nd7 38.Nd7 39.Nd7 40.Nd7 41.Nd7 42.Nd7 43.Nd7 44.Nd7 45.Nd7 46.Nd7 47.Nd7 48.Nd7 49.Nd7 50.Nd7 51.Nd7 52.Nd7 53.Nd7 54.Nd7 55.Nd7 56.Nd7 57.Nd7 58.Nd7 59.Nd7 60.Nd7 61.Nd7 62.Nd7 63.Nd7 64.Nd7 65.Nd7 66.Nd7 67.Nd7 68.Nd7 69.Nd7 70.Nd7 71.Nd7 72.Nd7 73.Nd7 74.Nd7 75.Nd7 76.Nd7 77.Nd7 78.Nd7 79.Nd7 80.Nd7 81.Nd7 82.Nd7 83.Nd7 84.Nd7 85.Nd7 86.Nd7 87.Nd7 88.Nd7 89.Nd7 90.Nd7 91.Nd7 92.Nd7 93.Nd7 94.Nd7 95.Nd7 96.Nd7 97.Nd7 98.Nd7 99.Nd7 100.Nd7)

14.Bd3= c5 15.0-0 cxd4=

16.Bb5+!? Nd7 17.Qxd4 Qb6=

0.39/23 (17...Bxc3= 0.00/23

18.bxc3 a6) 18.Qc4 -0.70/21

(18.Qxb6!± 0.39/23 N5xb6

19.a5) 18...Bxc3= 19.bxc3 a6

-0.27/21 (19...Qc7!± -0.95/21

20.Qd4 Qxc3) 20.Bxd7+= Kxd7

21.Bb2 -0.91/20 (21.Qe2=

-0.33/21) 21...Qc6;

B2) 10.Nce4 Bxe4 11.Nxe4!±
Nf5?! pushes too hard: 12.Be3
Qd5 13.Ng3! Nxc3 14.fxc3!±
Nd7 15.Qc2 c3 16.bxc3± b3
0.28/22 (16...bxc3 -0.19/21
17.Qxc3 Rb8) 17.Qb2 f6
0.55/22 (17...Rb8= 0.00/19)
18.Be2 Qe4 19.Kd2?
loses the control of × f4. Nb6
0.75/22 (19...Qd5!= 0.13/21)
20.Qxb3 0.13/20 (20.Rhe1±
0.75/22 Qxg2 21.Qxb3)
20...Nd5= The brave 21.Bf4!?
is the most straightforward
continuation. Bb4! 22.cxb4
Qxd4+ 23.Qd3 White sacrifices
the exchange, but keeps the ↑
and Black has still problems with
the development of his pieces.
Qb2+ 24.Qc2 Qd4+! 25.Qd3
Qb2+ 26.Qc2 Qd4+! 27.Qd3]

[8...Na6 9.Bxc4 (9.a3 b5 10.Be2 Bg6 11.Nxh5 Nf5= 12.Be3 Nc7 with double → accepting the exchange sacrifice 13.g3 Nd5 14.Nxd5 is answered by cxd5 and it is hard to make a connection between the rooks. 15.Nf4 Nxe3 16.fxe3 Be4 17.0-0 Be7± 18.Bf3 Bh7 19.Bg2 0-0± and although Black can get a lot of pawns for the B, White's active pieces will outweigh them. 20.Qg4 Bf5 21.Qh5 Bh7)

9...Nb4 10.0-0 Bc2= 11.Qe2 Bg6
(11...Nf5± 12.Nxf5± was still possible
Bxf5 13.Bg5± Be7!? is a very
exciting positional piece sacrifice:
14.Qd2 Bxg5 15.hxg5 Nd5 16.Bxd5
exd5! 17.b4 a6 18.Qf4 Bg6! 19.a3
h4± and the ♕ is better because of
White's « P majority, and the better B
and R. 20.Qg4 Qc8± 21.Qxc8+
Rxc8 22.f4 Bf5) 12.Nce4 (12.Bg5
Qd7 13.a3 Nbd5 14.Bd3 Bxd3?
This is a serious blunder. 15.Qxd3 f6
16.Nce4± and Black is a healthy P up
with a better position. Ng8 17.Bd2
0-0-0 18.b4 Nc7 19.Qb3 Nb5
20.Be3 Qd5 21.Qc2 0-1 (29) Topalov,
V (2739)-Karpov,A (2693) Dubai 2002
There was nothing wrong with the
simple f5 22.a4 Nc7± 23.Ng5)
12...Nf5 13.Nxf5 Bxf5± 14.Ng3 Bg6
15.a3 Nc2 16.Bg5 Nxd4 17.Qe3
Nc2 18.Qb3 Nxa1± and the black K
is in danger, not his colleague.
19.Qxb7!? Karpov continues the

theoretical dispute in his pet-line. Qc8!? This idea is connected with a nice positional exchange sacrifice.

20.Ba6 Bd3 21.Qxc8+ Rxc8
22.Bxd3 Nb3]

[8...Bd3 9.Bxd3 cxd3 10.Qxd3 Nd7
11.Qe2 Nb6 12.Be3 Ned5 13.Bg5∞
and Black is OK. Be7 14.Nce4! ♠ f6?!
15.exf6 gxf6 16.Bd2 Qd7 17.Nc5
Bxc5 18.dxc5 Nc8 The strong central
P on e5 limits the sphere of action of
the white pieces. 19.Nxh5 Nce7
20.0-0-0 0-0-0 21.Ng3]

9.Bg5!

[9.Bxc4± Nf5

A) 10.Bg5 Be7!± 11.Nxf5 Bxf5

A1) 12.Qd2 Nd7 13.Rd1 Bxg5
14.hxg5!± Qe7!? 15.a3 0-0-0
16.Qe3 f6 17.exf6 gxf6 18.0-0

Rhg8? 1.96/22 (18...Nb6= 0.18/21 and Black has nothing to worry. 19.Ba2 fxg5) 19.d5!+- Ne5 2.38/21 (19...Nb6 1.90/22 20.dxc6 Rxd1 21.Rxd1 bxc6) 20.Qxa7+- Rxc5? 3.61/19 (20...Qc7 2.02/14) 21.Ba6? 0.00/22 (21.f4+- 3.61/19 Rxc5+ 22.Kxc5) 21...Nf3+ 1.15/5 (21...Bh3!= 0.00/22 remains equal. 22.Kh2 Bxc2) 22.Kh1;

A2) 12.Qd2± 0.37/27;

A3) 12.Bxe7 0.01/21 12...Qxe7= 13.Qb3± a5 14.a3 0-0;

B) 10.Nxf5± 0.36/26 Bxf5 11.Bg5;

C) 10.Nge2 -0.13/18 10...Bh7 0.44/22 (10...Be7= -0.13/18) 11.Bg5± Qb6 0.95/22 (11...Be7 12.Ne4; 11...Be7± 0.36/21) 12.Qd2± Nd7?! 13.Rd1 Qb4 14.Bb3 0.26/16 (14.Bd3± 0.93/18) 14...Be7= 15.Bxe7± Qxe7 16.Qg5! 0-0-0 17.Qxe7± Nxe7 18.Ng3 Bg6 19.Nce2 Nb6 20.Nf4]

9...Qc7 1.28/20

[9...Qb6±

A) 10.Bxc4 Qxb2± 1.50/21
 Δ Bf6 is annoying (Black should try 10...Nd7!± 0.42/20) 11.Nce4!± Nf5!? may again lead to similar consequences after 12.0-0!

A1) 12...Qb4 2.12/20
 12...Nd7 1.46 13.Qe2 ≤Nxc3
 14.Nxc3 1.02/23 is the strong centralizing reply. (14.fxc3+- 2.75/23 is the precise move to win. b6 15.Kh1) 14...b5 1.61/21 (14...Nd7± 1.02/23) 15.Bd3+- Bxd3 16.Qxd3 Qc4
 Against Rfc1 17.Qd1= Nd7 18.Nxh5 Qa4? 3.28/18 (18...Nb6± 1.57/19) 19.Qf3+-

Qxd4? 4.97/22 (19...Rc8 3.07/19 is a better defense. 20.Rfd1 Nb6) 20.Rad1!±+- Nxe5 21.Nf6+ gxf6 The Q has also problems in this line. The Q has many problems in this line, she can hardly find a suitable place. The Q cannot find her place! 22.Qxf6 Bg7 #1/18 (22...Rh6+- 5.05/21) 23.Qe7#;

A2) 12...Nxc3 13.Nxc3 0.40/22 (13.Rb1!± 1.58/21 Qa3 14.Nxc3 Bxb1 15.Qxb1) 13...Nd7;

B) White should play 10.Bxc4± 0.63/23 Nd7 11.Rc1;

C) 10.Qd2 -0.59/21

C1) 10...Nd7! Strongly threatening ...0-0-0. 11.Nge4 Nd5 12.Bxc4 Qb4 0.47/20 (12...Bxe4!± -0.36/20 13.Nxe4 f6) 13.Be2!± Bxe4 14.Nxe4? -1.24/21 (14.a3± 0.43/25 is the one way to stay ahead. Qb6 15.Nxe4) 14...Nxe5!± Speelman 15.Ng3? Nc4! 16.Qxb4? Bxb4+ 17.Kf1 Nxb2 18.Nxh5 Bc3 19.Nxc3+ Kd7! 20.Rh3 Bxd4± and X e5 is severely attacked.;

C2) 10...Nd7!± -0.59/21 11.Bxc4 0-0-0;

C3) 10...Qb4! 1.14/20

C3a) 11.Nge4? -0.41/21
 11.a3 1.18 Bxe4!± 12.Nxe4 -0.84/21 (12.a3± -0.46/23 Qa5 13.Nxe4 Qxd2+ 14.Nxd2) 12...Qxd2+± 13.Bxd2 Nf5 Repels Nd6+ 14.Bxc4 The hyper-aggressive Nxd4?! 15.0-0-0 Repels Nc2 Nd7!? founders on;

C3b) 11.a3± Qb3±

C3b1) 12.Rc1 Nd5

13.Nce4± 0.22/20
with some pressure on the
weakened light squares.
(13.Rh3± 1.47/22) 13...b5=
allows 14.Be2! Nd7 15.0-0!
penetrating on X d6 N7b6
16.Nc3 b4 17.axb4! Qxb4
18.f4 aiming for f5. f5
19.exf6 gxf6 20.f5!
and Black hasn't finished
his development yet,
Speelman. Bxf5? 21.Nxf5
exf5 22.Nxd5!+- Nxd5
23.Rxc4 Qxd2 24.Bxd2
Rb8;

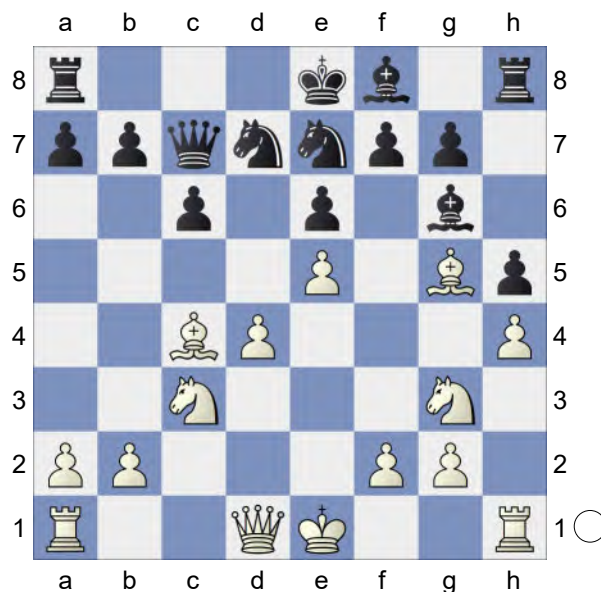
C3b2) 12.Nge4 Nd5!
13.Rh3 Qb6= 1.87/21
(13...Nxc3± 1.38/22
14.Rxc3 Qb5) 14.Bxc4+-
Qa5 15.Nd6+ Bxd6
16.exd6!? Nd7 17.Rc1
Nxc3 1.99/22 (17...N7b6±
1.29/21 18.Be2 Nxc3)
18.Rcxc3 1.05/18
seems to be a loss of a
tempo, White has improved
his Q's position. (Better is
18.Rhxc3+- 1.99/22
Threatens to win with d5!
Nf6 19.b4) 18...Nf6 1.63/19
(18...Nb6± 1.05/18
was necessary.) 19.b4 Qd8
20.Qf4]

[9...Qa5 1.36/20 9...Qb6 0.55 White
wants to get exactly this position by
playing 17.Rfd1, but with an extra
Rfd1! 10.Bxc4 Nd7 11.0-0 Qb4
The P structure is better for White, he
has to improve his Q's position. The
P structure is better for White because
of his virtual P majority on the «, but
his Q is still out of play. 12.Bb3
White has a virtual P majority on the «,

but his Q is offside and the black B is
strong. 0-0-0 1.57/23 (12...Nf5
1.17/23) 13.a3= Qb6 14.Re1 f6=
1/2-1/2 (30) Gelfand,B (2665)-
Speelman,J (2630) Munich 1992
15.exf6 gxf6 16.Bf4!? e5 17.Be3
Bh6 2.29/27 (17...exd4± 1.51/22
18.Bxd4 c5) 18.Na4 Qc7 19.Bxh6
Rhx6 20.Qf3! Kb8 21.Be6
Bxd7 is the strong threat. Bc2±
1/2-1/2 (62) Naiditsch,A (2581)-
Timman,J (2623) Dortmund 2002
22.Bxd7! Bxa4 23.dxe5! fxe5 2.17/19
(23...Rxd7± 1.38/20 24.exf6 Nc8)
24.Bh3]

[9...Qb6± 0.49/21 10.Bxc4 Nf5]

10.Bxc4± Nd7



11.Rc1

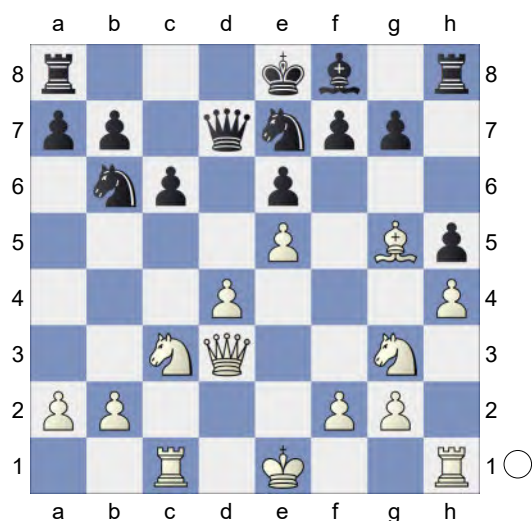
[11.Bd3 0.68/19 11.0-0 1.30 Bxd3
12.Qxd3± was the lesser evil. f6
13.exf6 gxf6 is almost the same
position as in Gelfand-Speelman, but
with an extra Rfd1, which helps for
White. 14.Be3! 0.55/18 This is the big
difference! (14.Bd2± 0.91/20)
14...0-0-0± 15.0-0-0 0.06/26
Now White's heavy artillery is in
action. (15.Qc4± 0.54/19) 15...Nb6

16.Qe4 Qd7 17.Rhe1 Ned5
...f5 would now be deadly. 18.Bd2!
Re8]

11...Nf5 1.49/22 'Speelman's pet line in the Caro-Kann involves this odd king move (11...0-0 12.Bxh6), not so odd when you consider how awkward the white queen looks on g4.'

[11...0-0-0± Hoping for ...Nxe5!
12.0-0]

[11...Nb6 12.Bd3 Bxd3 1.70/19
(12...Qd7± 1.21/21) 13.Qxd3+-
And now Nb5! would win. is more
natural, of course. Qd7



14.0-0!]

[11...Nb6 1.10/22]

12.Nxf5 Bxf5 13.Bd3

[13.0-0]

13...Bxd3 was the old continuation, for example: This is still the main line in the whole 11...Kf8 variation. Black wants to solve quickly his only problem with development.

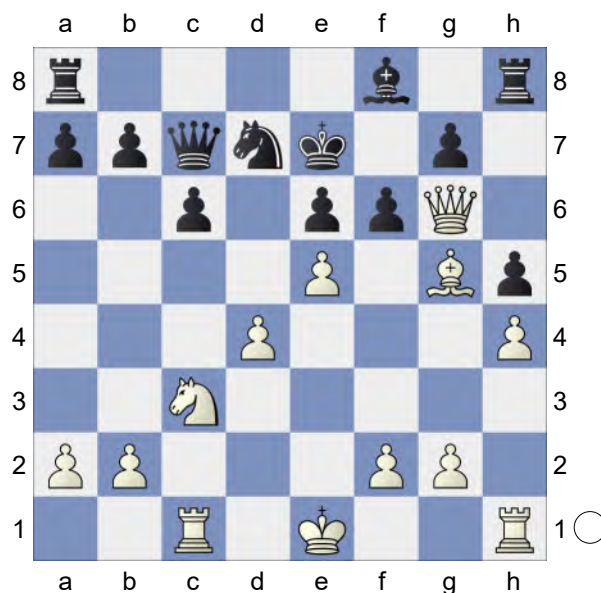
[13...f6 1.57/25 13...g6 0.89 14.Bxf5
exf5± and soon both rooks will
penetrate on the 7-th rank. 15.exf6!?
looks also tempting penetrating on
the 7-th rank. gxf6 16.Be3]

14.Qxd3 leads only to equality after

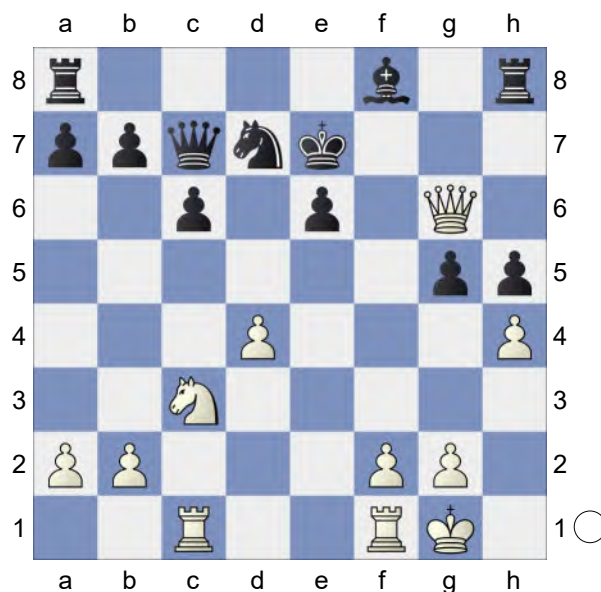
14...f6? 5.32/20

[14...Nb6± 1.08/20 is a better
chance.]

15.Qg6+!+- Ke7

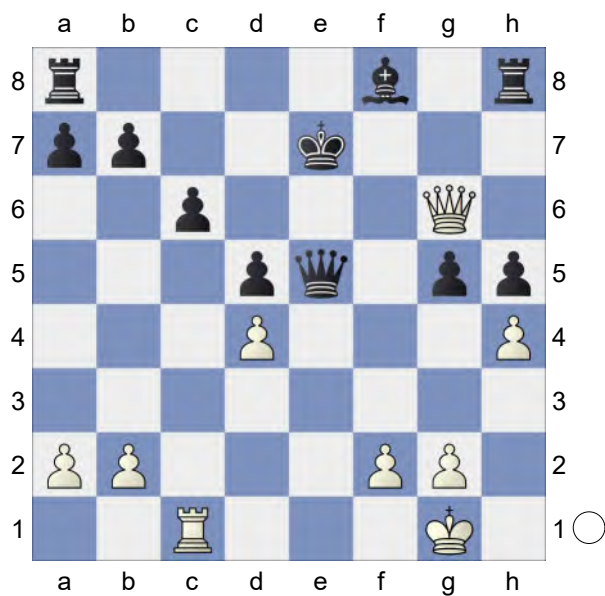


This is not the only possibility here.
There are several other tries: **16.exf6+
gxf6± 17.0-0!?** This is the first new
move, and now Black is at the
crossroad. **17...fxg5**



**18.Nd5+! exd5! 19.Rfe1+ Ne5
20.Rxe5+ Qxe5**

(Diagram)



21.dxe5 Kd7 22.e6+ Kd6?! 23.e7+

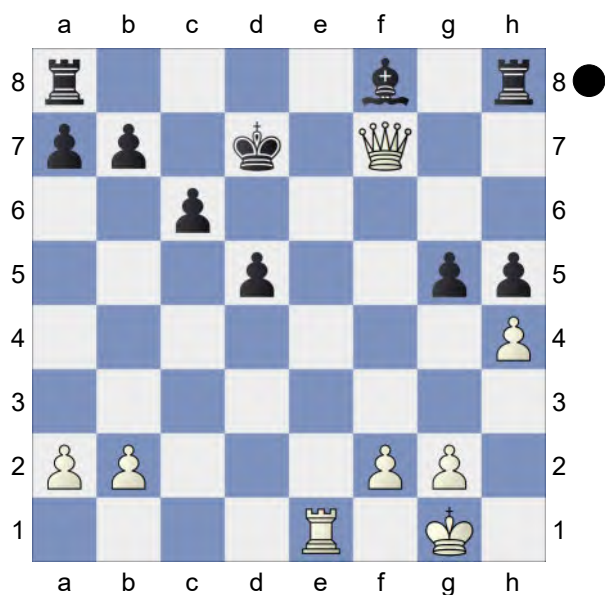
The ♔ is certainly better for White because of the virtual P majority on the « and the possession of the d ↔ .

23...Kxe7 24.Re1+ Kd7± 1-0 (75)

Topalov,V (2739) -Karpov,A (2693)

Cannes 2002 Black can still hold his weaknesses on the 7-th rank, more penetrations cannot be seen yet.

25.Qf7+



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□ Moser,Reto

■ Keilholz,Stefan

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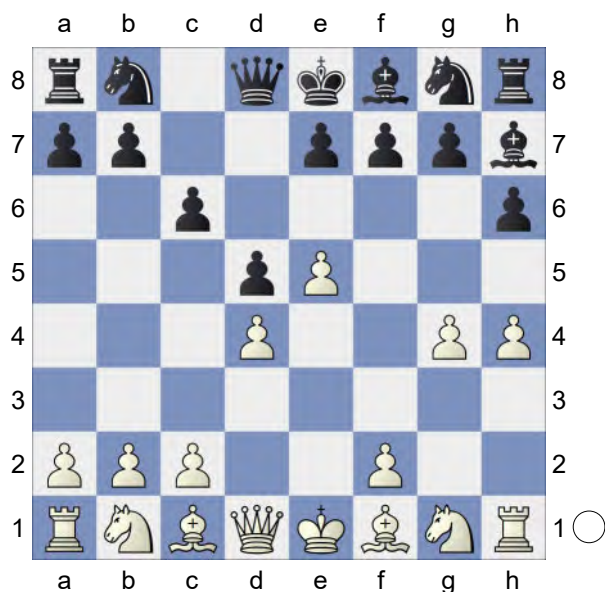
[Kitty Kat]

B12**2361****2234**

26.02.2008

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

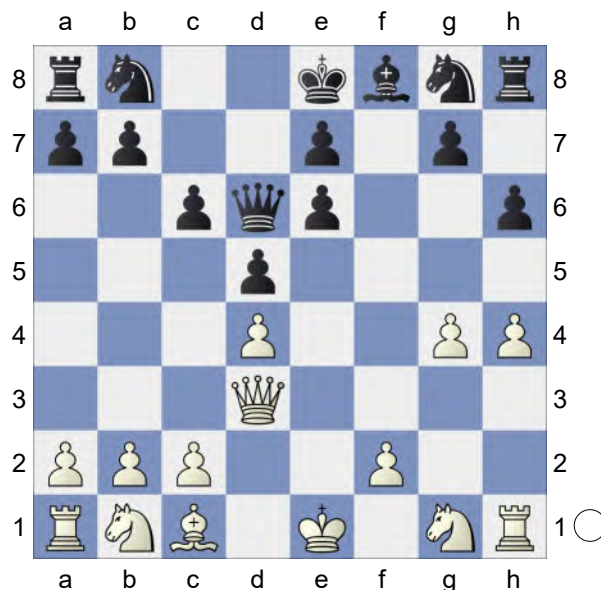
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7



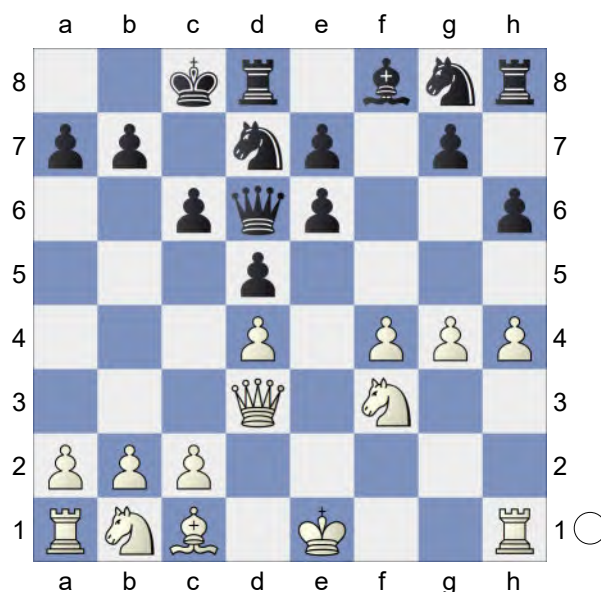
6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Qd6N
1.99/20

[8...c5± 1.29/17 keeps fighting.]

[8...Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5
 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4
 Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5
 16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1
 Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxg4
 21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 b6 23.c4
 1-0 Moen,A (2095)-Blatt,F Izhevsk
 Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) Kb7
 24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3
 b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4
 29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5
 31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6
 33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+
 Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8
 1-0 Mastrovasilis,D (2095)-Grischenko,

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9.f4!+- Nd7 10.Nf3 0-0-0

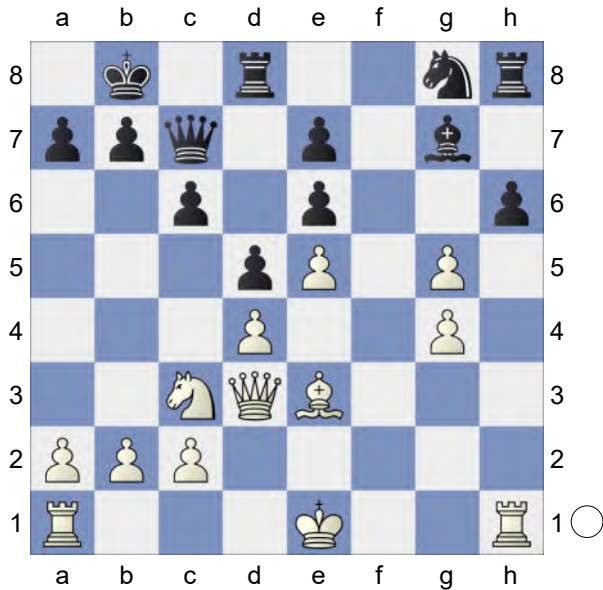


White is clearly better. 11.Ne5 Nxe5
12.fxe5 Qc7 13.Nc3 Kb8 14.Be3 g5
3.54/21

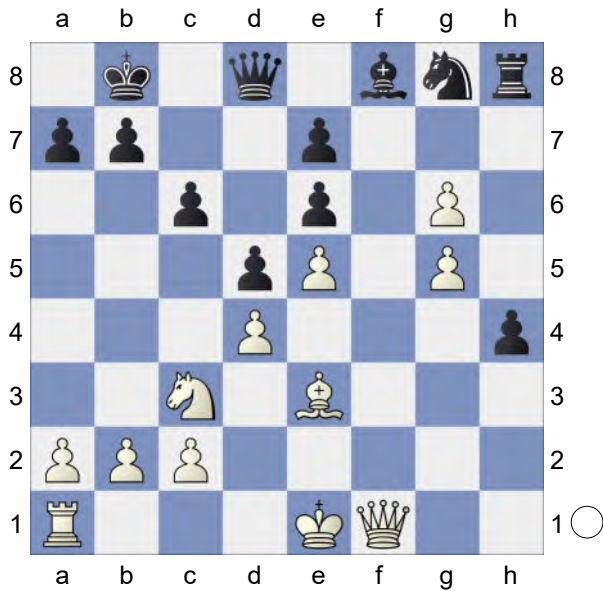
[14...Nf6 2.45/21]

15.hxg5 Bg7

(Diagram)

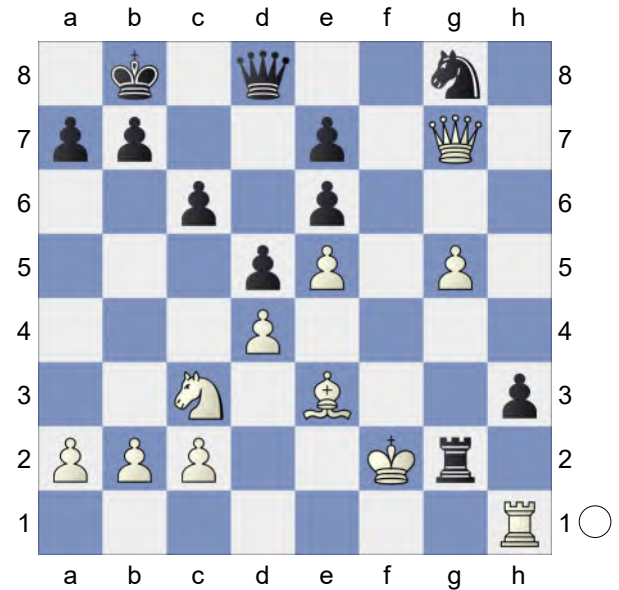


16.g6 Rf8 17.Rf1 h5 18.Rxf8+
 White is clearly winning. 18...Bxf8
 Black is weak on the dark squares 19.g5
 h4 20.Qf1 Qd8

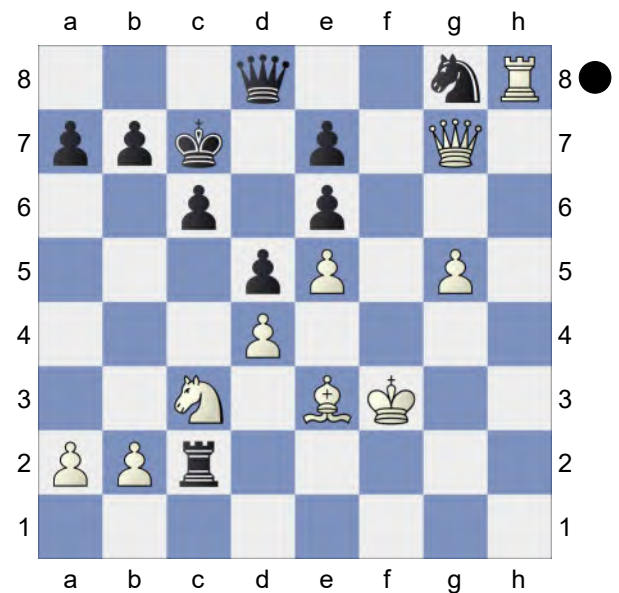


21.Qf7 h3 22.g7
 [22.Qxe6 h2 23.Kd2 c5+-]
22...Bxg7 23.Qxg7 Rh4 24.Kf2 Rg4
25.Rh1 Rg2+

(Diagram)



26.Kf3 Rxc2 27.Rxh3 Kc7 28.Rh8



White took control after the opening.
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.09
 (flawless) / Black=0.47
1-0

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□ Villwock, Martin

■ Kirana, Marco

Delft Prinsenstad op-A (5) 04.04.2010

[Kitty Kat]

B12**2238****2192****B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation****1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6 5.g4 Bh7**

[5...Bd7 6.h5 c5 (6...e6 7.f4 c5 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Kf2 0-0-0 11.Kg3 Kb8 12.a4 cxd4 13.a5 Nxa5 14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Nxc6+ Bxc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qd4 Qxd4 19.cxd4 Ne7 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Bd3 0-1 Grünfeld 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 (2470)-

Theis, B (2613) (m/4-rapid) 101/(249)

2007 (5)) 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.Qxd5 Bxg4

9.Nc3 e6 10.Qg2 Bf5 11.Bb5 Qc7

12.Be3 0-0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nf3

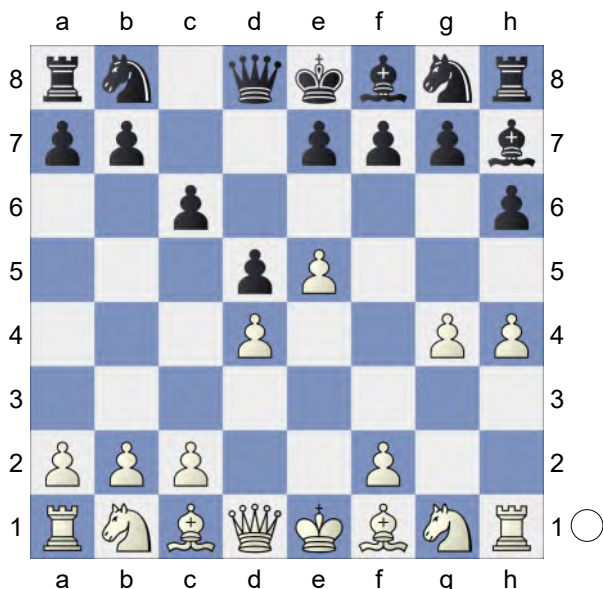
Ne7 15.Nd4 Bh7 16.0-0-0 Nd5

17.Nxd5 Rxd5 18.f4 Rxc5 19.Rd2

Rg8 20.Rhd1 1-0 Vachier Lagrave, M

(2710)-Grischuk, A (2752) Sportaccord

WMG Blindfold rapid 2011 (1)]

**6.e6! f6N**

[6...fxe6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1 Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxg4 21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 1-0 Moen, A (2095)-Blatt, F Izhevsk Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1)]

[6...Qd6 7.exf7+ Kxf7 8.Nc3 e5 9.Qf3+ Nf6 10.g5 hxg5 11.hxg5 Be4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qb3+ Nd5 14.Rxh8 exd4 15.Ne2 Nd7 16.Nxd4 Qe5 17.Qxb7 Bb4+ 18.c3 Rxh8 19.Qxd7+ Kg6 20.Nxc6 Bxc3+ 21.Kd1 1-0 Moeller, J (2550)-

Goldsmith, J (2580) (ol) 86/177 Bled

2002 (8) Qf5 22.Qxf5+

1-0 Sveshnikov, E (2550)-Gagunashvili,

M (2580) 5th Open Dubai 2003 (8)]

7.Rh3 Qd6 8.Re3 g5 White is slightly better. 9.Nf3 -0.26/21

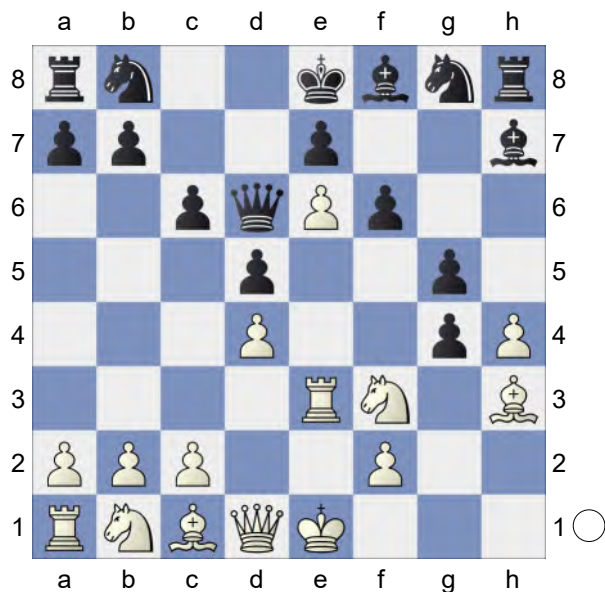
[White should try 9.c4± 0.86/18]

9...h5= 10.Bh3 -2.13/21

[10.hxg5= 0.01/20 and White has nothing to worry. hxg4 11.gxf6 Nxf6 (11...gxf3 12.f7+ Kd8 13.Qxf3=) 12.Ne5]

10...hxg4

(Diagram)



11.Bxg4 Bg6 Threatens to win with ... Ng8-h6. **12.h5** -2.64/23

[12.Nbd2 -1.96/18 is a better defense.]

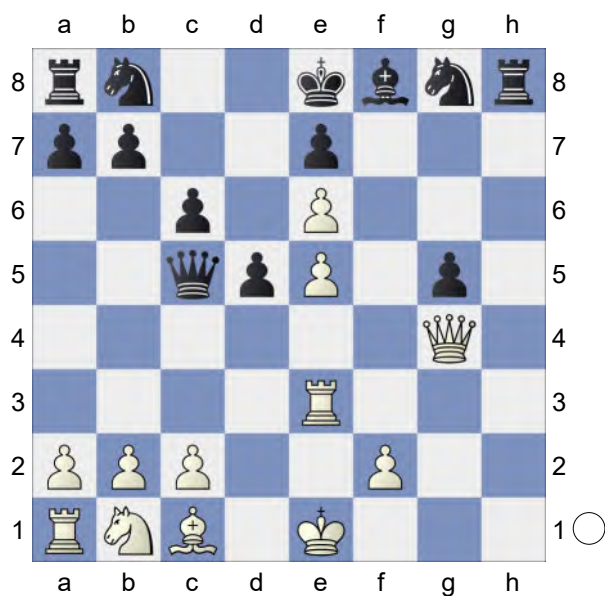
12...Bxh5 -1.50/20

[12...Nh6+ -2.64/23 13.Nh4 Nxg4 (13...gxh4 14.hxg6 Na6 15.Nd2=) 14.Nxg6 Nxe3 15.Bxe3 Rh6]

13.Ne5 -4.77/22 White does not recover from this.

[13.Bxh5+? -1.50/20 Rxh5 14.Qd3]

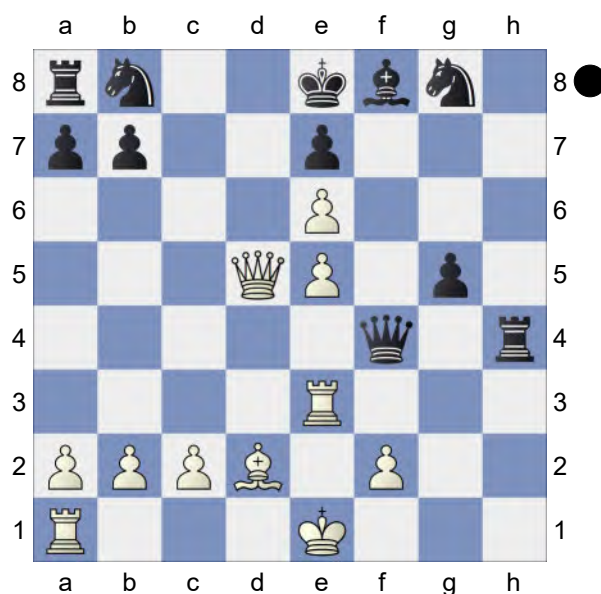
13...Bxg4+ 14.Qxg4 fxe5 15.dxe5 Qc5



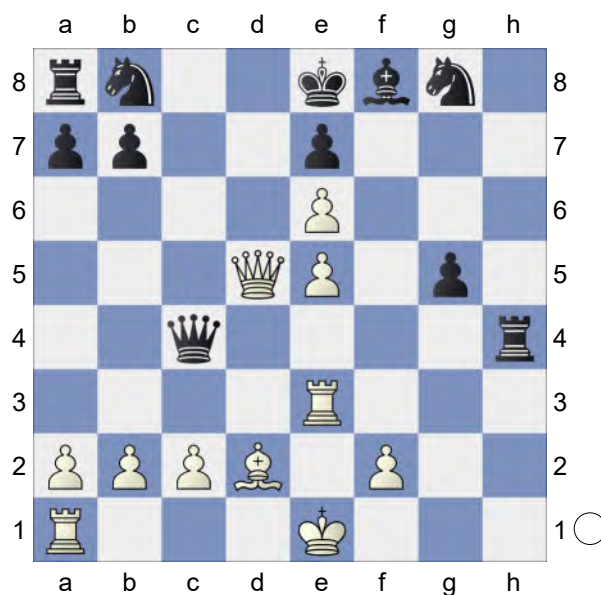
16.Qf3 Dodges Rh8-h1+ **16...Qb4+** Black is clearly winning.

[16...Qxc2 17.Qf7+ Kd8 18.Qxf8+ Kc7 19.Bd2 Rh1+ (19...Qxb2? 20.Qg7-+) 20.Ke2 Qd1+ (20...Rxb1 21.Rxb1 Qxb1 22.Qxg8=; 20...Qxb2 21.Qxg8 Qxa1 22.Qf7=) 21.Kd3]

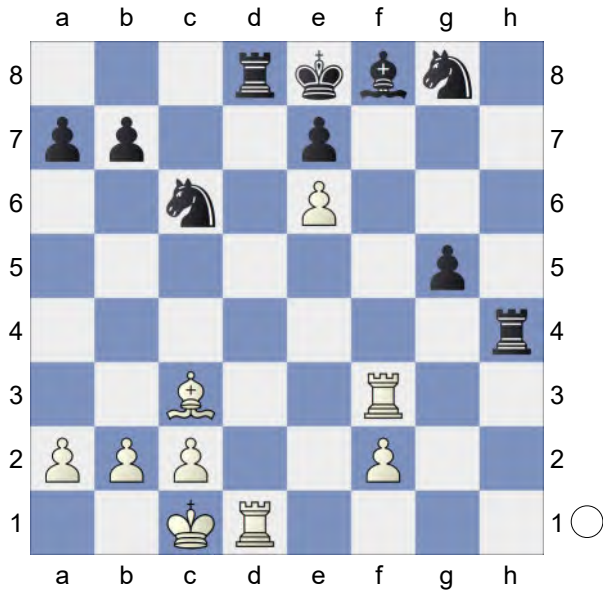
17.Nc3 Qf4 18.Nxd5 cxd5 19.Qxd5 Rh4 20.Bd2



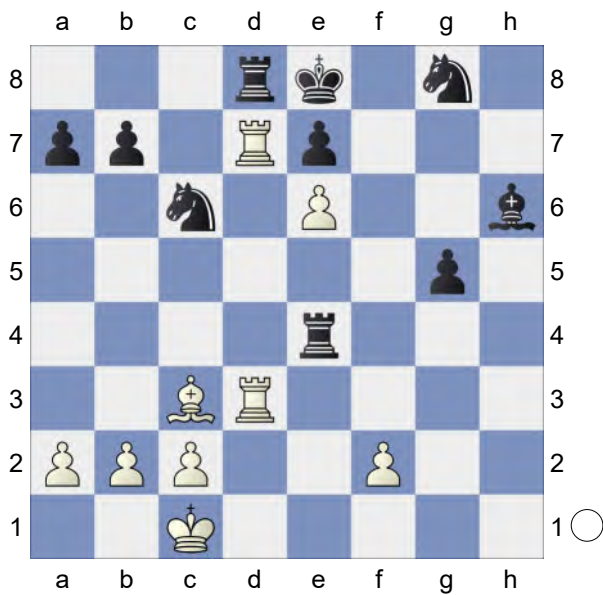
Qc4!



21.Qf3 Qxe6 22.0-0-0 Nc6 23.Bc3 Qg4 24.e6 Qxf3 25.Rxf3 Rd8
(Diagram)



26.Rd7 Bh6 27.Rfd3 Re4



Weighted Error Value: White=0.95/
Black=0.18 (very precise)

0-1

234□ **Bajarani, Ilgar**■ **Asadi, Sadegh**

Fajr op 13th (4)

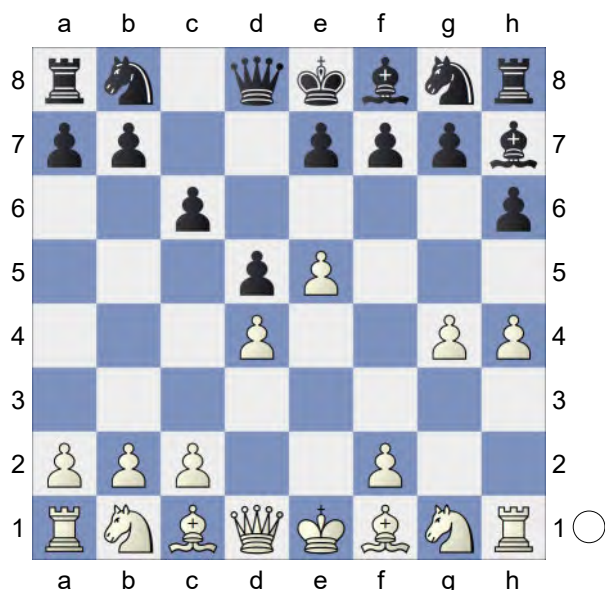
[Kitty Kat]

B12**2333****2192**

29.01.2005

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

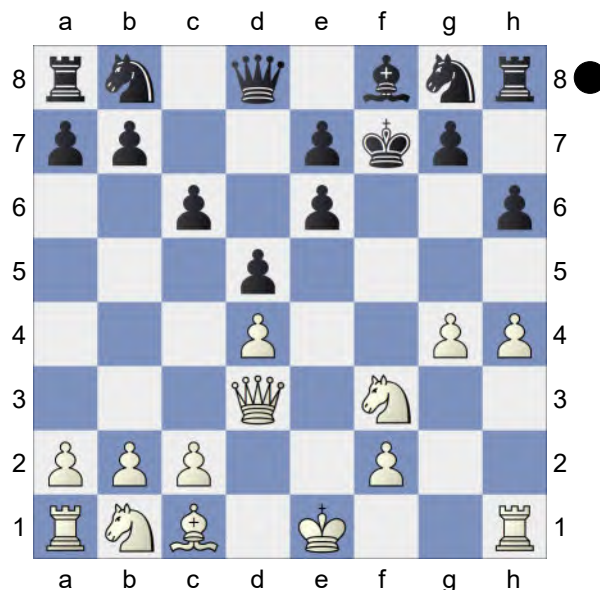
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7



6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Kf7N
2.25/21 Inhibits Qd3-g6+.

[8...c5± **0.82/21** was worth a try.]

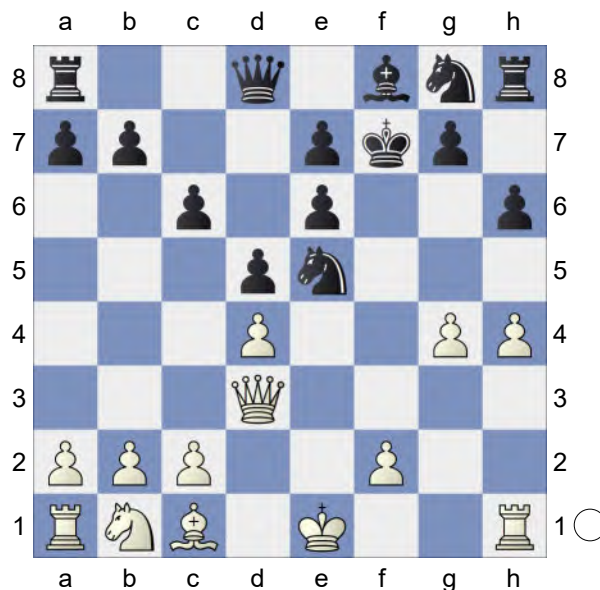
[8...Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5
 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4
 Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5
 16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1
 Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxg4
 21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 b6 23.c4
 1-0 Moen, A (2095)-Blatt, F Izhevsk
 Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) Kb7
 24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3
 b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4
 29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5
 31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6
 33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+
 Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8
 1-0 Mastrovasilis, D (2095)-Grischenko,

S Wch U12 St Lorenzo 1995 (1)]**9.Nf3+-**

White threatens Nf3-e5+ and mate.

9...Nd7 10.Ne5+? 0.42/5

[10.h5+- **2.39/21** Ngf6 11.Nc3]

10...Nxe5±

White is slightly better. **11.dxe5**
 Strongly threatening h4-h5. White stays
 focused until the end. **11...Ke8 2.09/19**

[11...h5!± **0.61/20**]

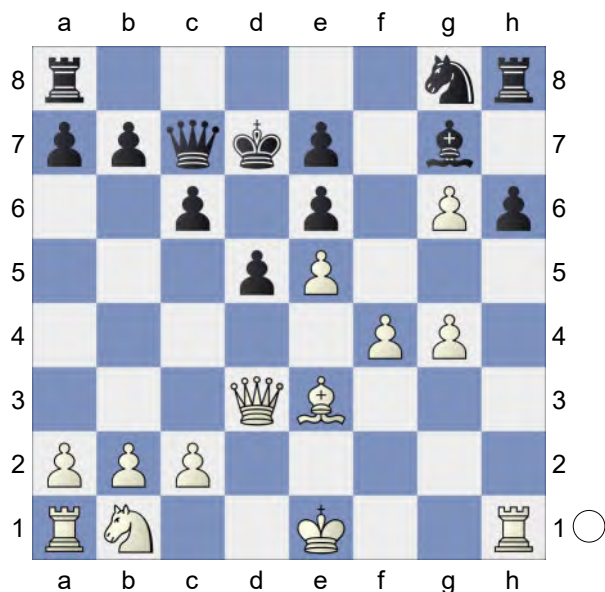
12.h5+- Kd7 2.60/20

[12...d4 **1.80/18**]

13.Be3 g5 14.hxg6 Bg7 15.f4 Qc7

4.23/21

[15...Kc7 2.99/19 might work better.
 16.Nc3 h5 17.Rxh5 (17.gxh5
 Nh6+-) 17...Rxh5 18.gxh5 b6]



16.Nd2 h5 17.g5

[17.gxh5 c5 18.Qb5+ Qc6
 19.Qxc6+ (19.Qxc5 Qxc5 20.Bxc5
 Rf8+-) 19...Kxc6+-]
 [17.Rxh5 Rxh5 18.gxh5 Bxe5
 19.fxe5 Qxe5]

17...Rf8 18.0-0-0

[18.Bxa7 b6± (18...Rxf4 19.0-0-0=)]

18...Kc8 Black is weak on the dark squares 19.Kb1 2.88/20

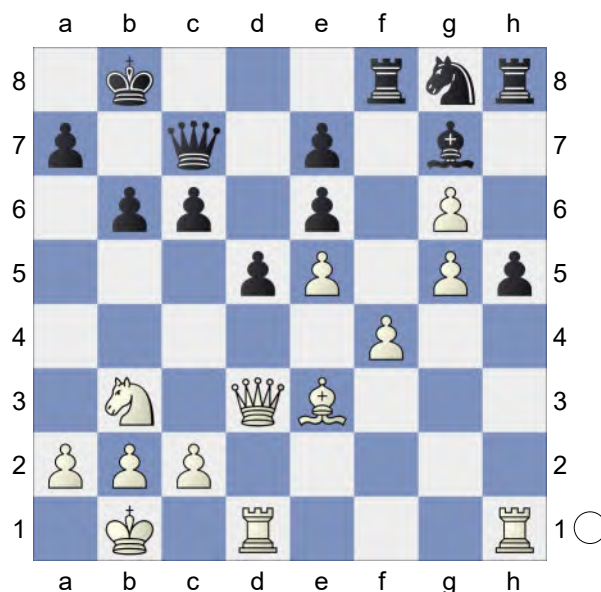
[Not 19.Bxa7 Rxf4 20.Rde1 Rg4+-]
 [19.Nb3 4.86/21 b6 20.Qe2
 (20.Nd4 Qd7+-)]

19...Kb8? 5.37/22

[19...c5 2.88/20 20.Rh4 Nf6 21.gxf6
 (21.exf6 exf6 22.Nf3 a6+-)
 21...exf6]

20.Nb3 b6

(Diagram)

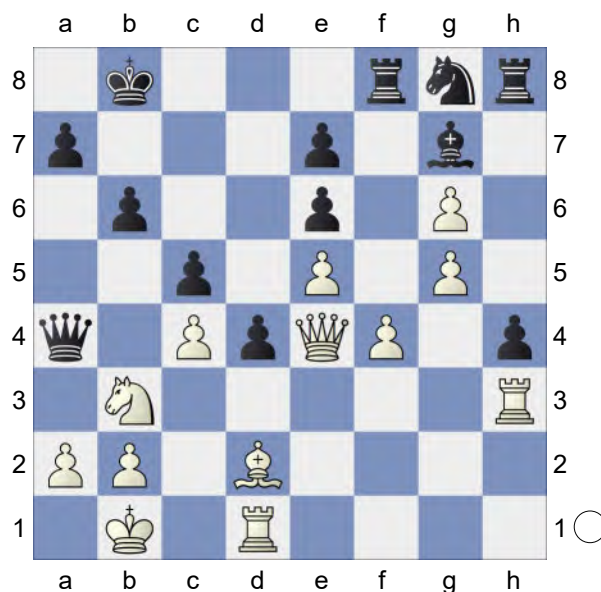


21.c4 c5 22.Qe2 2.49/20

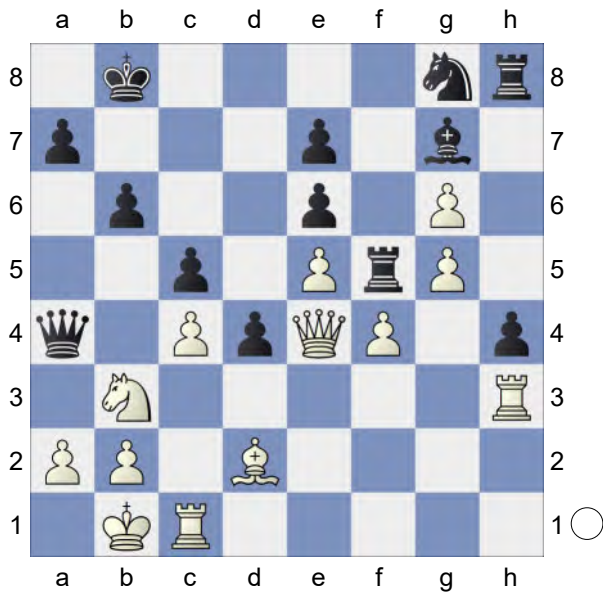
[22.cxd5 4.44/20 Qd7 23.Bxc5]
 22...d4 23.Bd2 h4 24.Rh3 Qd7?
 6.58/24

[24...Qc6 3.40/22 25.Rdh1 Nf6
 26.exf6 (26.gxf6 exf6 27.Rxh4
 Rhg8+-) 26...exf6 27.Rxh4 Rhg8]

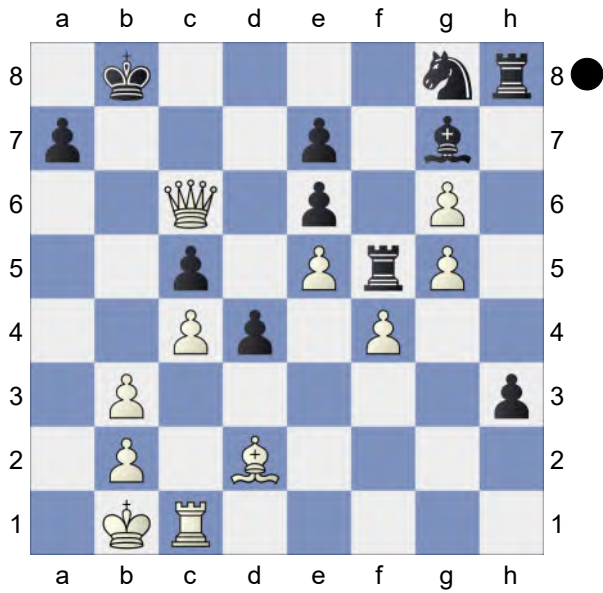
25.Qe4 Qa4

26.Rc1 And now Nb3xc5! would win.
 26...Rf5? 14.60/21

[26...Rc8 3.50/19 27.Rch1 Qxc4
 28.Rxh4 Rxh4 29.Rxh4 Qf1+ 30.Be1
 Rf8]



27.Nxc5! White is clearly winning.
27...bxc5 28.Rb3+ Qxb3 29.axb3 h3
30.Qc6



Weighted Error Value: White=0.75/
 Black=0.88
1-0

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□ Gelashvili, Tamaz

■ Festas, Georgios

Patras op 3rd (2)

[Kitty Kat]

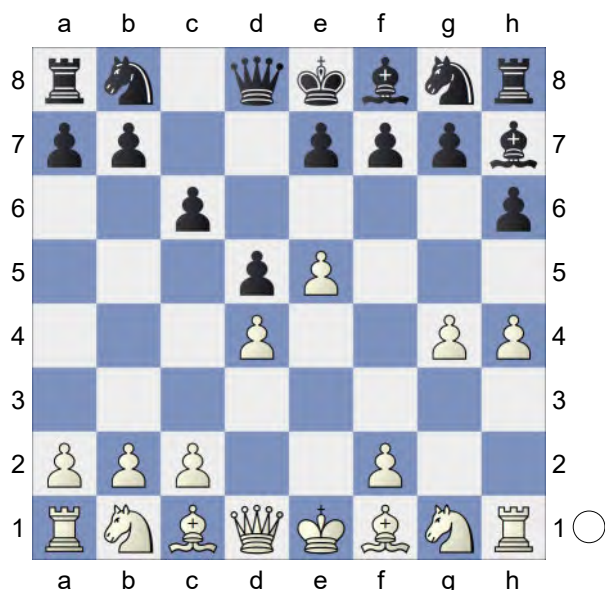
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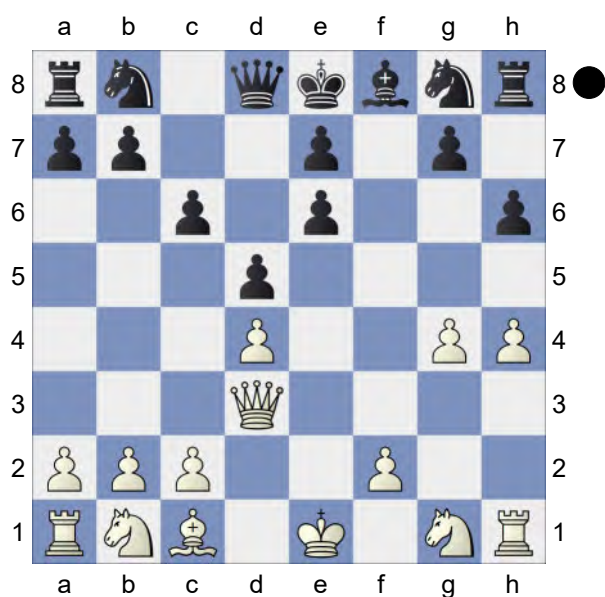
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19.07.2001

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

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5.g4 Bh7

6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3

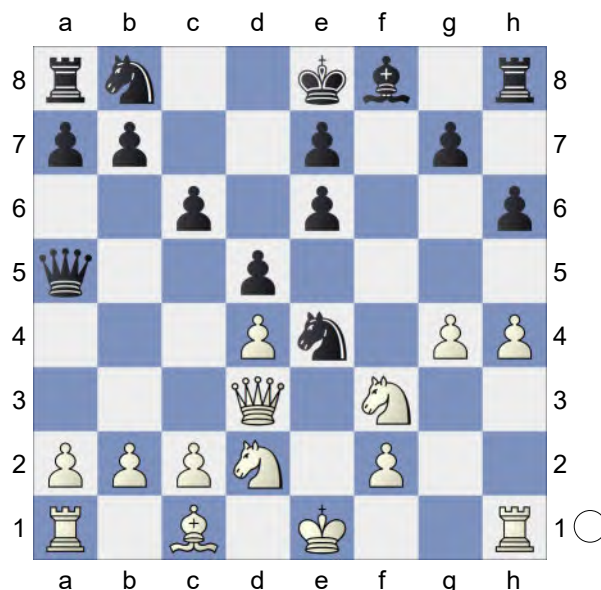
And now Ng1-f3 would win. 8...Nf6
1.88/21

[8...c5!± 0.61/20]

9.Nf3 Ne4 2.04/21

[9...Kf7± 1.56/20 10.g5 hxg5]

10.Nbd2+- Qa5



White is clearly better. 11.c3N

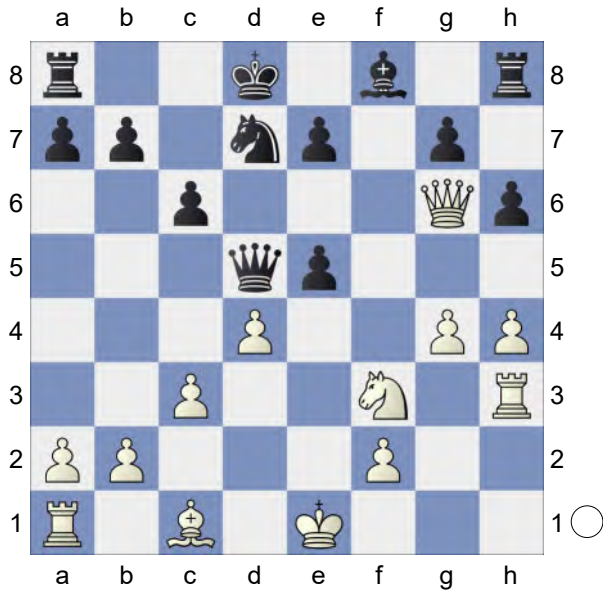
[11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1 Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxg4 21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 b6 23.c4 Kb7 24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 1-0 Moen, A (2095)-Blatt, F Izhevsk Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) 26.Rc3 b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4 29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5 31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6 33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+ Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8 1-0 Mastrovasilis, D (2095)-Grischenko, S Wch U12 St Lorenzo 1995 (1)]

11...Nd7 2.53/22

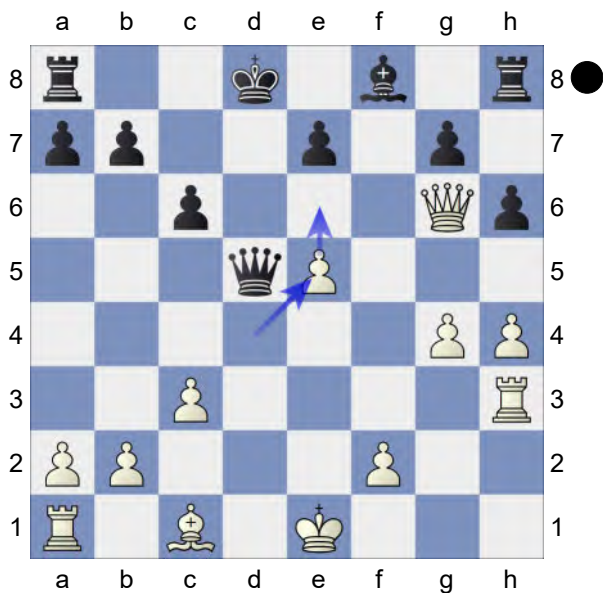
[11...h5 1.83/21 keeps fighting.
12.Ne5 (12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5+-) 12...Nd7]

12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Rh3 e5

(Diagram)

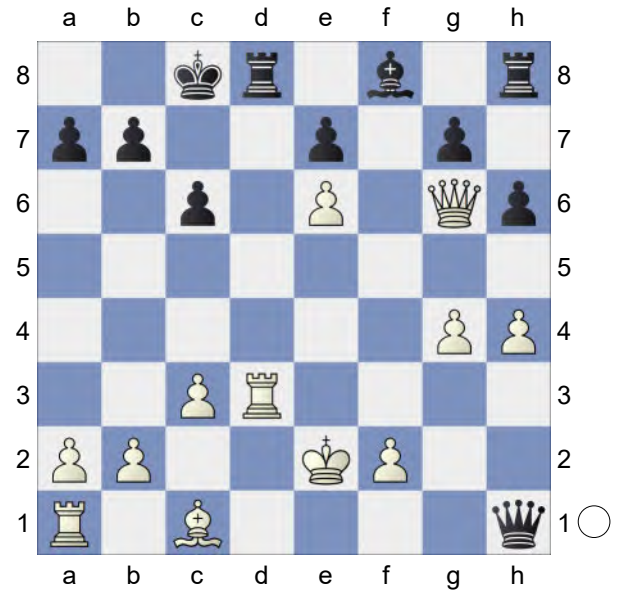


16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.dxe5



Threatens to win with Rh3-d3. White is clearly winning. 17...Kc7 Black is weak on the dark squares 18.Rd3 Qh1+ 19.Ke2 Rd8 20.e6 Kc8

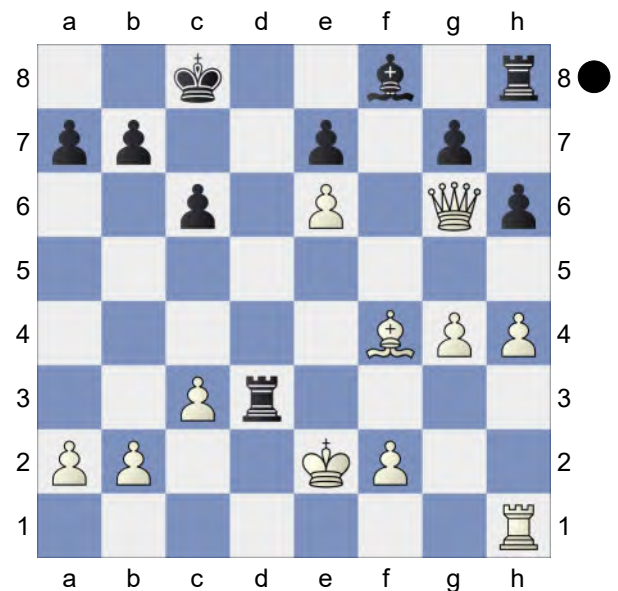
(Diagram)



21.Bf4 12.29/22 Active counter play!

[21.Rxd8+ 25.13/21 Kxd8 22.Be3 (22.Qd3+ Qd5+-) 22...Qd5 23.Rd1 Pin (23.Bxa7 Kc7+-) 23...b6 24.Rxd5+ cxd5 25.Bf4 Kc8 26.b4 (26.Qe8+ Kb7 27.Qb8+ Ka6 28.a4 g6 29.b4 Bg7 30.b5+ Deflection Ka5 31.Qxa7#)]

21...Rxd3 22.Rxh1



Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.04

(flawless) /Black=0.62
1-0

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□ Andrijenko,Anatoliy

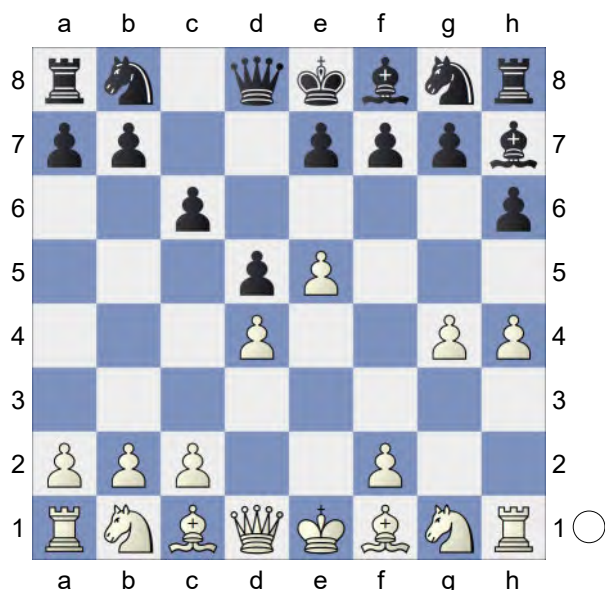
■ Berkle,Pascal

Bad Godesberg op 16th (7) 13.07.2012

[Kitty Kat]

B12

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh76.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6
1.87/20

[8...c5!± 0.68/20]

9.Ne2N 0.27/20

[9.Nf3+- 1.87/20 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5
11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4
Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5
16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1
Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxg4
21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 b6 23.c4 Kb7
24.Rd7+ 1-0 Moen,A (2095)-Blatt,F
Izhevsk Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011
(1) Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3 b5
27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4 29.Bxc5+
Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5 31.Rc7+ Kb4
32.Raxa7 g6 33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8
Kd4 35.Rd7+ Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3
37.Rxf8 1-0 Mastrovasilis,D (2095)-

Grishchenko,S Wch U12 St Lorenzo
1995 (1)]

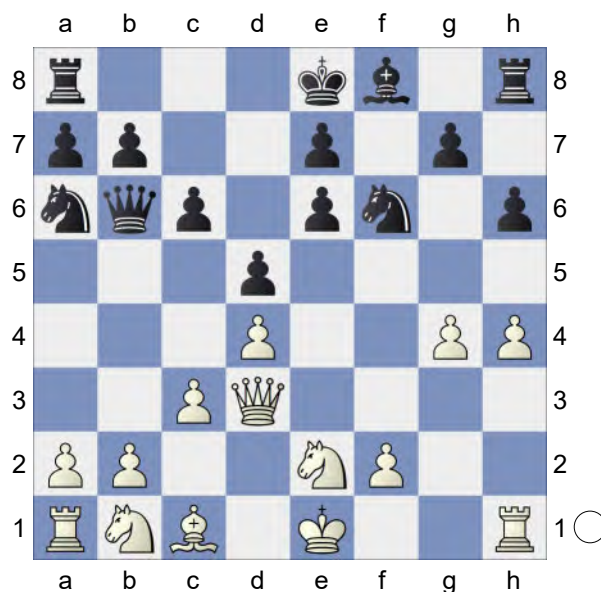
9...Na6 1.72/21

[9...c5= 0.27/20 and Black is okay.]

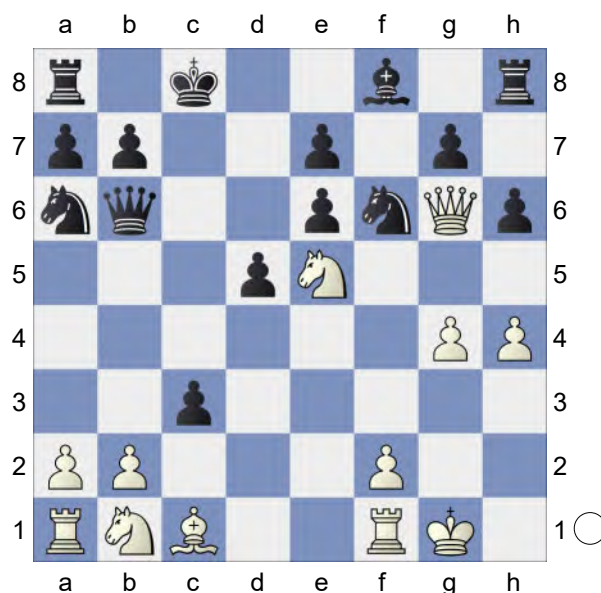
10.c3+- Black must now prevent Nb1-d2.
White has strong compensation.

10...Qb6? 2.64/19

[10...Qd7± 1.11/19]

11.Qg6+ Kd7 12.Nf4 c5 13.Nd3 cxd4
14.Ne5+ Kc8 15.0-0 dxc3 2.10/20

[15...Nc7 1.64/19 keeps fighting.]



16.Nxc3 Qd4 Against Bc1-f4 17.Nf7
-1.21/23

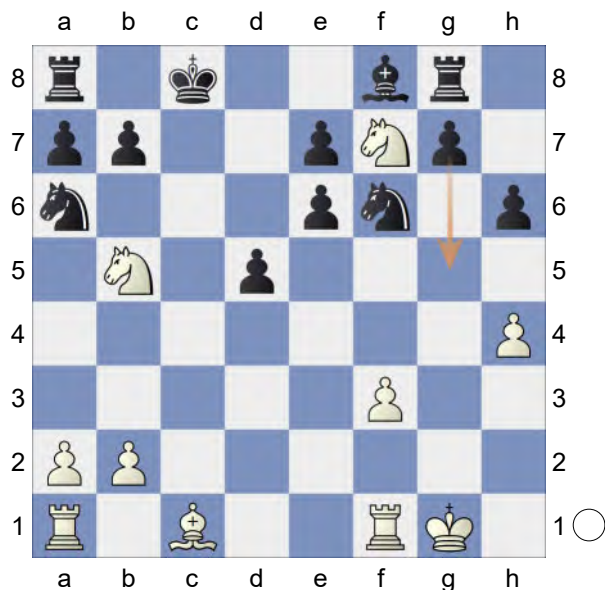
[17.Re1+- **2.47/22**]

17...Rg8

[17...Qxg4+? **is the wrong capture.**

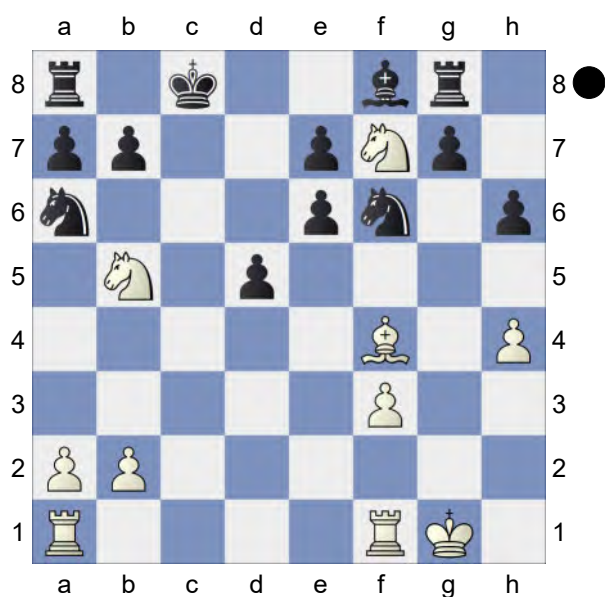
18.Qxg4 Nxg4 19.Nxh8+-]

18.Nb5 Qxg4+ 19.Qxg4 Nxg4 20.f3
Nf6



21.Bf4 -2.34/21

[21.Nd4 -0.95/21]



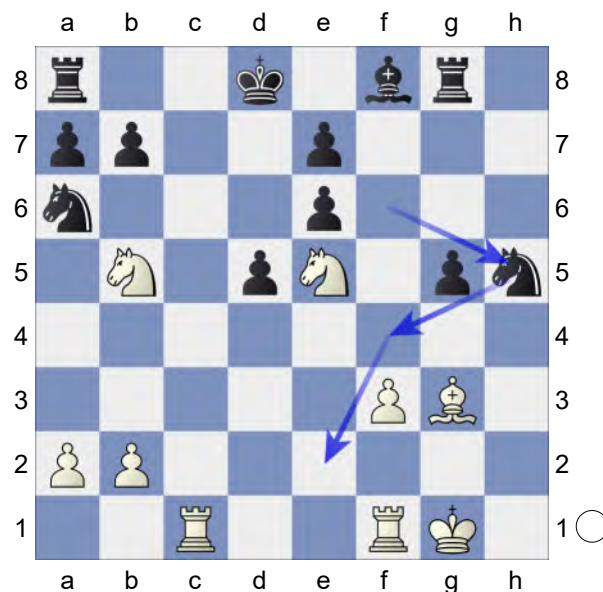
21...g5!+ 22.Rac1+

[22.hxg5 hxg5]

22...Kd7 23.hxg5 hxg5 24.Ne5+ Kd8
25.Bg3 -3.33/22

[25.Bd2 -2.30/20 **was worth a try.**]

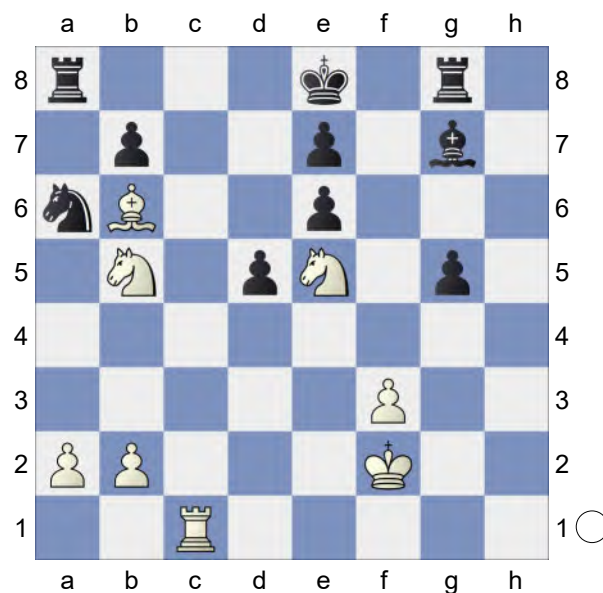
25...Nh5



26.Bf2 -5.02/22

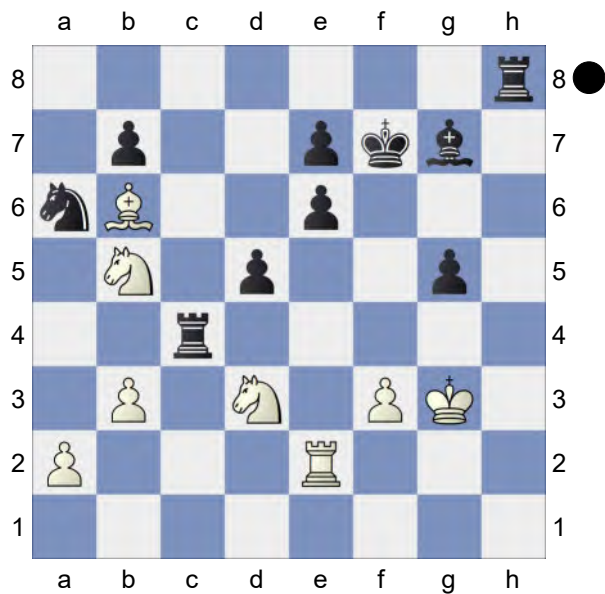
[26.Kh2 -3.58/22 **was called for.** Bg7
 27.Rfe1]

26...Nf4 27.Bxa7 Ne2+ 28.Kf2 Nxc1
29.Bb6+ Ke8 30.Rxc1 Bg7

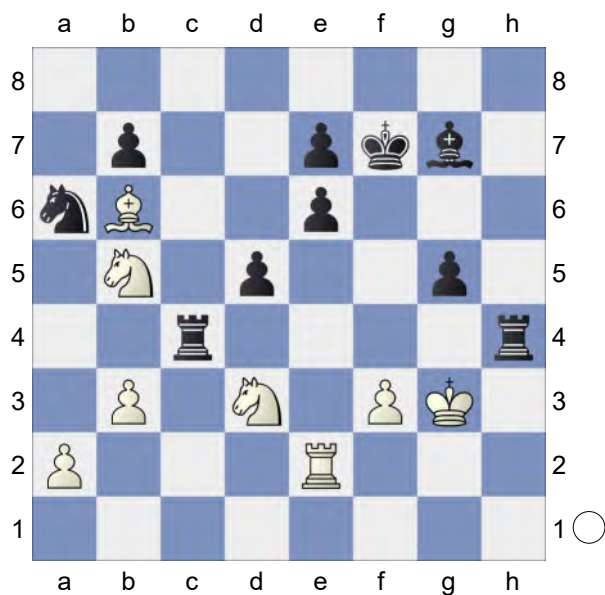


31.Nd3 Kf7 32.Rc2 Rac8 33.Re2 Rh8
34.Kg3 Rc4 **Dodges Bb6-d4 35.b3**

(Diagram)



Rhh4 1.15/23

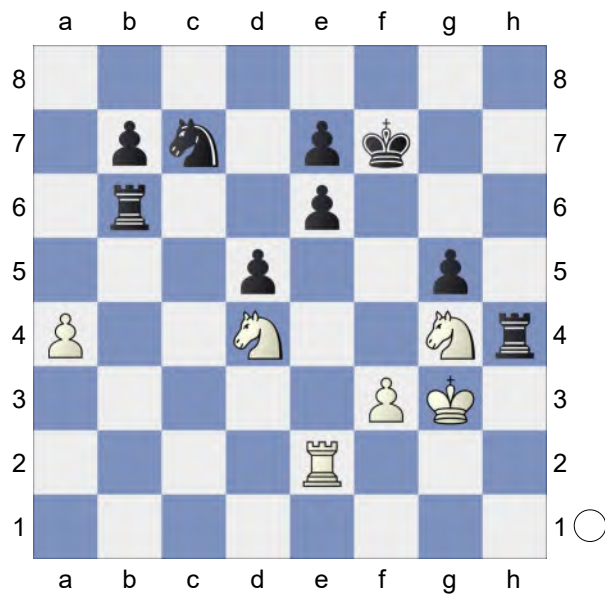


36.Nf2? -7.26/23

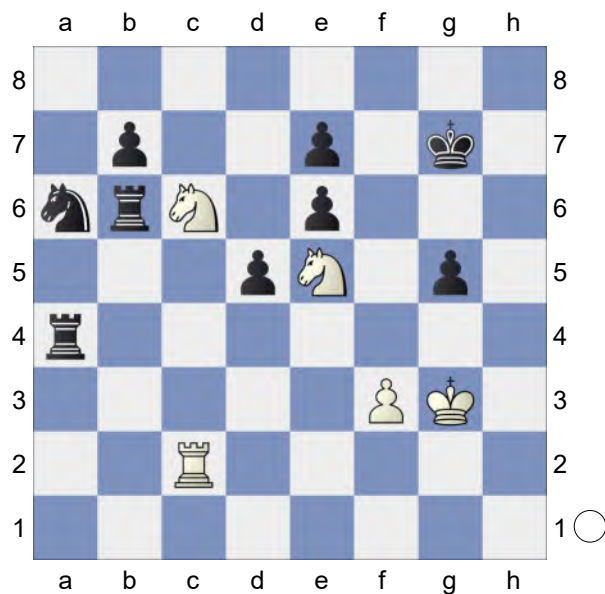
[36.bxc4± 1.15/23 Rxc4 37.a3]

36...Rb4 Black is clearly winning. **37.a4**
Rxb3 38.Bd4 Bxd4 39.Nxd4 Rb6
40.Ng4 Nc7

(Diagram)



41.Ne5+ Kg7 42.Rc2 Na6 43.Ndc6
Rxa4



Weighted Error Value: White=0.61/
Black=0.28 (precise)
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237□ **Rychagov, Mikhail**■ **Engqvist, Thomas**

Arnold Cup Gausdal (8)

[Kitty Kat]

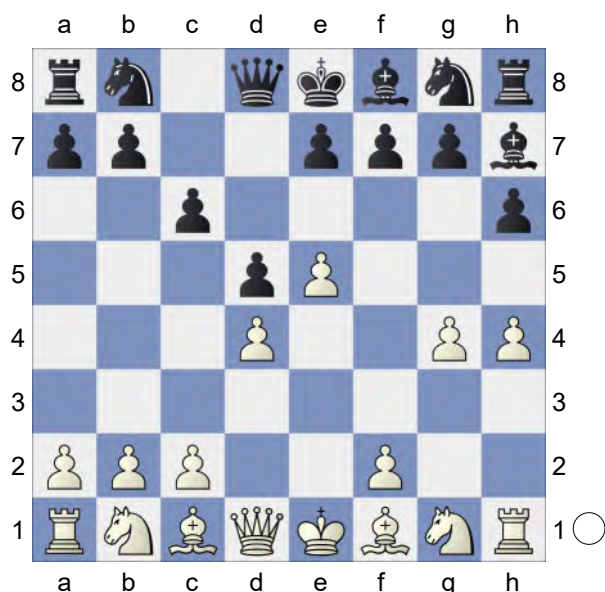
B12**2435****2355**

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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6 5.g4 Bh7**

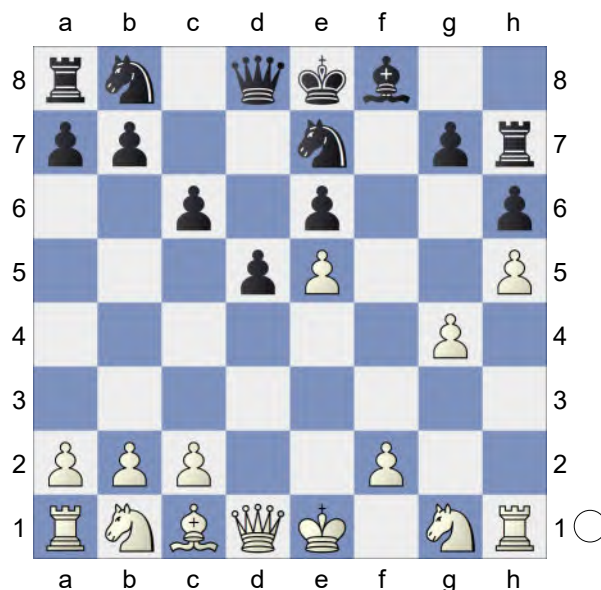
[5...Bd7 6.h5 c5 (6...e6 7.f4 c5 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Kf2 0-0-0 11.Kg3 Kb8 12.a4 cxd4 13.a5 Nxa5 14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Nxc6+ Bxc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qd4 Qxd4 19.cxd4 Ne7 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Bd3 0-1 Grünfeld 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 (2470)-

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**6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 e5N**

[7...Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1 Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxg4 21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 1-0 Moen,A (2095)-Blatt,F Izhevsk Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) b6 23.c4 Kb7 24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3 b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4 29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5 31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6 33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+ Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8 1-0 Mastrovasilis,D (2095)-Grischenko, S Wch U12 St Lorenzo 1995 (1)]

8.Bxh7 Rxh7 9.dxe5 aiming for Qd1-d3. **9...e6** White is slightly better. **10.h5 Ne7**

**11.Be3 Qc7 0.96/21**

[11...c5± 0.55/19]

12.f4± White is more active. **12...c5****13.c3 0.31/19**

[13.Qd3± 0.83/19 Rh8 14.Na3]

13...Qc6 0.82/19

[Better is 13...d4!± 0.31/19 14.Qd3 (14.cxd4 Nd5=) 14...Rh8 (14...Qc6 15.Rh2±)]

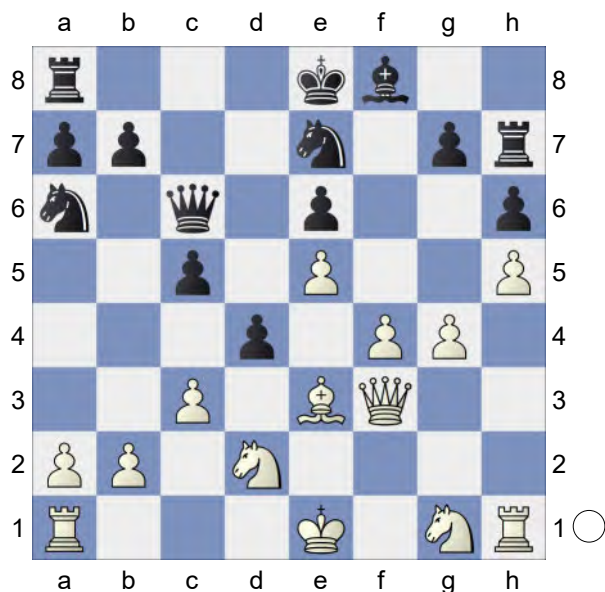
14.Qf3 0.23/19

[14.Rh3± 0.82/19]

14...Na6 0.81/19

[14...Nd7= 0.23/19]

15.Nd2 d4 1.15/20



16.Qxc6+ bxc6 1.82/21

[16...Nxc6± 0.92/20 17.Bf2 Be7]

17.Bf2+-

[17.cxd4?! Nb4±]

17...Nd5 18.Ne2

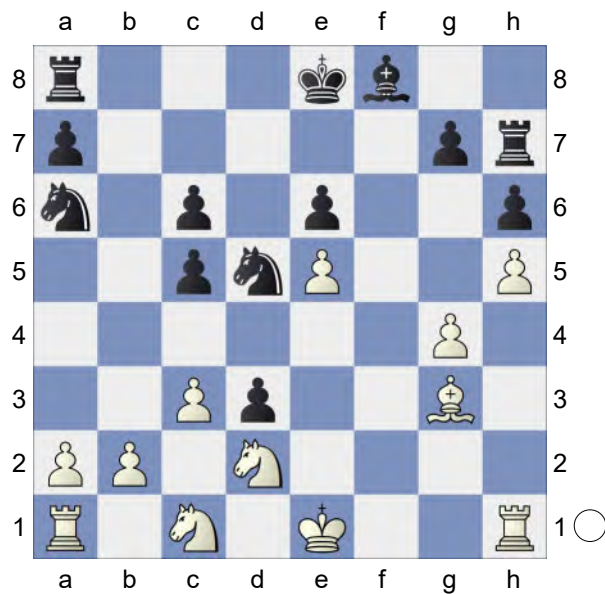
[18.cxd4 Nab4 19.Nh3 (19.dxc5 Nc2+ 20.Kd1 Nxa1) 19...Nc2+ 20.Ke2 Nxa1 (20...Nxd4+? 21.Bxd4 cxd4 22.Nb3±) 21.Rxa1 cxd4=]

18...d3 2.00/20

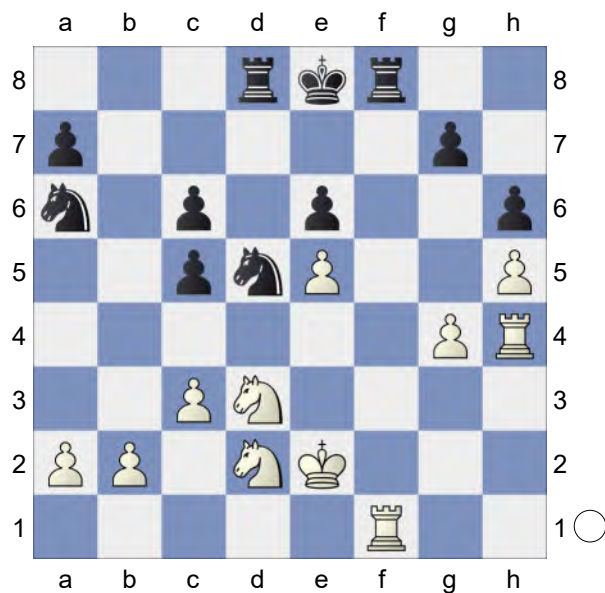
[18...Be7± 1.60/21 19.Rh3 (19.cxd4 Rh8±) 19...Rh8]

19.Nc1 Nxf4 20.Bg3 Nd5

(Diagram)

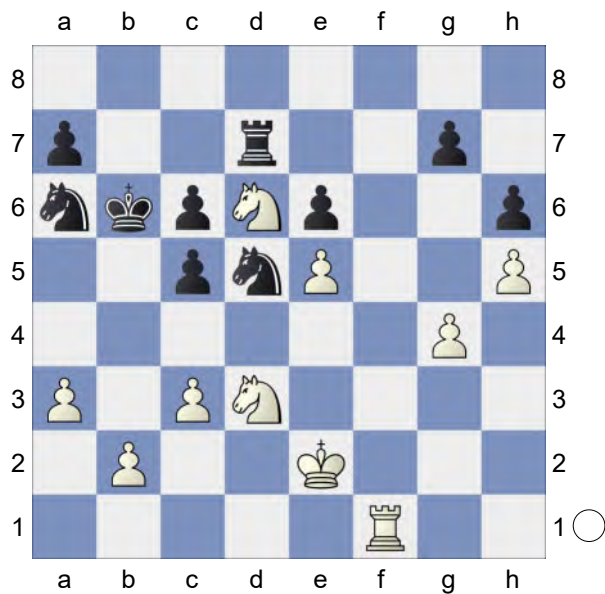


21.Nxd3 Rd8 22.Ke2 Black must now prevent Ra1-f1. **22...Be7 23.Raf1 Nd2-c4** would now be deadly. **23...Rh8 24.Bh4 Bxh4 25.Rxh4 Rf8**

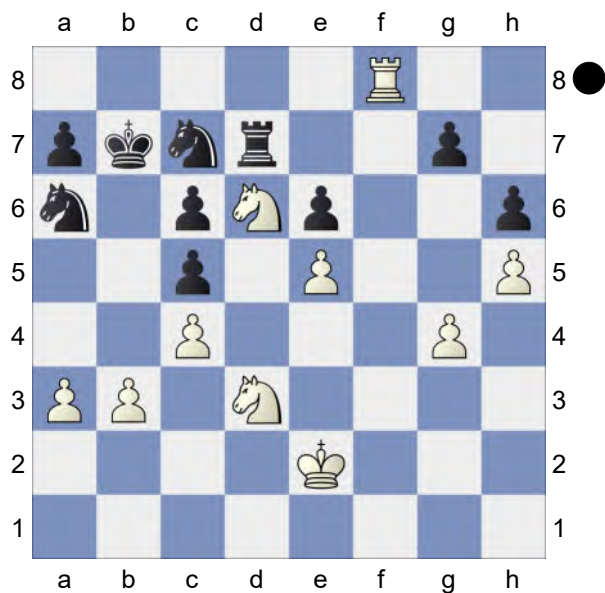


26.Rhh1 Rxf1 27.Rxf1 Rd7 28.Nc4 Kd8 29.Nd6 Kc7 30.a3 Kb6

(Diagram)

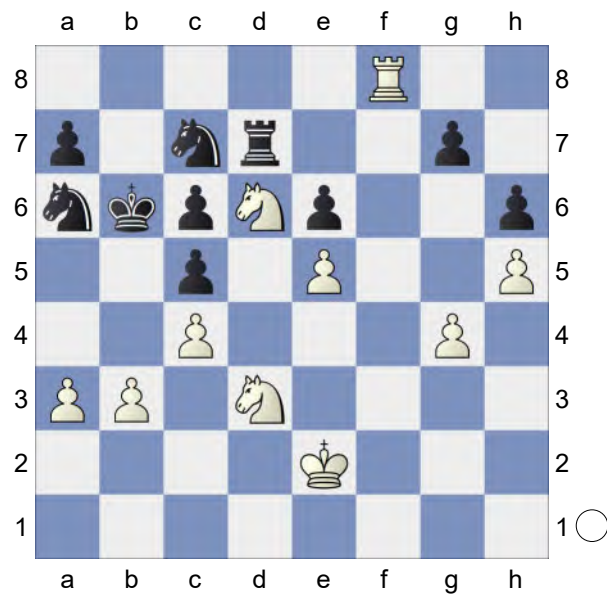


31.Rf8 Ndc7 32.c4 Ka5 33.b3 Kb6
34.Nc8+ Kb7 35.Nd6+? -0.01/24
[35.Ke3+- 7.03/26]

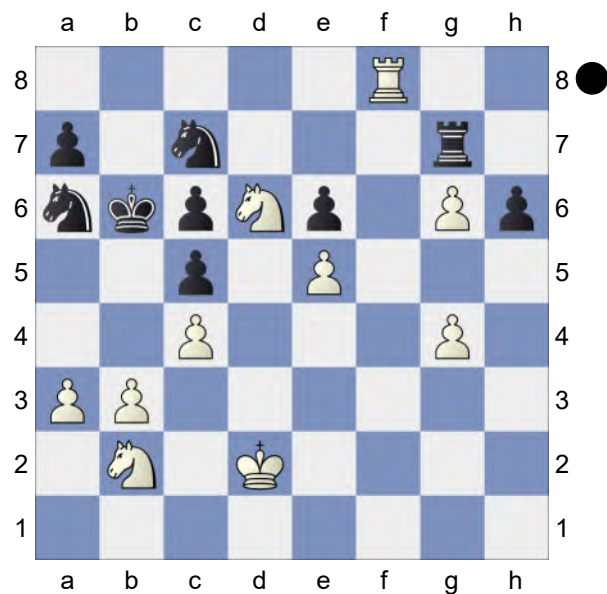


35...Kb6=

(Diagram)

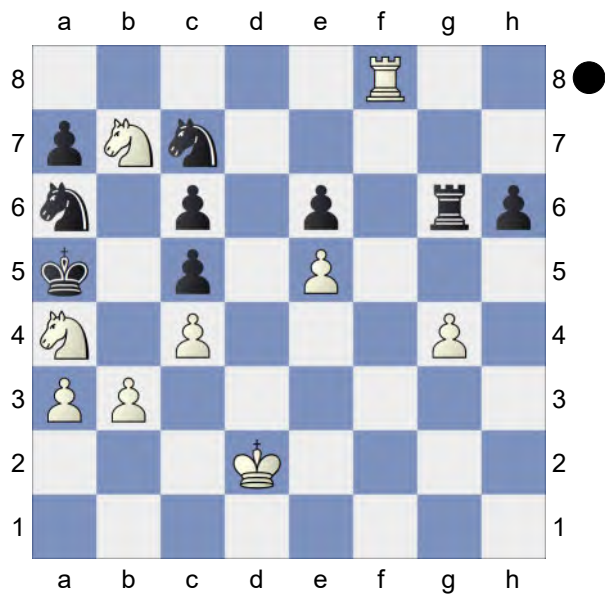


Loses the game. 36.Kd2 g6 37.hxg6
Rg7 38.Nb2



White threatens Nb2-a4+ and mate.
38...Rxxg6 39.Na4+ Ka5 40.Nb7#

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/
Black=0.72
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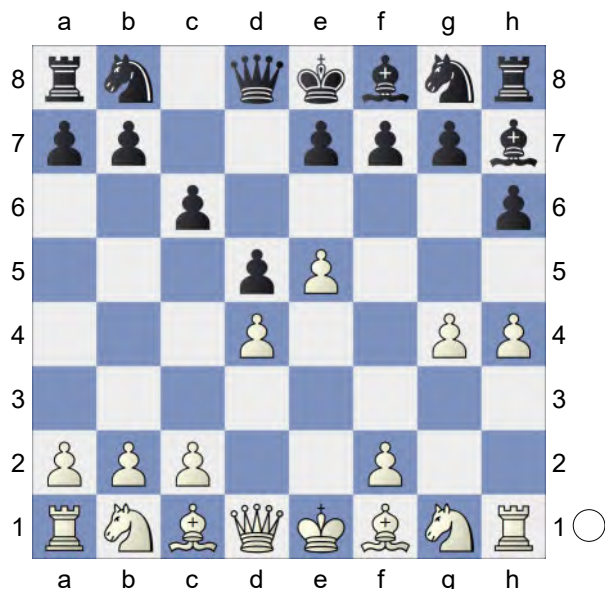
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[Kitty Kat]

B12**B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation****1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6 5.g4 Bh7**

[5...Bd7 6.h5 c5 (6...e6 7.f4 c5 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Kf2 0-0-0 11.Kg3 Kb8 12.a4 cxd4 13.a5 Nxa5 14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Nxc6+ Bxc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qd4 Qxd4 19.cxd4 Ne7 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Bd3 0-1 Grünfeld 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 (2470)-

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**6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Nd7N 2.33/20**

[7...Nf6± 0.64/19]

[7...Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1 Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxg4 21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 1-0 Moen,A (2095)-Blatt,F Izhevsk Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) b6 23.c4 Kb7 24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3 b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4 29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5 31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6 33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+ Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8 1-0 Mastrovasilis,D (2095)-Grischenko, S Wch U12 St Lorenzo 1995 (1)]

8.Nf3? 0.55/19

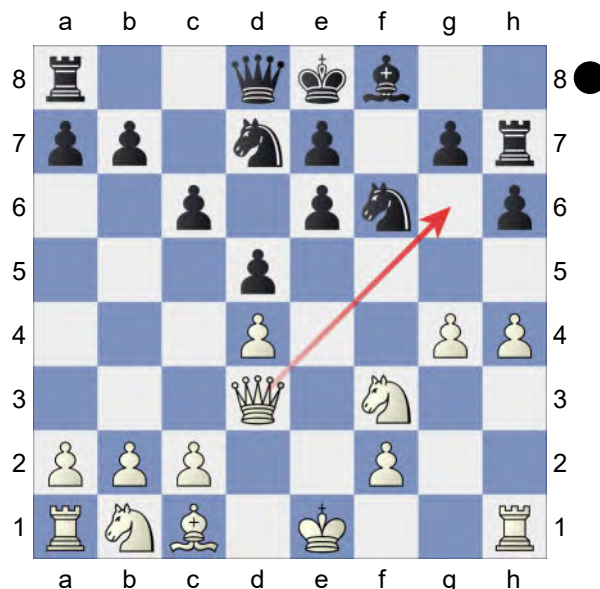
[8.Bxh7+- 2.33/20 Rxh7 9.Qd3]

8...Ngf6 0.92/21

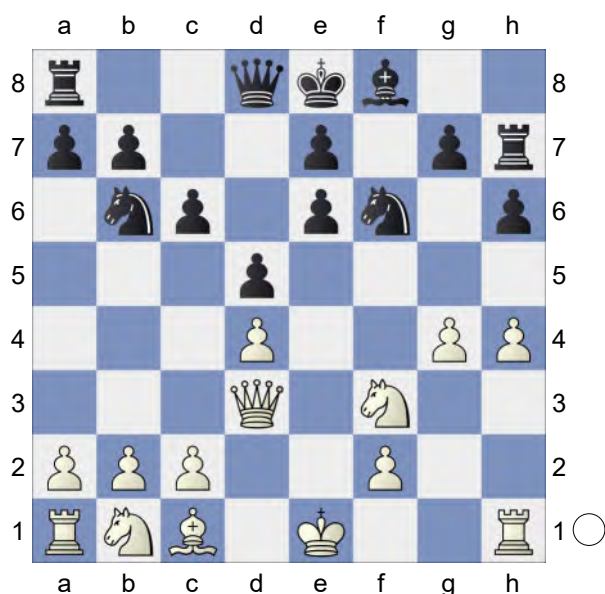
[8...Qa5+!± 0.55/19 deserves consideration. 9.Nc3 0-0-0]

9.Bxh7± Rxh7 1.44/21

[♖9...Nxh7 0.86/22 10.Qd3 Qb8]

10.Qd3→**White has strong attack. 10...Nb6? 3.10/20**

[10...Qb6± 1.20/20]



11.Ne5+- Qc7 12.Qg6+ Kd8 13.Qf7 Nbd7 14.Ng6

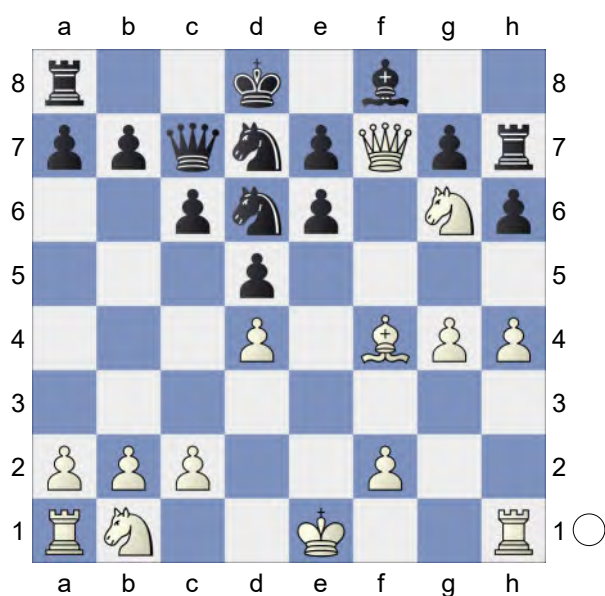
[Weaker is 14.Qxe6 c5=]

14...Ne8 6.45/21

[14...Kc8 4.02/20 15.Nxf8 Nxf8]

15.Bf4 Nd6? 6.25/23

[15...Qb6 3.72/20]

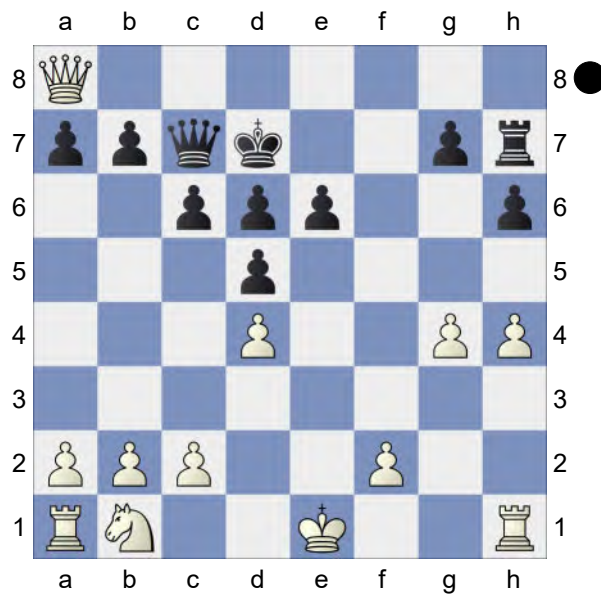


16.Bxd6 White is clearly winning.

16...exd6 17.Nxf8 Nxf8 18.Qxf8+ Kd7

19.Qxa8

(Diagram)



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□ Grosar, Kiti

■ Montalvo Rosario, Alejandro

Mermaid Beach Club

[Kitty Kat]

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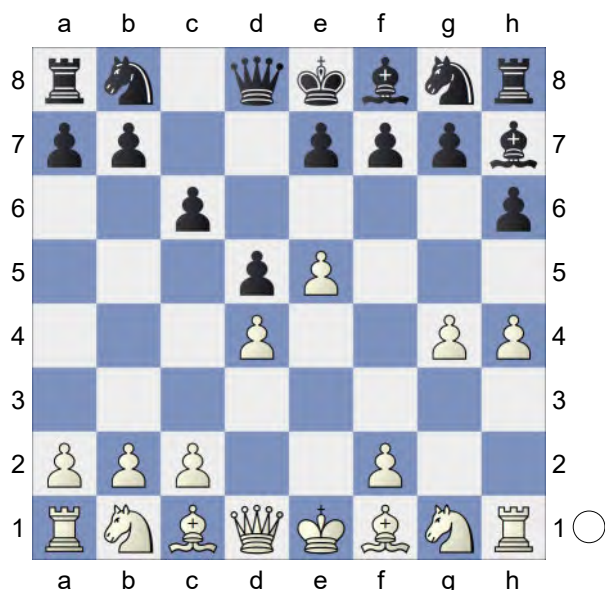
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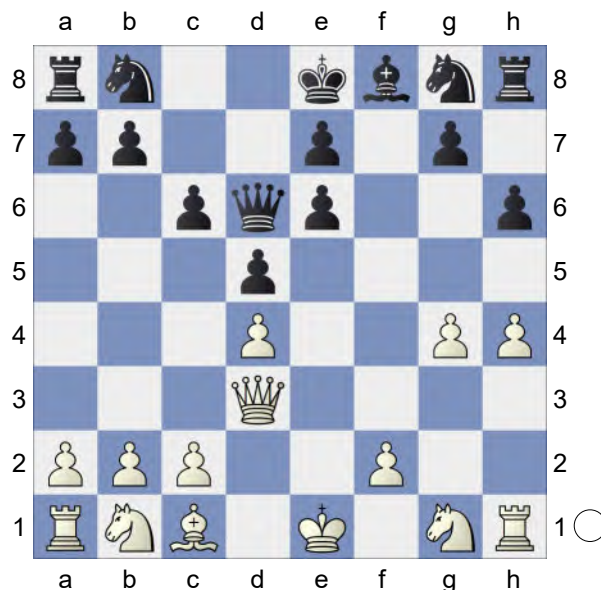
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5.g4 Bh7



6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Qd6N

[8...Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5
11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4
Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5
16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1
Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxg4
21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 b6 23.c4
1-0 Moen, A (2095)-Blatt, F Izhevsk
Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) Kb7
24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3
b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4
29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5
31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6
33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+
Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8
1-0 Mastrovasilis, D (2095)-Grischenko,
S Wch U12 St Lorenzo 1995 (1)]



9.c4? -0.36/22

[White should try 9.f4!± 1.22/21]

9...e5f 10.cxd5 -2.26/21

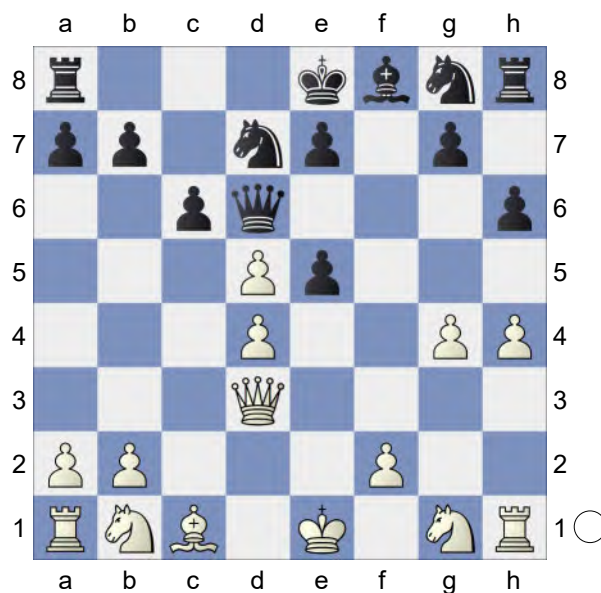
[10.dxe5f -0.34/21 Qxe5+ 11.Ne2]

10...Nd7? -0.70/19

[10...cxd5 11.dxe5 Qxe5+ 12.Ne2f]

[10...Qxd5+ -2.26/21 11.Qg6+

(11.Nf3? e4+) 11...Kd8]



11.dxc6? -4.72/20

[11.Nf3!f -0.70/19]

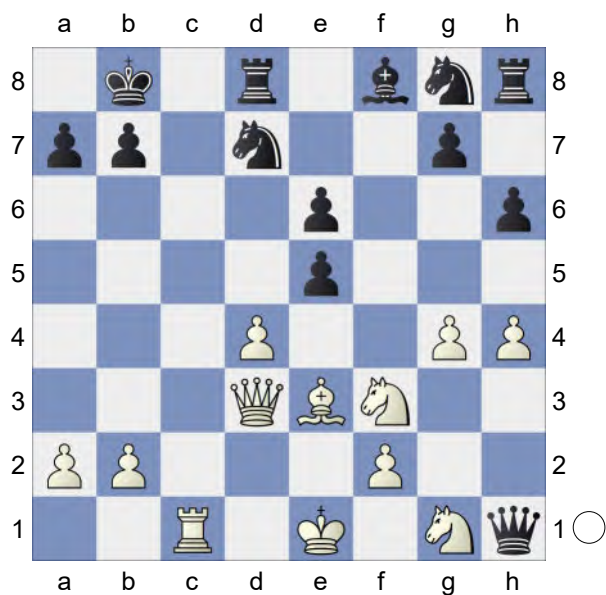
11...Qxc6+

[11...Qxd4?

12.cxd7+

Qxd7

13.Qg6+ Kd8 14.Nf3+-]
 12.Nd2 Qxh1 13.Ndf3 0-0-0 14.Be3
 e6 15.Rc1+ Kb8

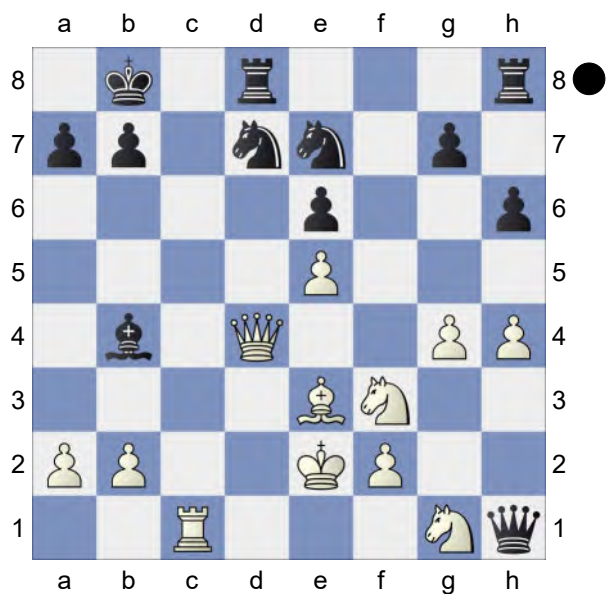


16.dxe5 -5.57/24

[16.Qc3 -2.79/21 Bd6 17.dxe5 Nxe5
 18.Nxe5]

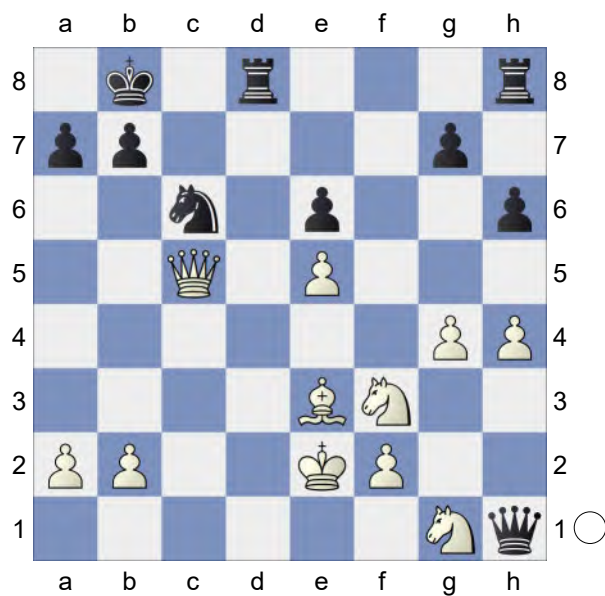
16...Bb4+ Black is clearly winning.

17.Ke2 Ne7 18.Qd4

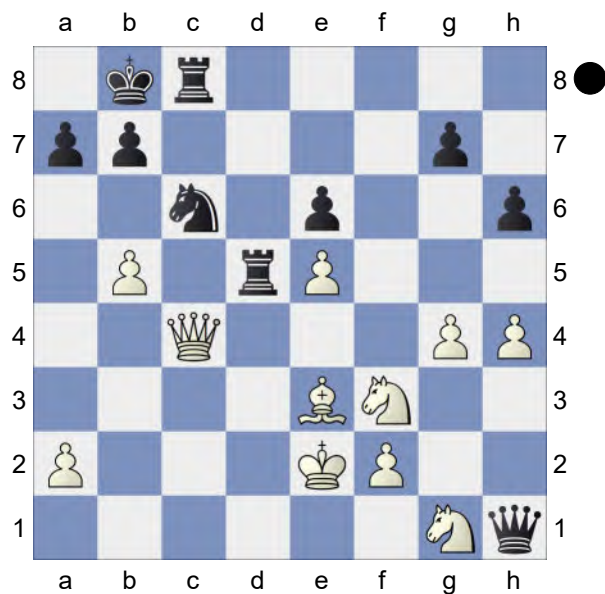


Bc5 19.Rxc5 Nxc5 20.Qxc5 Nc6

(Diagram)

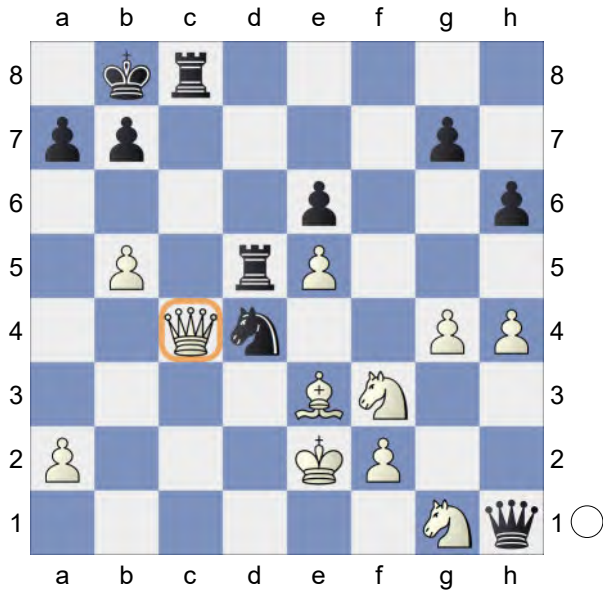


21.b4 Rd5 22.Qc4 Rc8 Threatens to
 win with ...Nc6-d4+! 23.b5



Nd4+!

(Diagram)



Discovered Attack. Black took control after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.99/
Black=0.27 (precise)

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□ Mastrovasilis,Dimitrios

■ Ntavos,P

GRE Cup final (2)

[Kitty Kat]

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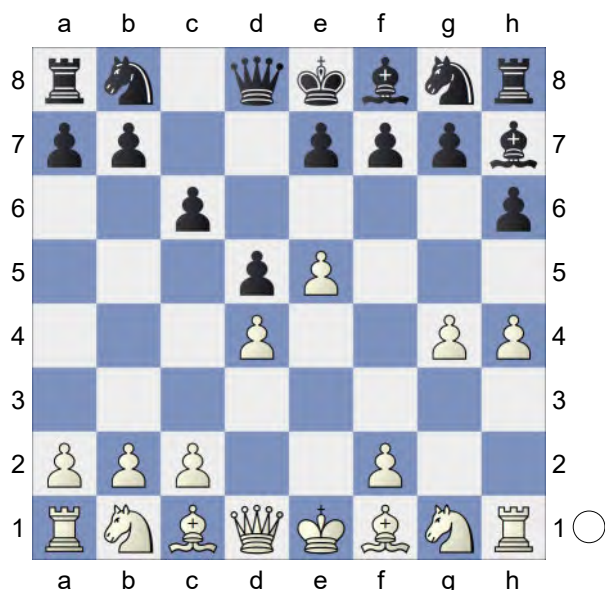
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7



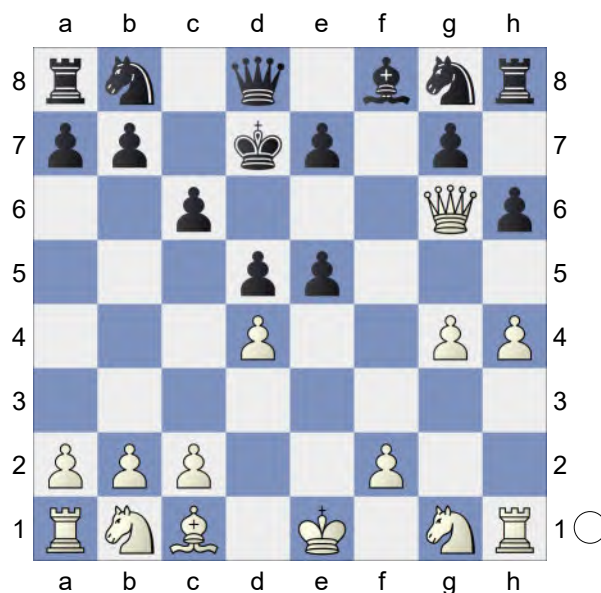
6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3
Hoping for Ng1-f3. 8...e5N 2.97/19

[8...Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5
11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4
Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5
16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1
Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxg4
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24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3
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Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8
1-0 Mastrovasilis,D (2095)-Grischenko,
S Wch U12 St Lorenzo 1995 (1)]

9.Qg6+-

[9.dxe5 e6=]

9...Kd7



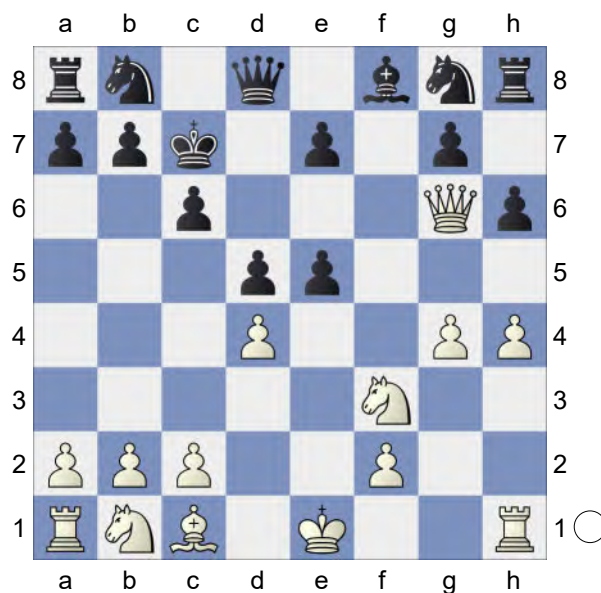
10.Nf3!

[10.dxe5 e6±]

10...Kc7? 4.73/21

[10...exd4 2.84/20 might work better.

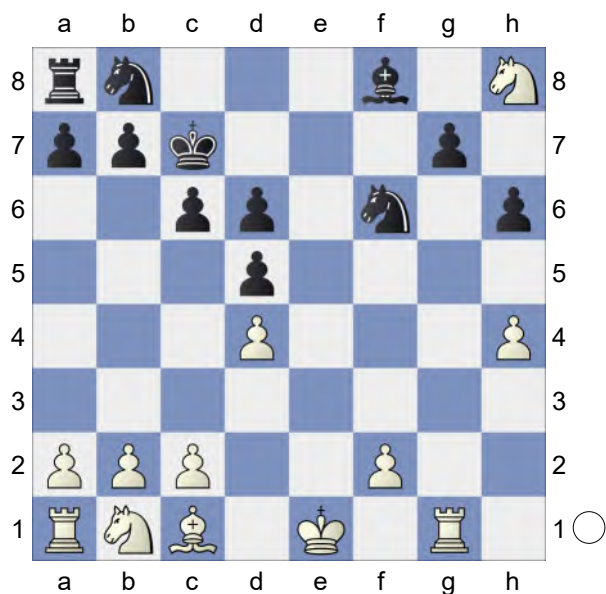
11.Ne5+ (11.Nxd4 Nf6±) 11...Kc7]



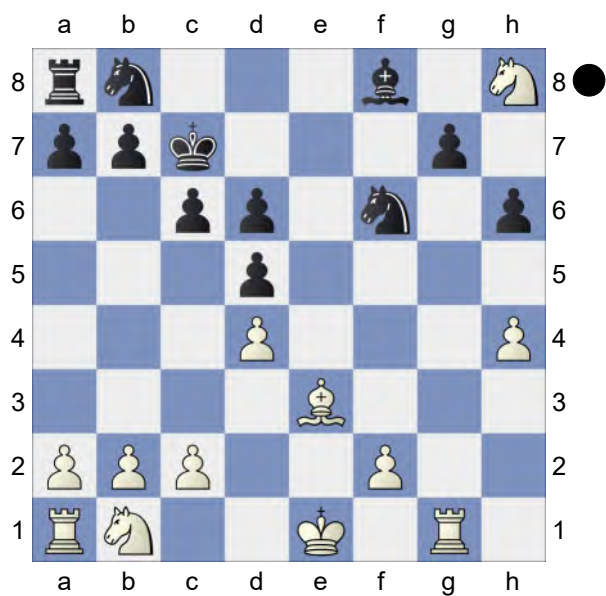
11.Nxe5 White is clearly winning.

[Not 11.dxe5 e6 12.Nd4 (12.Qxe6
Nd7±) 12...Kc8 13.Nxe6 (13.Qxe6+
Qd7+-) 13...Qe7+-]

11...Qd6 12.Qxd6+ exd6 13.Ng6 Nf6
14.Nxh8 Nxg4 15.Rg1 Nf6



16.Be3



Black got outplayed after the opening.
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□ Jensen, Allan

■ Boe, Mads

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[Kitty Kat]

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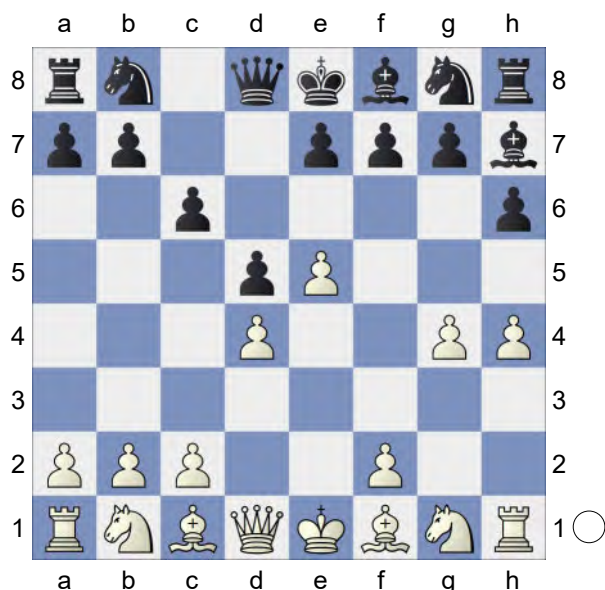
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

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5.g4 Bh7

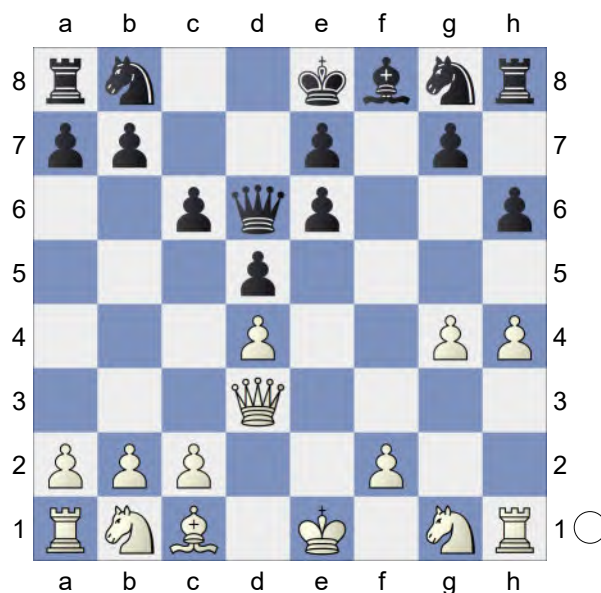


6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3
Ng1-f3 would now be deadly. 8...Qd6N
1.22/21

[8...c5!± 0.62/20]

[8...Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5
11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4
Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5
16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1
Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxg4
21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 b6 23.c4
1-0 Moen, A (2095)-Blatt, F Izhevsk
Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) Kb7
24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3
b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4
29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5
31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6
33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+
Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8

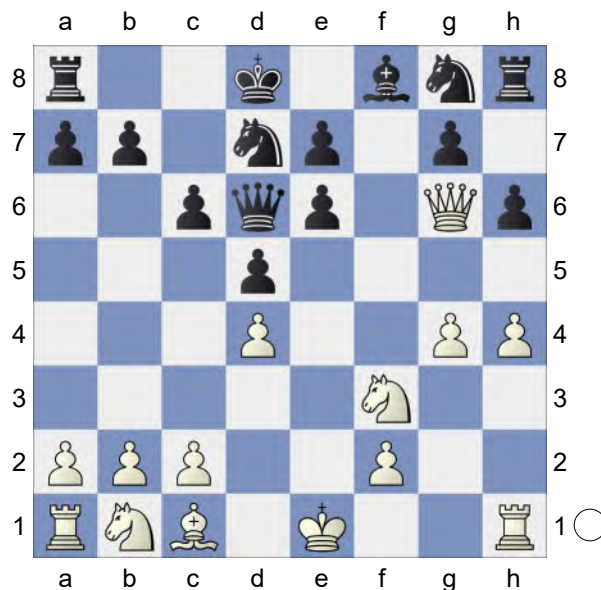
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9.Qg6+ -0.01/23

[9.f4!± 1.22/21]

9...Kd8!= 10.Nf3 Nd7



Against Nf3-e5. Threatening ...e6-e5.
The position is equal. 11.Qf7 Ngf6
...e6-e5! is the strong threat. 12.g5 Ne4
1.15/20

[12...hxg5= 0.05/21 remains equal.
13.Nxg5 Kc8]

13.Bf4 -0.01/22

[13.Nbd2± 1.15/20]

13...Qb4+ 14.Nbd2 Nxd2 0.59/22

[Black should try 14...e5± -0.31/22

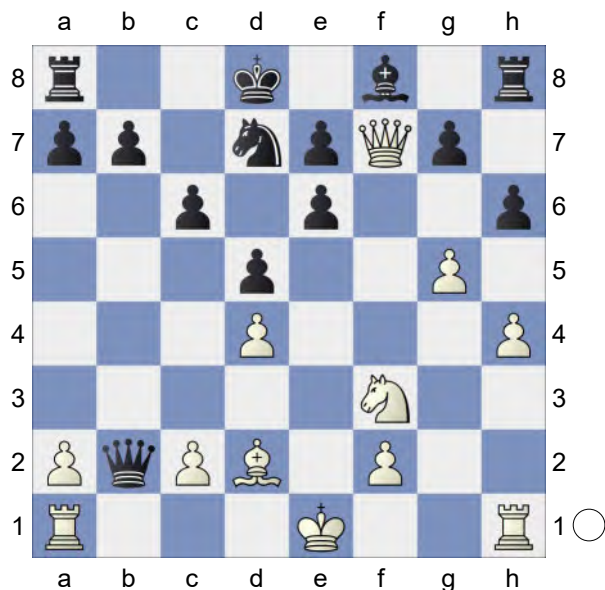
15.dxe5 hxg5 16.Nxg5 Nxg5

17.Bxg5 Qxb2]

15.Bxd2±

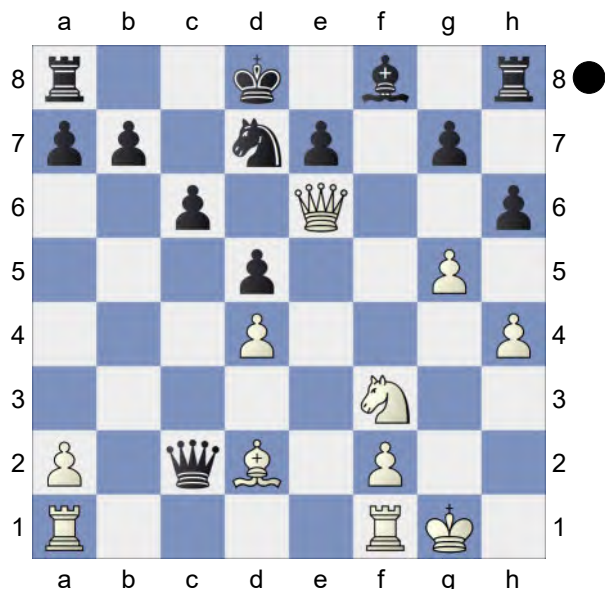
[15.Nxd2 hxg5 16.Bxg5 Qxb2±]

15...Qxb2



16.0-0 Qxc2 17.Qxe6

[17.Ba5+ b6 18.Bb4 Qf5 19.Qxf5 exf5±]

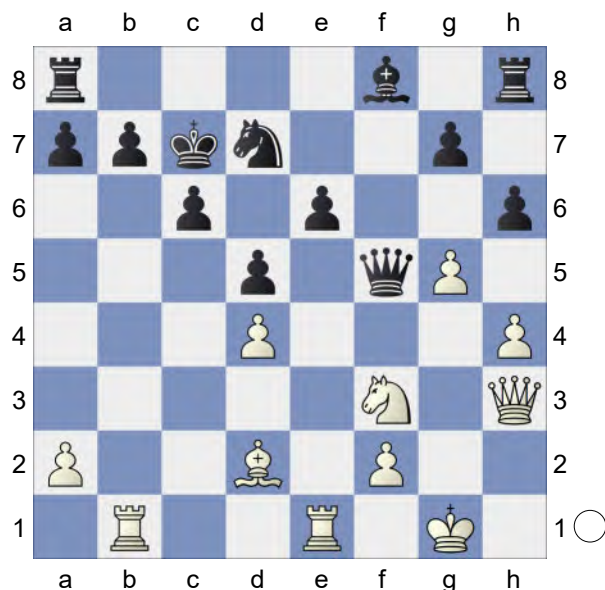


Strongly threatening Bd2-a5+. 17...Qe4

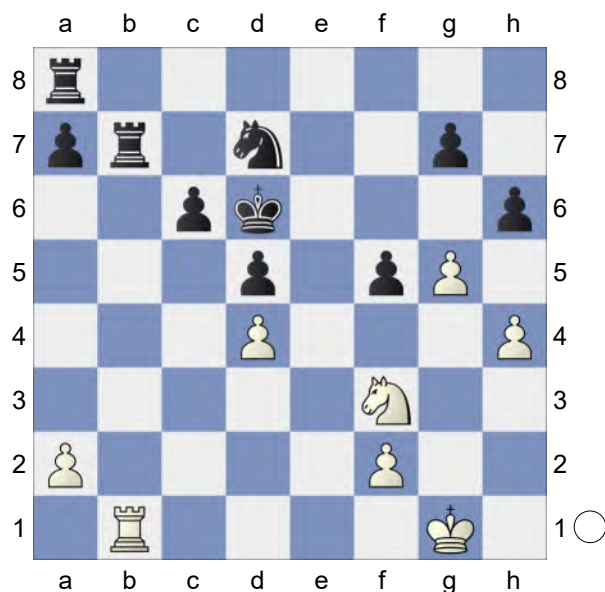
18.Qh3 aiming for Rf1-e1.

[18.Ne5 is interesting. Nxe5 19.dxe5 hxg5 20.Bxg5 Rxh4 21.Bxh4 Qxh4 22.Rfb1]

18...e6 19.Rab1 Kc7 With the idea ... h6-h5. 20.Rfe1 Qf5

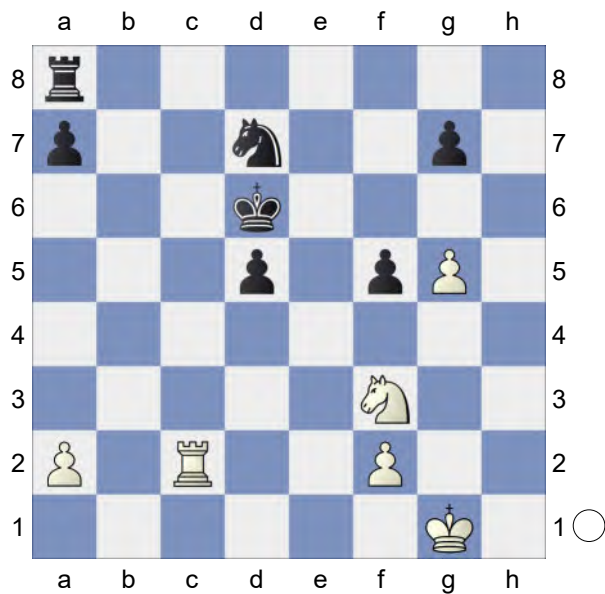


21.Qxf5 exf5 22.Bf4+ Bd6 23.Bxd6+ Kxd6 24.Rxb7 Rhb8 25.Reb1 Rxb7

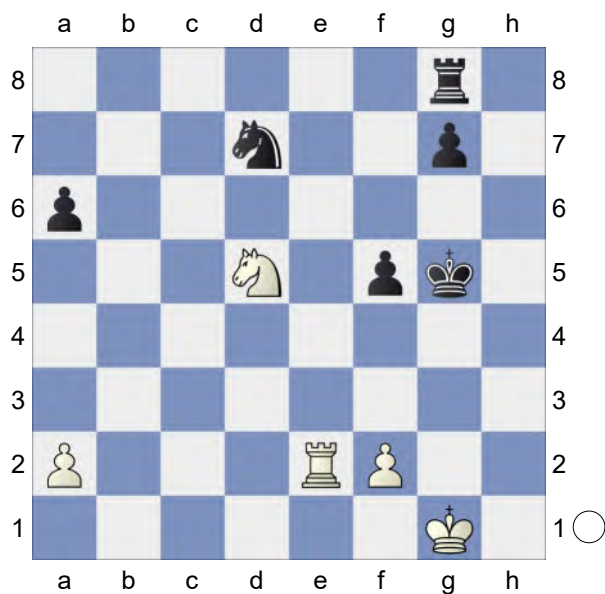


26.Rxb7 hxg5 27.hxg5± Endgame. KRN-KRN 27...c5 28.dxc5+ Kc6 29.Rb2 Kxc5 30.Rc2+ Kd6

(Diagram)

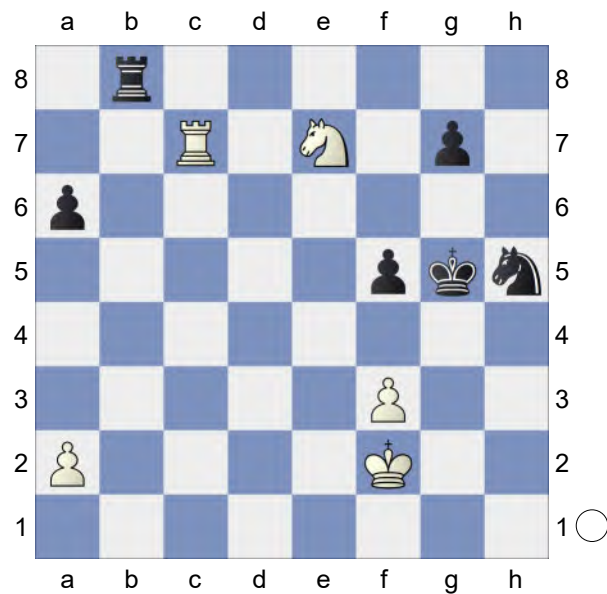


31.Nd4 Black must now prevent f2-f4!
31...Ke5 32.Nb5 -0.86/22
 [32.Nf3+ ♖ -0.46/23 Kd6 33.Nd4]
32...a6 -0.37/27
 [32...Nf8 ♖ -0.86/22 33.Re2+ Kf4]
33.Re2+ Kf4 34.Nc7 Rg8 35.Nxd5+ Kxg5

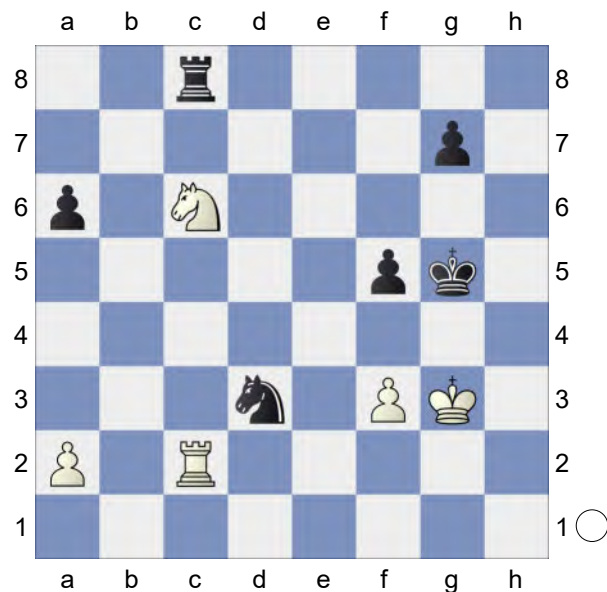


36.Re7 Nc5 37.Rc7! Ne4 38.f3! Ng3
39.Kf2 Nh5 40.Ne7? -2.00/25
 [40.Rc1! ♖ -0.36/23]
40...Rb8+

(Diagram)

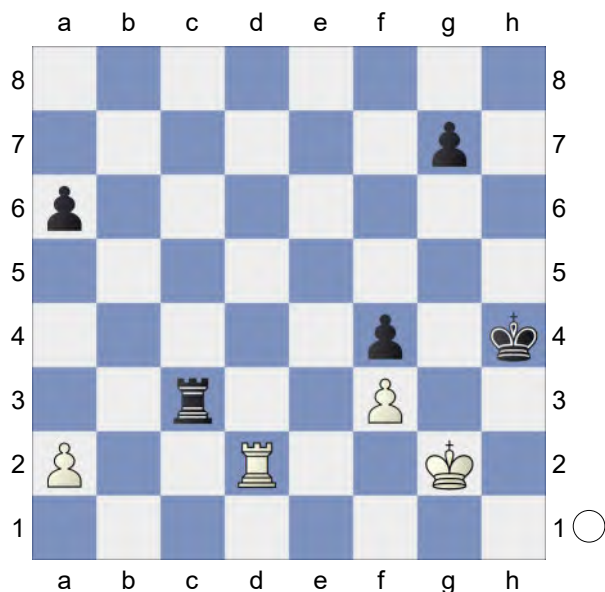


41.Rc2 Dodges Rb8-b2 **41...Nf4 42.Kg3 -2.80/28**
 [♞42.Nc6 -1.80/24 Rc8 43.a3]
42...Rh8 43.Rh2 Repels Rh8-h3+
43...Re8 44.Nc6 Rc8 45.Rc2 Nd3 -0.95/28
 [45...Rh8+ -1.85/26 Threatens to win with ...Rh8-h3+. 46.Rh2 Nh5+ 47.Kf2 Re8]



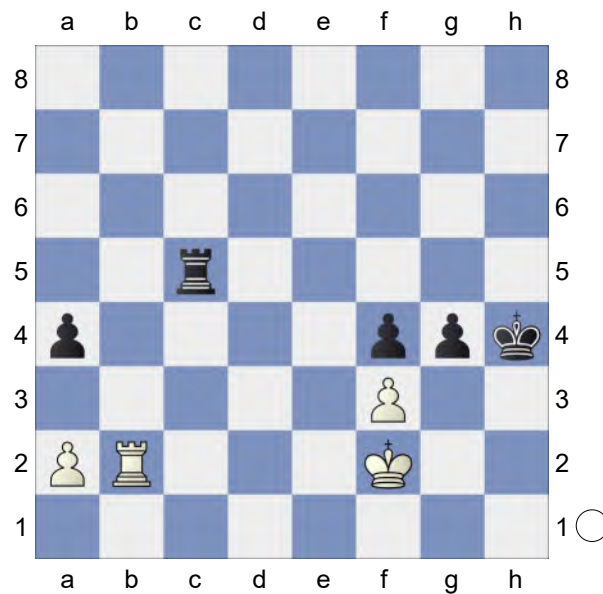
46.Rc4 -1.82/27
 [46.Rd2 ♖ -0.95/28]
46...f4+ 47.Kg2 Nb2 -1.24/24

[47...Rc7+ -1.71/26 48.a3 Kh4]
48.Rb4? -3.76/24
 [48.Rc2+ -1.24/24 was worth a try.]
48...Rxc6 49.Rxb2 KR-KR 49...Kh4
50.Rd2 Rc3



51.Kf2 a5 52.Kf1 g5 -5.47/27
 [Δ52...Rxf3+ -11.65/28 53.Kg1 g5]
53.Ke2 g4 54.Rb2 a4 -5.67/23
 [Δ54...Re3+ -13.35/25 55.Kf2 Rxf3+
 (55...gxf3 56.Rb8+) 56.Ke2 Ra3]
55.Kf2 Rc5 -4.17/29
 [55...gxf3 56.Rb8 Kg4 57.Rg8+ Kf5
 58.Rf8+ Ke4 59.Re8+ Kd4 60.Ra8]
 [Δ55...Rxf3+ -14.94/25 56.Kg1 Rd3
 57.Rh2+ Kg5]

(Diagram)

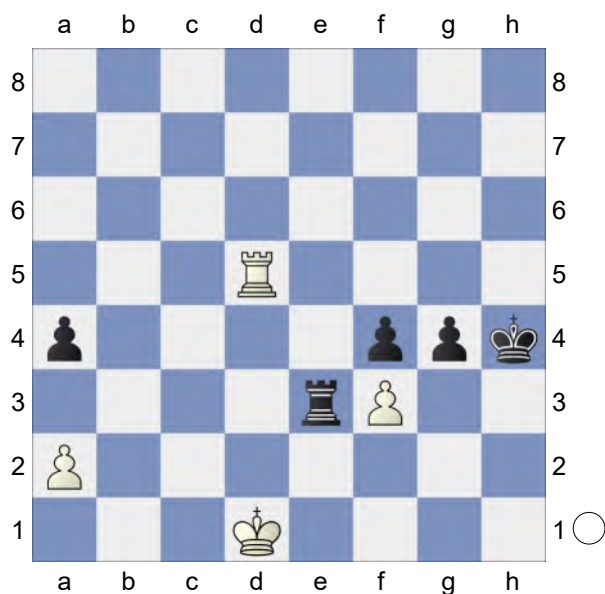


56.Ke1 -15.02/25
 [Δ56.fxg4 -4.17/29 Kxg4 57.a3]
56...Re5+ -5.44/27
 [Δ56...Kg3 -15.02/25 57.fxg4 f3
 (57...Kxg4? 58.Rb8+)]
57.Kd1 Kg3 -6.34/21
 [Δ57...gxf3 -#14/22 58.Rc2 Kg3
 59.Rc3 Re3 60.Rc1 f2 61.Kd2 Kg2
 62.a3 f1Q (62...f1B? 63.Rc8+)
 63.Rxf1 Kxf1 64.Kc2 Ke2
 (64...Rxa3 65.Kc1 Ra2 66.Kb1 Re2
 67.Ka1 f3 68.Kb1 f2 69.Kc1 Kg2
 70.Kd1 f1Q#) 65.Kb1 f3 (65...Rxa3
 is a self mate. 66.Kb2 Rb3+ 67.Ka2
 f3 68.Ka1 Kd3 69.Ka2 Kc2 70.Ka1
 Ra3#) 66.Kc1 f2 (66...Rxa3 67.Kb2
 Rb3+ 68.Ka1 Kd3 69.Ka2 Kc2
 70.Ka1 Ra3#) 67.Kb1 Kd3
 (67...f1R+ 68.Kc2 Rg1 69.Kb2 Kd3
 70.Ka2 Re2#) 68.Kc1 f1Q+ 69.Kb2
 Re2#]
58.Rd2 Re3 -7.28/21
 [Δ58...gxf3 -#12/22 59.Kc2 Re2
 60.Rxe2 Remove Defender fxe2
 (60...f2? 61.Re6+) 61.Kd2 Kf2
 62.Kd3 e1Q (62...e1B 63.Ke4 f3
 64.Kf5 Ke3 65.Kg6 f2 66.Kf7 f1Q+
 67.Ke8 Bh4 68.Kd7 Qf7+ 69.Kc6

Kd4 70.Kb6 Bd8+ 71.Ka6 Qc7
 72.Kb5 Qc4#) 63.Kc4 f3 64.Kd5
 Kg3 65.Kd6 f2 66.Kd7 f1Q
 (66...f1R 67.Kd6 Qc3 68.Ke7 Qf6+
 69.Kd7 Qg6 70.Kd8 Qg7 71.Ke8
 Rf8#) 67.Kd6 Qf6+ 68.Kd5 Qb4
 69.a3 Qbd4#]

59.Rd5 Kh4 -6.34/24

[59...gxf3 -#14/21 60.Kc2 f2
 61.Rd1 Re1 62.Rd3+ f3 63.Kc3 f1Q
 (63...f1R? 64.Kb4+) 64.Kd4 Rd1
 65.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 66.Ke5 f2 67.Kf6
 f1Q+ (67...f1B leads to mate. 68.Ke7
 Qd5 69.Ke8 Qe6+ 70.Kd8 Qd6+
 71.Ke8 Bc4 72.a3 Qc7 73.Kf8
 Qf7#) 68.Ke6 Qa6+ 69.Ke7 Qg6
 70.Kf8 Qd8#]



Weighted Error Value: White=1.05/
 Black=0.91

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□ Freytag, Walter

■ Burgau, Thomas

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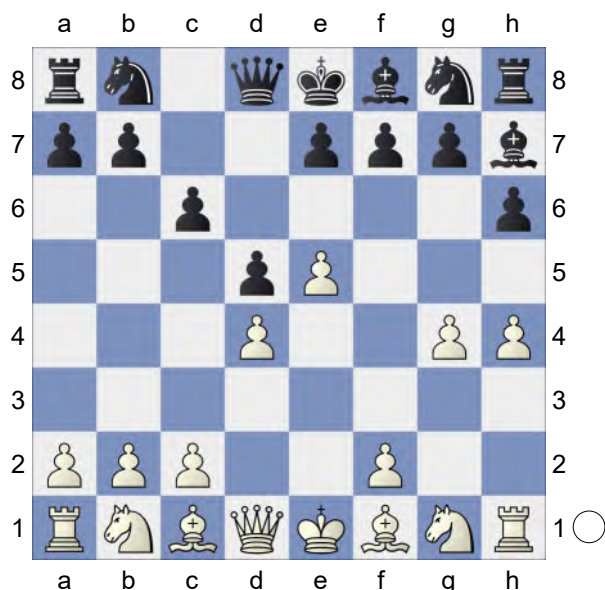
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7



6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Qd6N
1.34/22

[Black should play 8...c5!± 0.41/21]

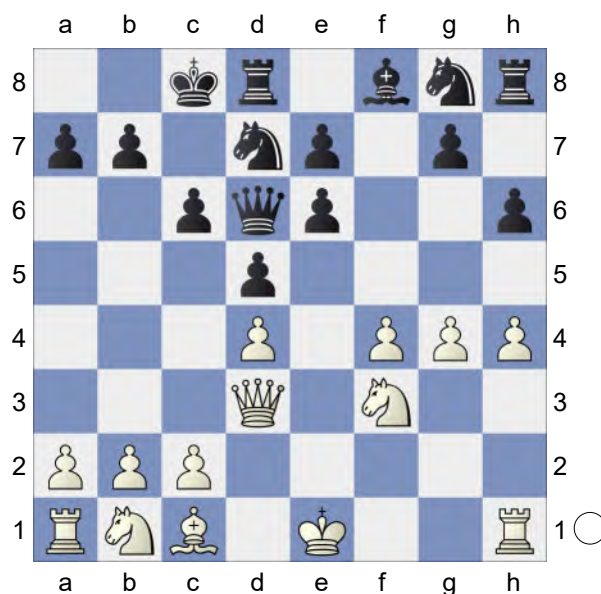
[8...Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5
11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4
Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5
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1-0 Mastrovasilis, D (2095)-Grischenko,

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9.f4± White is more active. 9...Nd7
1.76/21

[9...e5± 0.99/19]

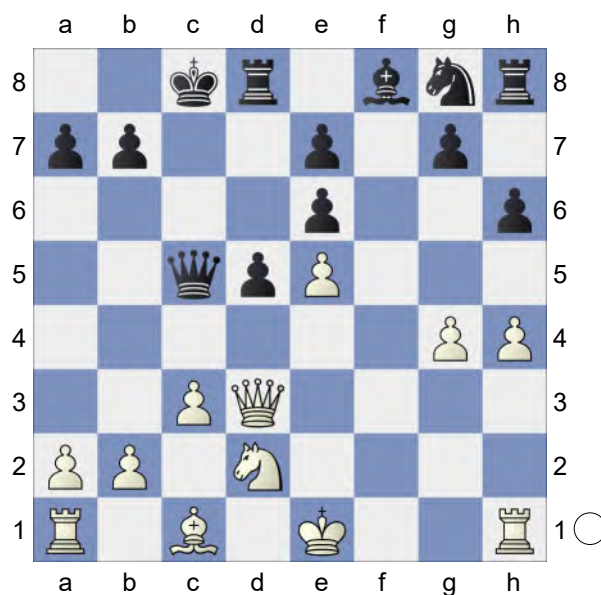
10.Nf3 0-0-0



White is clearly better. 11.Ne5 Nxe5
12.fxe5 Qb4+ 13.c3 Qb6 14.Nd2 c5
2.66/23

[14...Nf6 1.70/21 15.exf6 exf6]

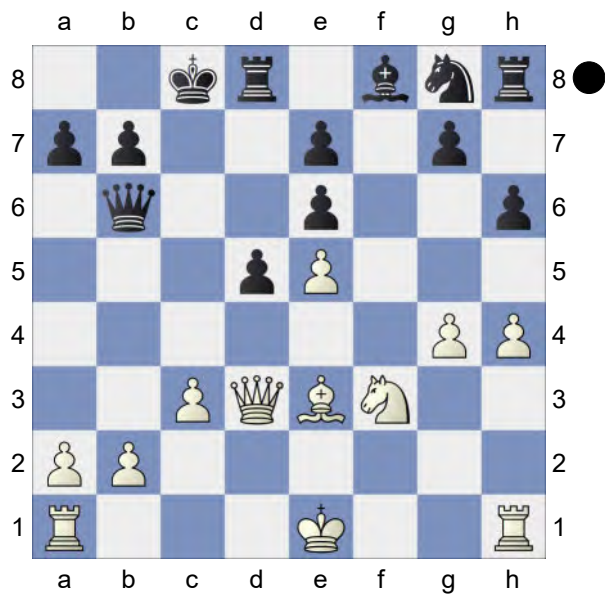
15.dxc5+- Qxc5



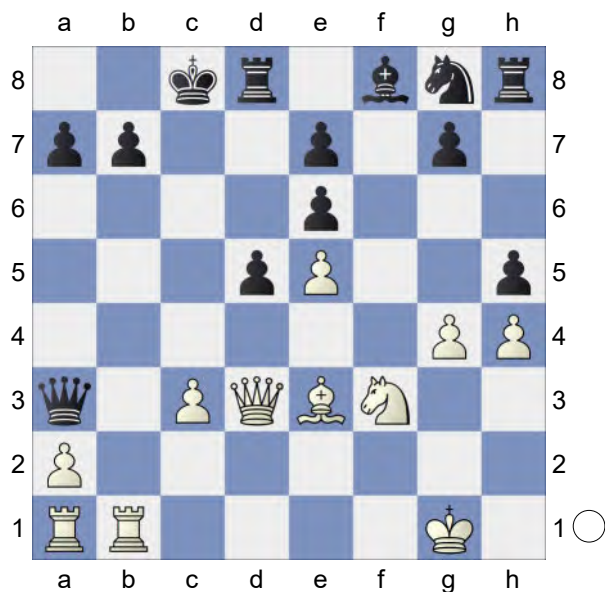
16.Nf3 Qb6 3.69/21

[16...Nf6 2.41/20 was necessary.]

17.Be3

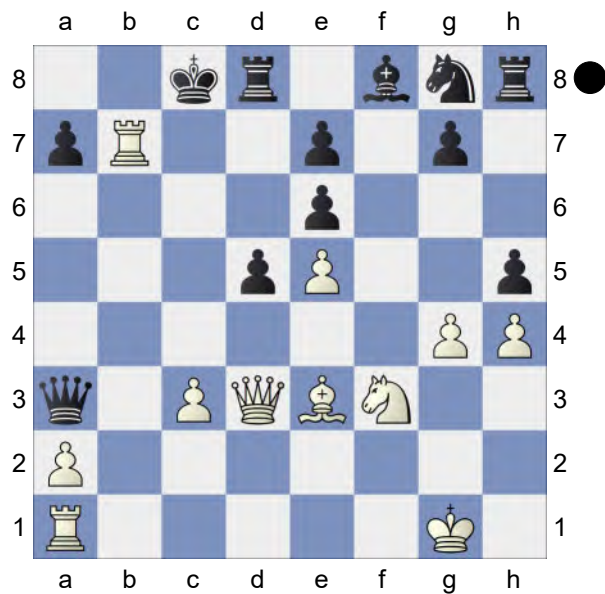


Skewer 17...Qxb2 18.0-0 h5 8.38/21
 [Δ 18...Qa3 4.03/22 19.Nd4 Qa4]
19.Rfb1 Qa3



20.Rxb7!!

(Diagram)



Clearance. Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.65

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□ **Perez Candelario, Manuel**

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■ **Hazarabedian, Guy**

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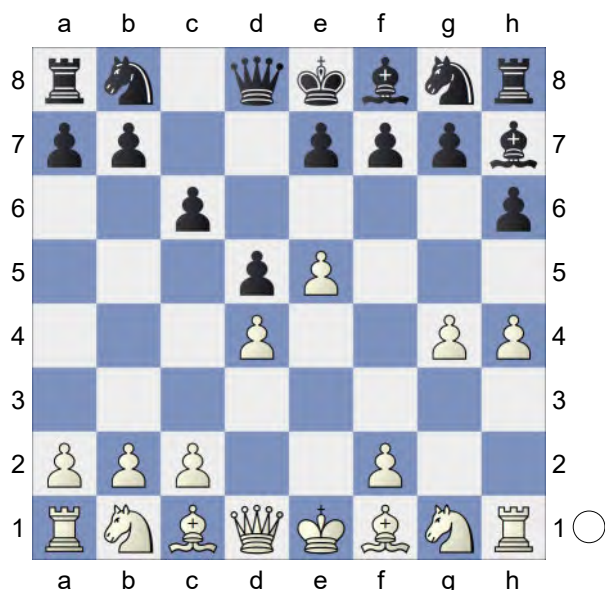
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7**

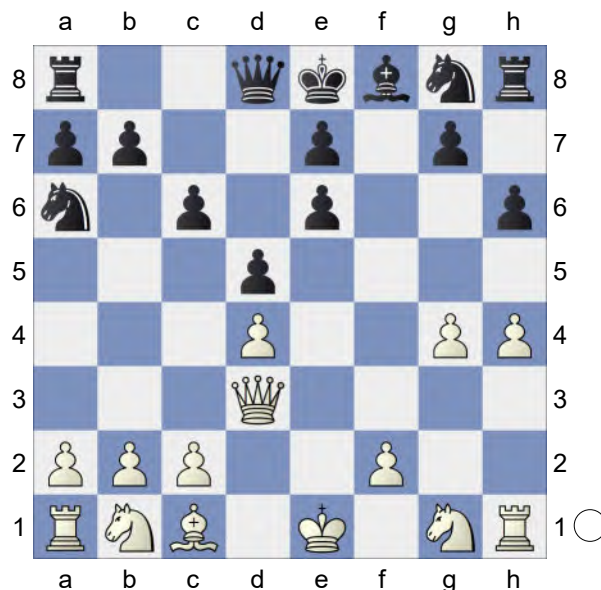


**6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Na6N
3.33/23**

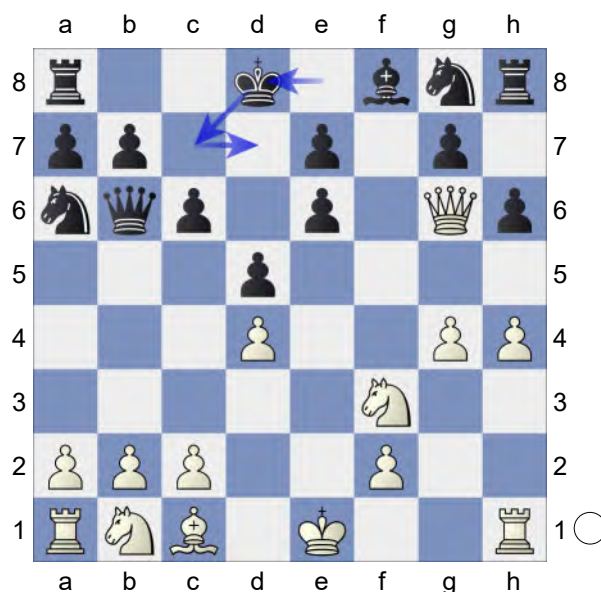
[8...c5± 0.92/21 was necessary.]

[8...Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5
11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4
Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5
16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1
Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxc4
21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 b6 23.c4
1-0 Moen, A (2095)-Blatt, F Izhevsk
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24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3
b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4
29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5
31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6
33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+
Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8
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9.Nf3+- Qb6 10.Qg6+ Kd8



White is winning. 11.Ne5 Active counter play!

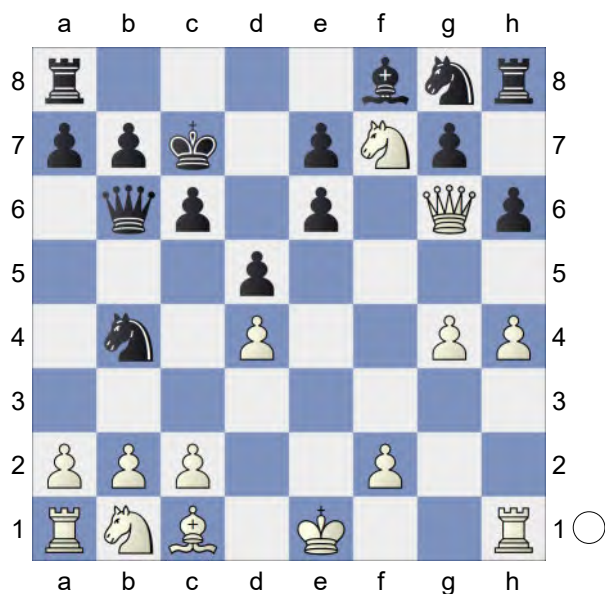
[11.Qxe6 Nf6+-]

11...Kc7 12.Nf7

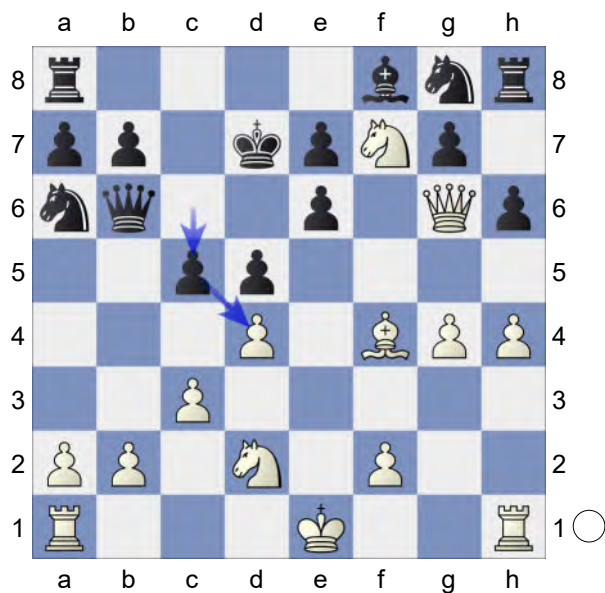
[Not 12.Qxe6 Nf6 13.Bf4 Qxd4
14.Ng6+ (14.Nxc6+? loses. Qxf4
15.Qe5+ Qxe5+ 16.Nxe5 Nb4+-)
14...Kd8+-]

12...Nb4? 6.63/21

[12...Qxd4 3.32/19 13.Nxh8 Nf6]

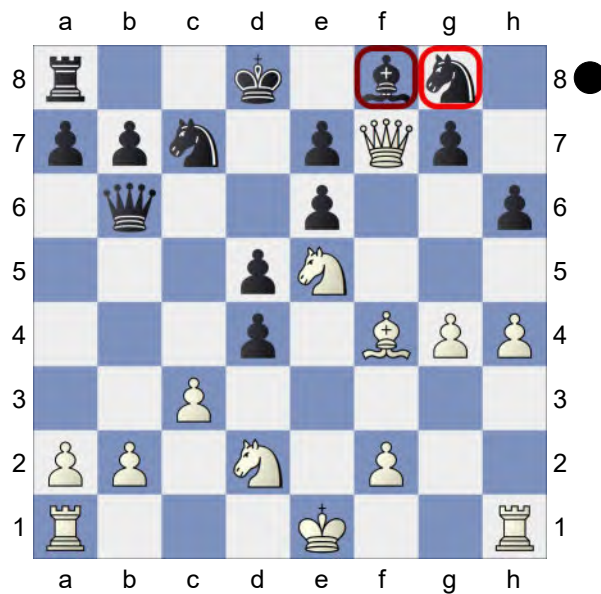


13.Bf4+ White is clearly winning.
13...Kd7 14.c3 Black is weak on the
 dark squares **14...Na6 15.Nd2 c5**



16.Nxh8 cxd4 17.Nf7 Nc7 18.Ne5+
Kd8 19.Qf7

(Diagram)



Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/
 Black=1.27

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□ Roeberg, Frank

■ Mertens, Klaus

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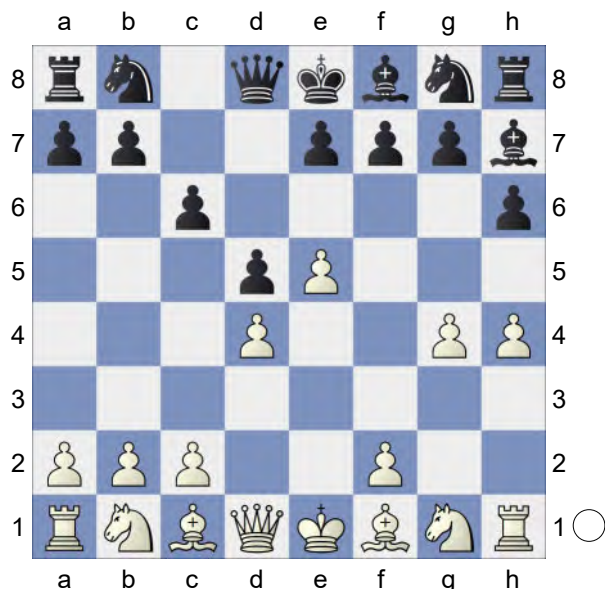
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

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5.g4 Bh7

[5...Bd7 6.h5 c5 (6...e6 7.f4 c5
8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Kf2 0-0-0
11.Kg3 Kb8 12.a4 cxd4 13.a5 Nxa5
14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Nxc6+
Bxc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qd4 Qxd4
19.cxd4 Ne7 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Bd3
0-1 Grünfeld 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 (2470)-

Theis, B (2613) (m/4-rapid) 101/(249)
2007 (5)) 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.Qxd5 Bxg4
9.Nc3 e6 10.Qg2 Bf5 11.Bb5 Qc7
12.Be3 0-0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nf3
Ne7 15.Nd4 Bh7 16.0-0-0 Nd5
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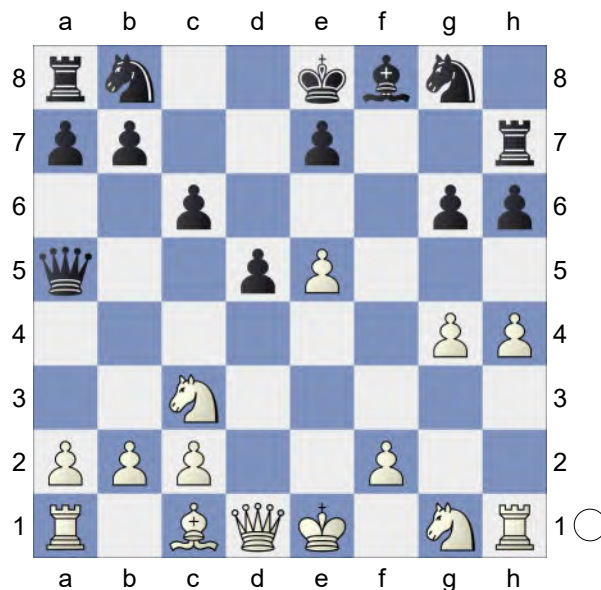


6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Qa5+N 1.11/22

[7...c5± 0.53/20]

[7...Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4
10.Nbd2 Qa5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4
dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8
15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3
h5 18.Rfd1 Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+
20.Qxg4 hxg4 21.e6 c5 22.Rd5
1-0 Moen, A (2095)-Blatt, F Izhevsk
Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) b6
23.c4 Kb7 24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1
Rc8 26.Rc3 b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4
bxc4 29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5
31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6
33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+
Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8
1-0 Mastrovasilis, D (2095)-Grischenko,
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8.Nc3± Threatens to win with Bd3xh7.
8...e5 1.51/19 9.Bxh7 Rxh7 White is
clearly better. 10.dxe5 And now Qd1-d3
would win. 10...g6



11.Qd3 Rg7 12.Bd2 e6 13.Qh3
Black must now prevent g4-g5. White is
more active. 13...Rf7 1.66/19

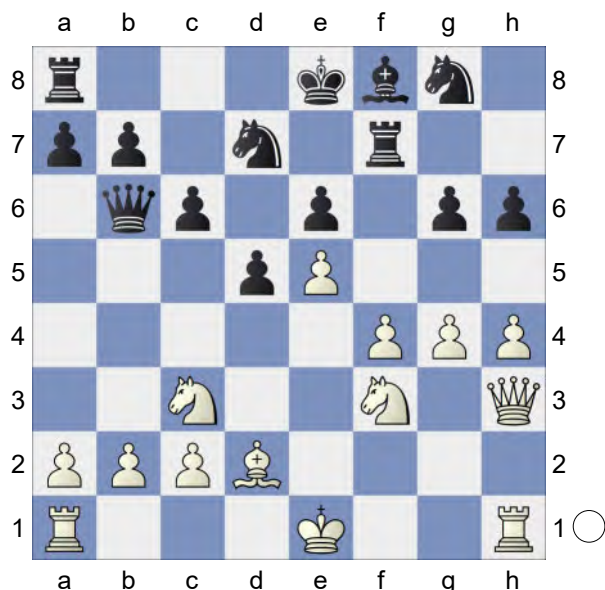
[13...Nd7± 0.90/20]

14.f4 1.30/19

[14.g5+- 1.66/19 Rf5 15.h5]

14...Nd7 2.04/19

[14...d4± 1.30/19 was worth a try.]
15.Nf3+- Qb6 2.64/21
 [15...0-0-0 1.77/19 was called for.]



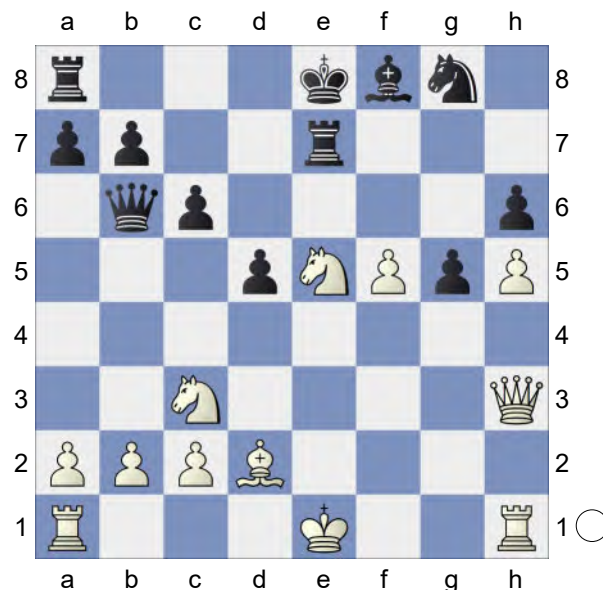
16.h5 aiming for 0-0-0. **16...g5 17.f5?**
 0.40/21

[Better is 17.fxg5+- 2.85/20 Qxb2
 18.Rb1 Skewer Rxf3 19.Rxb2
 (19.Qxf3 Qxc2 20.Rxb7 Nxe5+-)
 19...Rxb3 20.Rxb3]

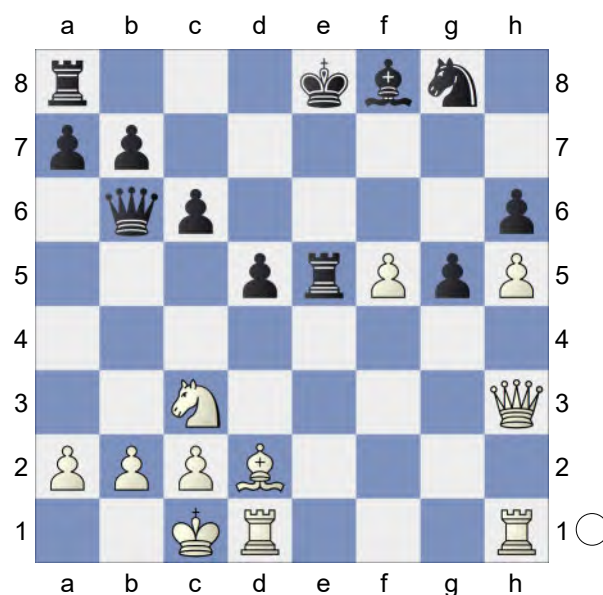
17...exf5!± 18.gxf5 0-0-0 is the strong threat.

[18.e6 Re7 19.gxf5 Ndf6=]
18...Nxe5 19.Nxe5 Re7

(Diagram)



20.0-0-0! Rxe5



21.Rde1!↑ White is in control.
21...Rxe1+ 2.69/20 This move loses the game for Black.

[21...Re7± 1.06/24 keeps fighting.]

22.Rxe1+- Kd7? 5.26/23

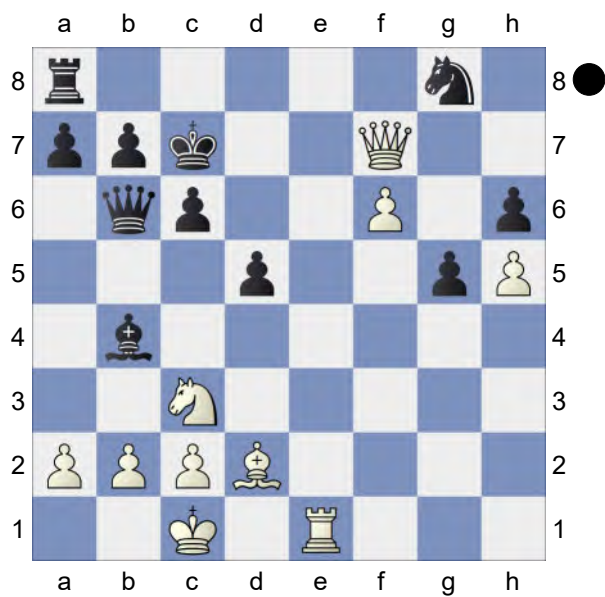
[22...Kf7 2.41/24]

23.f6+ White is clearly winning. **23...Kc7**

24.Qe6 Bb4 20.98/18

[24...Nxf6 4.78/21 25.Qe5+
 (25.Qxf6 Rd8+-) 25...Kd7 26.Qf5+
 (26.Qxf6 Rd8+-) 26...Kc7 27.Qe5+
 (27.Qxf6 Rd8+-) 27...Kd7 28.Qe6+]

(28.Qxf6 Rd8+-) 28...Kc7 29.Qxf6
Rd8]
25.Qf7+



Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/
Black=0.54

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□ Kikoursus

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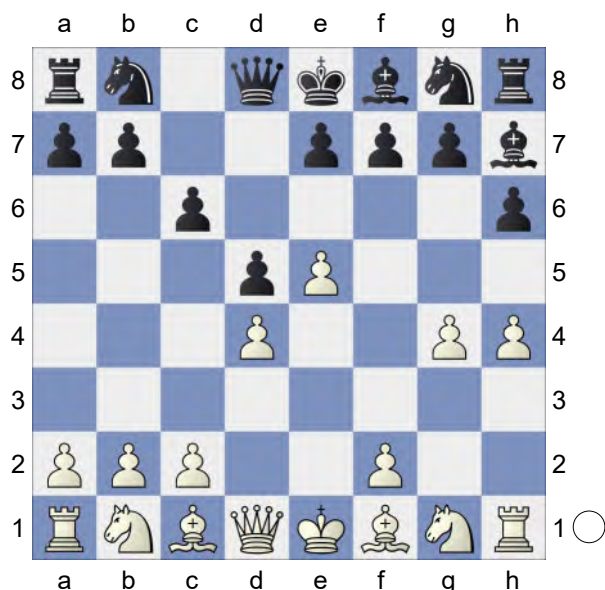
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7



6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6?
1.97/21

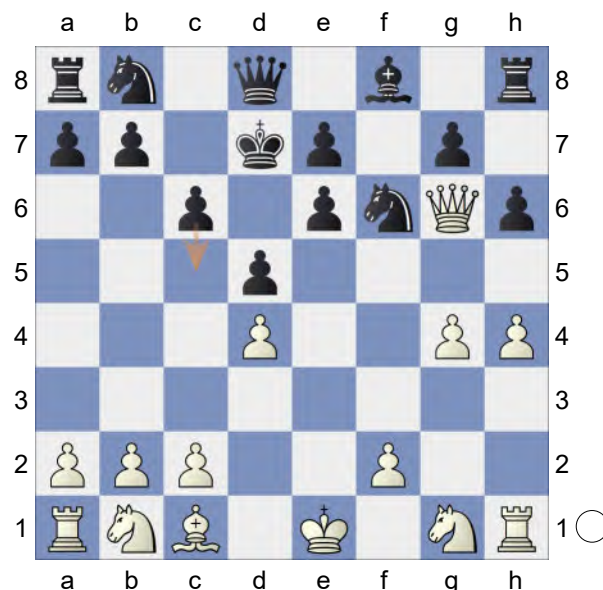
[8...c5!= 0.28/21]

9.Qg6+N White has strong
compensation.

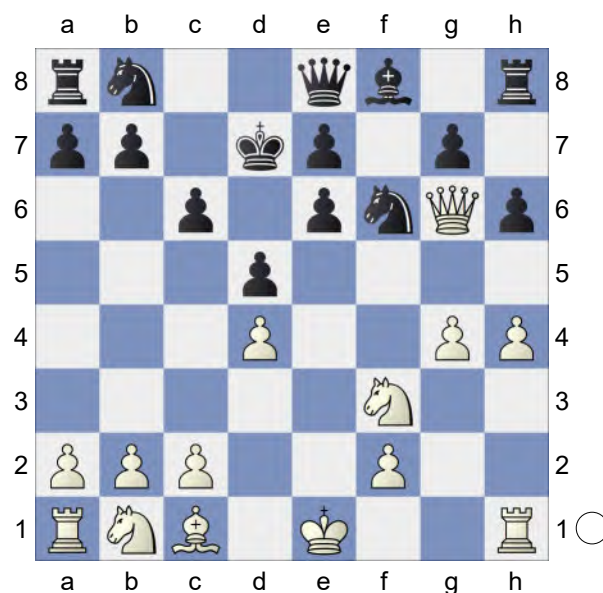
[9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5 11.0-0
Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5
14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5
Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1 Qf3
19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxg4
21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 b6 23.c4 Kb7
1-0 Moen,A (2095)-Blatt,F Izhevsk
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24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3
b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4
29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5
31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6
33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+

Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8
1-0 Mastrovasilis,D (2095)-Grischenko,
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9...Kd7



10.Nf3! aiming for Nf3-e5+. 10...Qe8



11.Ne5+ Kc8 12.g5 hxg5 13.Qxe8+
1.37/21

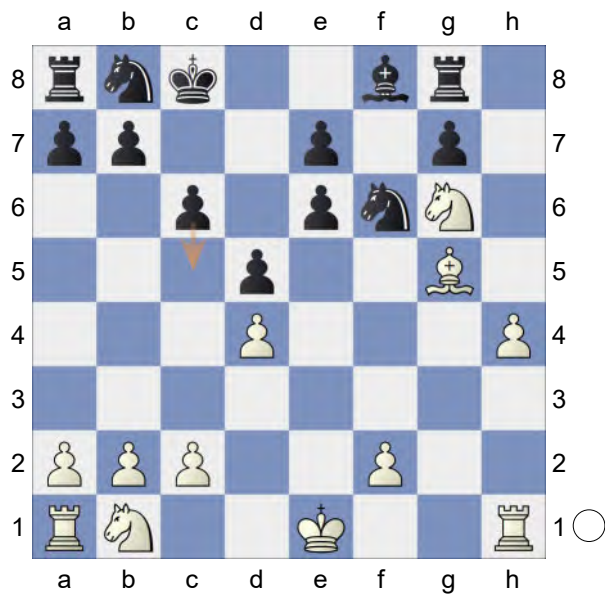
[13.Bxg5+- 1.77/22 Qxg6 14.Nxg6]

13...Nxe8± 14.Ng6

[But not 14.Bxg5 Nd7±]

14...Rg8 15.Bxg5 White is much more
active. 15...Nf6

(Diagram)



16.h5 0.95/19

[White should play 16.Nd2+- 1.89/21]

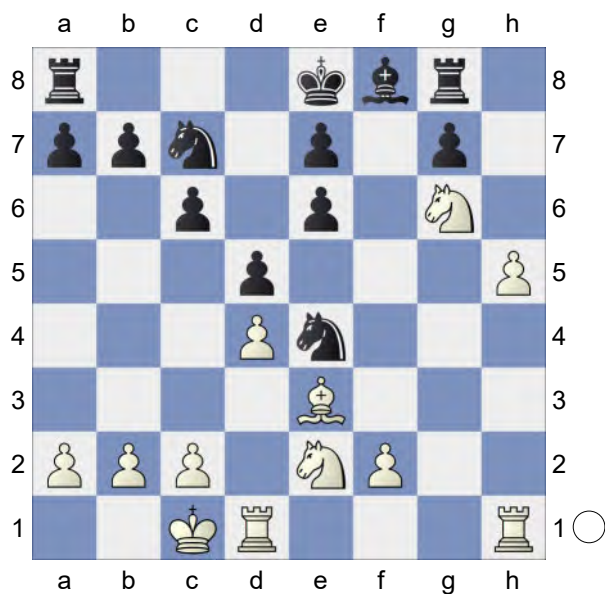
16...Kd8 2.01/21

[16...c5± 0.95/19]

17.Nc3 Na6 2.50/20

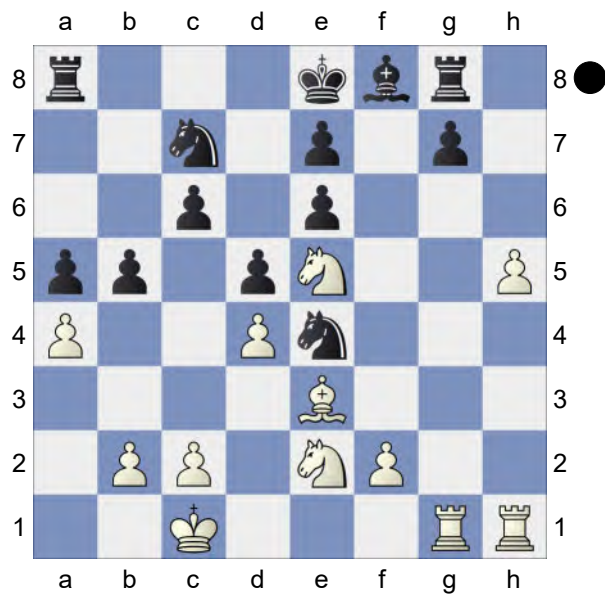
[17...c5± 1.60/20 was called for.]

18.Ne2 Ne4 19.Be3 Nc7 20.0-0-0 Ke8



21.Rdg1 a5 22.a4 b5 23.Ne5

(Diagram)



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□ Van Houtte,Thierry

■ Duric,Slavko

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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7

[5...Bd7 6.h5 c5 (6...e6 7.f4 c5
8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Kf2 0-0-0
11.Kg3 Kb8 12.a4 cxd4 13.a5 Nxa5
14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Nxc6+
Bxc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qd4 Qxd4
19.cxd4 Ne7 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Bd3
0-1 Grünfeld 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 (2470)-

Theis,B (2613) (m/4-rapid) 101/(249)

2007 (5)) 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.Qxd5 Bxg4

9.Nc3 e6 10.Qg2 Bf5 11.Bb5 Qc7

12.Be3 0-0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nf3

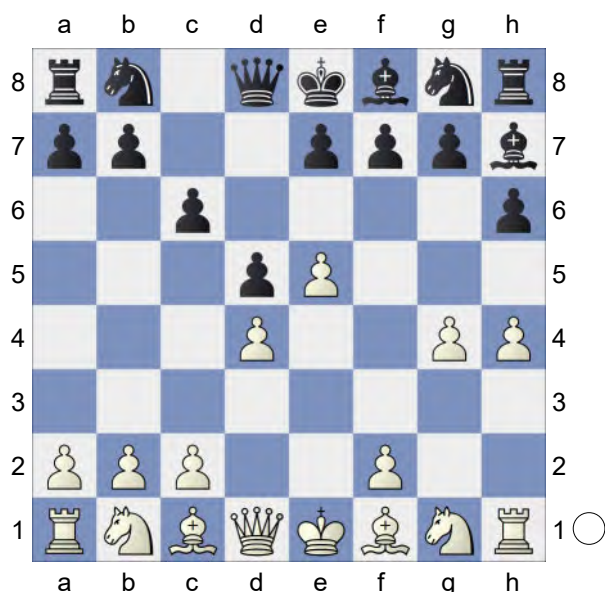
Ne7 15.Nd4 Bh7 16.0-0-0 Nd5

17.Nxd5 Rxd5 18.f4 Rxc5 19.Rd2

Rg8 20.Rhd1 1-0 Vachier Lagrave,M

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6.e6! Qd6

[6...fxe6 7.Bd3]

7.exf7+ Kxf7 8.Bd3N 0.08/21

[8.Nf3± 0.82/19]

[8.Nc3 e5 9.Qf3+ Nf6 10.g5 hxg5

11.hxg5 Be4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qb3+

Nd5 14.Rxh8 exd4 15.Ne2 Nd7

16.Nxd4 Qe5 17.Qxb7 Bb4+ 18.c3

Rxh8 19.Qxd7+ Kg6 20.Nxc6 Bxc3+

21.Kd1 Qf5 22.Qxf5+ 1-0 Moeller,J

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8...Nd7= The position is equal. 9.Bxh7

[9.Qf3+ is more complex. Qf6

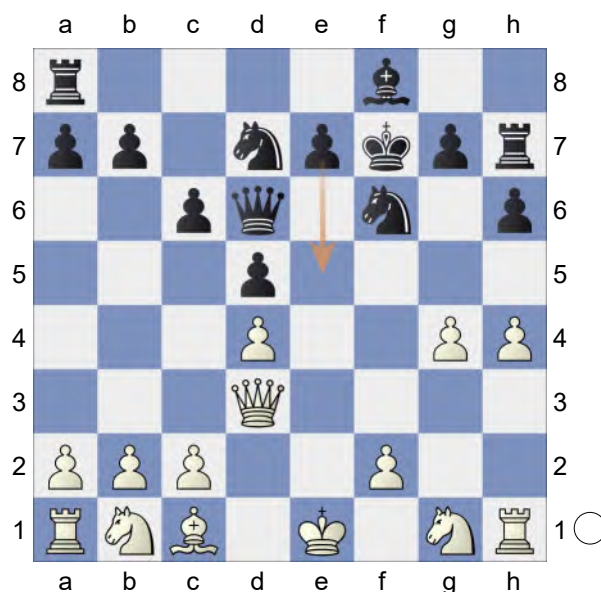
10.Bxh7 Rxh7 11.g5]

9...Rxh7 10.Qd3 -0.25/21

[♖10.Qf3+ 0.30/20 Qf6 11.g5 hxg5

12.Bxg5 Pin Qxf3 13.Nxf3]

10...Ngf6



...e7-e5! would now be deadly. 11.f4
-0.61/20

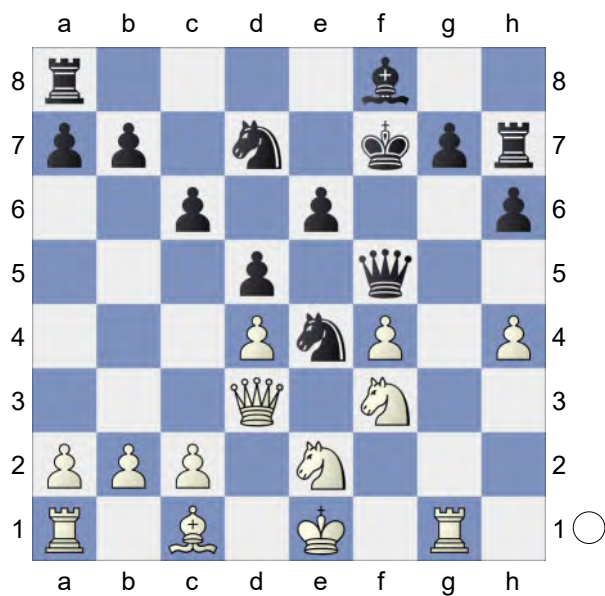
[11.g5= -0.20/21 should be
considered. hxg5 12.Bxg5]

11...Qe6+ 12.Ne2! Qxg4 13.Nd2 e6

Black is more active. 14.Nf3! Ne4

15.Rg1! Qf5

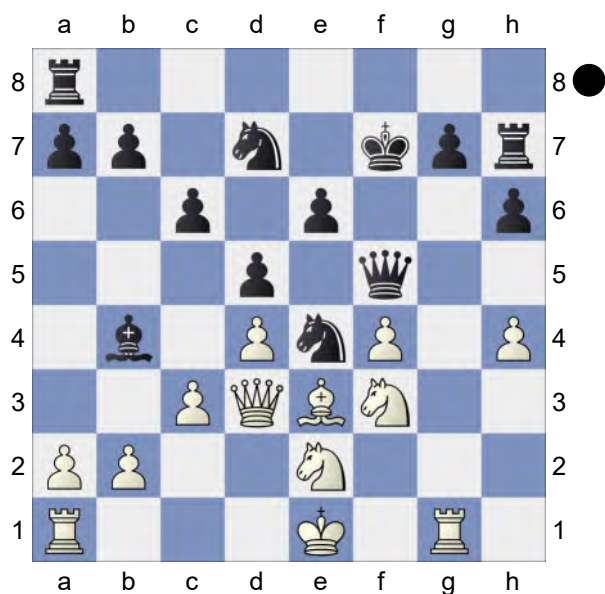
(Diagram)



16.Be3 -1.03/21

[16.Bd2 -0.66/21]

16...Bb4+ 17.c3

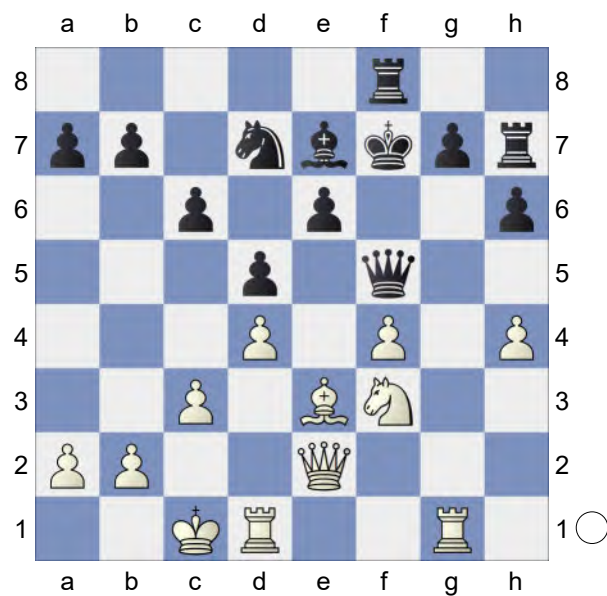


Ng3 -0.17/23 **18.Qd2 Nxe2 19.Qxe2**

Be7 20.0-0-0 Rf8 -0.01/20

[20...Kg8 -0.49/21]

(Diagram)



21.Ne5+= Ke8

[21...Nxe5 22.fxe5 Ke8 (22...Bxh4? 23.Rdf1+- Pin) 23.Rdf1]

22.Rdf1 -0.73/21

[22.Ng6= 0.01/20]

22...Bf6 0.01/20

[Better is 22...Bxh4+- -0.73/21 aiming for ...Bh4-e7. 23.Ng6 Be7]

23.Bd2 Kd8 24.b3 -1.26/21

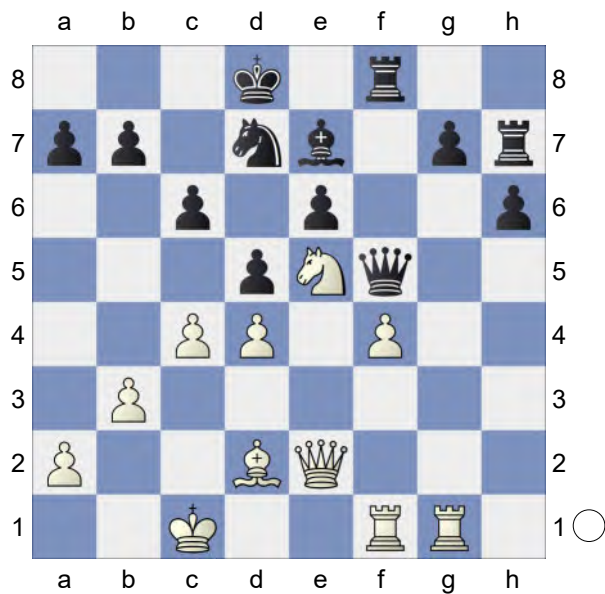
[24.h5= 0.01/18]

24...Bxh4+ 25.c4 Be7 -0.67/20

[25...Nxe5? 26.fxe5 Bf2 27.Rg2+-]

[Black should play 25...Rg8+- -1.24/21 26.Kb2 Bf6]

(Diagram)



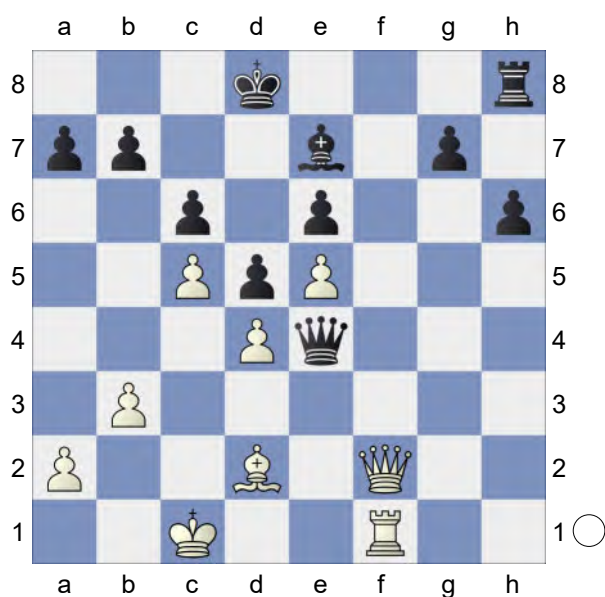
26.c5? -2.69/22 This costs White the game.

[White has to play 26.Ba5+! -0.67/20 Kc8 27.cxd5 exd5 28.Ng6 Ba3+ 29.Kd2]

26...Nxe5+ 27.fxe5 Qe4 28.Rxf8+ Bxf8 29.Qf2 Be7 30.Rf1? -4.39/22

[30.Qf7 -2.58/22 Qf5 (30...Qxd4 31.Qg8+ Kd7 32.Rg6=) 31.Qg8+ Bf8 32.Rh1]

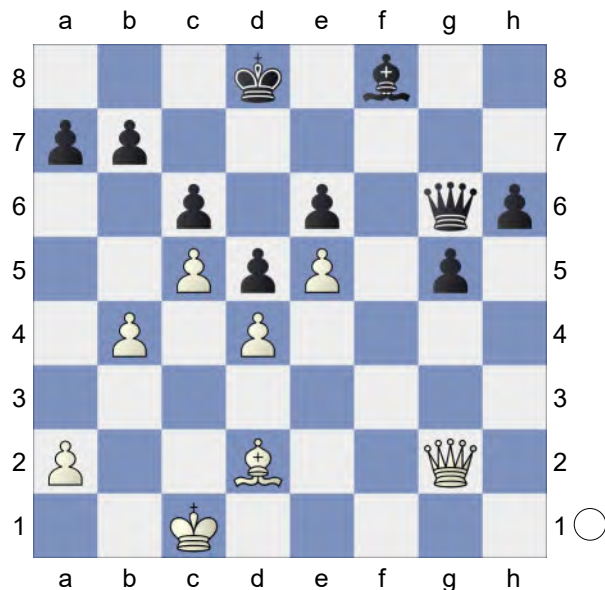
30...Rh8



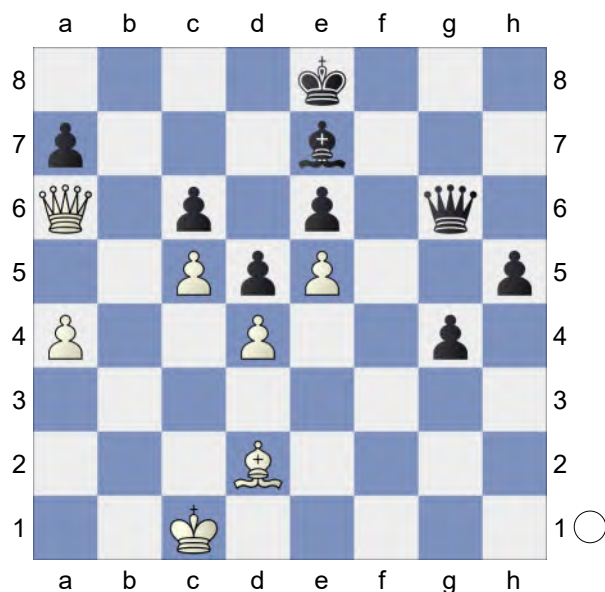
Strongly threatening ...Rh8-f8. 31.Re1 Qf5

[Inferior is 31...Bh4 32.Rxe4 Bxf2 33.Rf4=]

32.Qg2 g5 33.Rf1 Qg6 34.b4 Rf8 35.Rxf8+ Bxf8



Endgame. KQB-KQB 36.a4 g4 37.b5 h5 38.bxc6 bxc6 39.Qf1 Be7 40.Qa6 Ke8



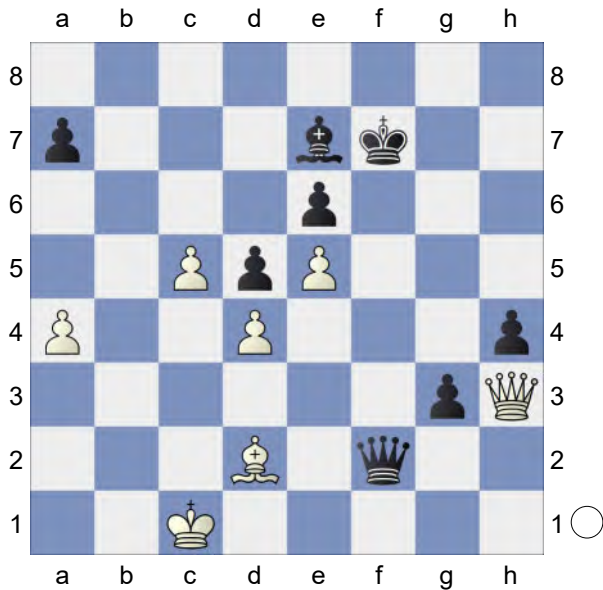
41.Qxc6+ Kf7 42.Qb5 g3 43.Qf1+ Qf5 44.Qg2 -10.59/24

[44.Qxf5+ -3.68/22 exf5 45.Be3]

44...Qf2 45.Qh3 h4

[45...Qxd4? perishes. 46.Qxh5+ Kg8 47.Qg6+ Kh8 48.Qe8+- (48.Qxg3

Qa1+ 49.Kc2 Qxa4+ 50.Kb1 Qb5+
 51.Kc2 Qxc5+ 52.Bc3 Qc6-+;
 48.Qxg3? Qa1+ 49.Kc2 Qxa4+
 50.Kb2 Qb5+ 51.Kc2 Qa4+ 52.Kb2
 Qd4+ 53.Bc3 Qxc5+]



Weighted Error Value: White=0.73/
Black=0.52

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□ Stein,Bernd

■ Martinovsky,Eugene

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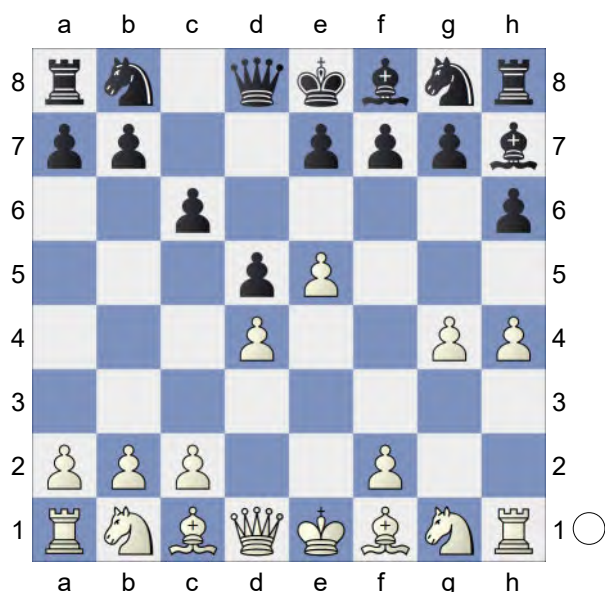
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7

[5...Bd7 6.h5 c5 (6...e6 7.f4 c5
8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Kf2 0-0-0
11.Kg3 Kb8 12.a4 cxd4 13.a5 Nxa5
14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Nxc6+
Bxc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qd4 Qxd4
19.cxd4 Ne7 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Bd3
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Theis,B (2613) (m/4-rapid) 101/(249)

2007 (5)) 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.Qxd5 Bxg4
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Ne7 15.Nd4 Bh7 16.0-0-0 Nd5
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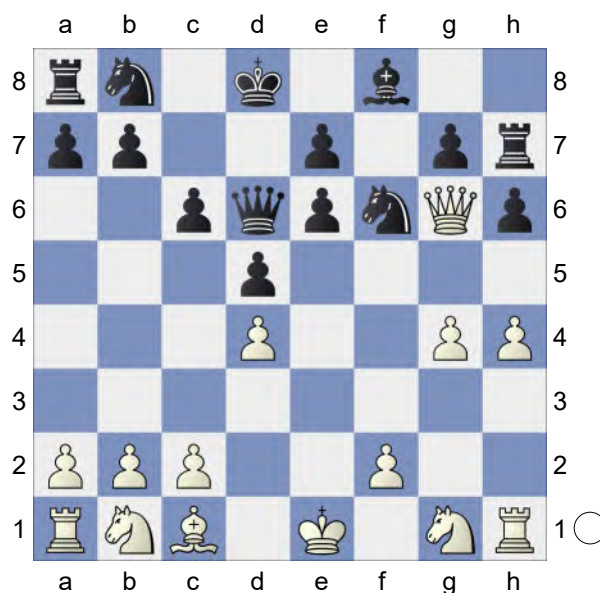
6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Bd3xh7 would now be

deadly. 7...Qd6N 1.98/22

[7...e5± 0.80/18]

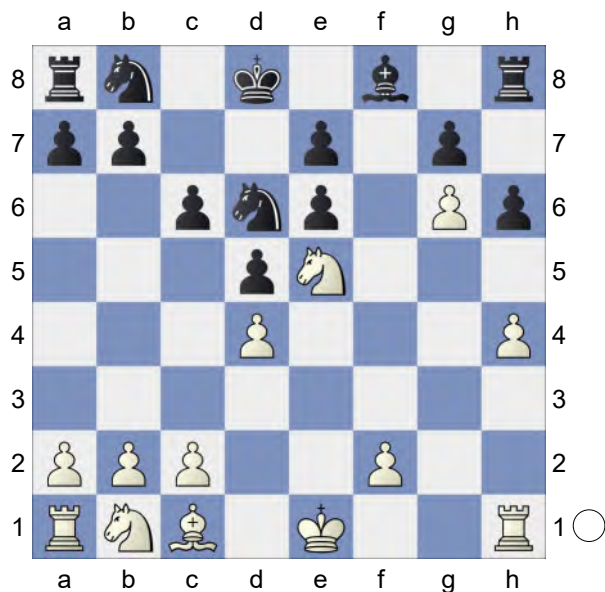
[7...Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4
10.Nbd2 Qa5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4
dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8
15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3
h5 18.Rfd1 Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+
20.Qxg4 hxg4 21.e6 c5 22.Rd5
1-0 Moen,A (2095)-Blatt,F Izhevsk
Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) b6
23.c4 Kb7 24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1
Rc8 26.Rc3 b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4
bxc4 29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5
31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6
33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+
Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8
1-0 Mastrovasilis,D (2095)-Grischenko,
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8.Bxh7+- Rxh7 9.Qd3 Nf6 White is
clearly better. 10.Qg6+ Kd8



11.Nf3 Qd7 12.g5 Black is weak on the
dark squares 12...Qe8 13.Qxe8+ Nxe8
14.g6 Rh8 15.Ne5 Threatens to win
with Ne5-f7+. White has strong
compensation. 15...Nd6

(Diagram)



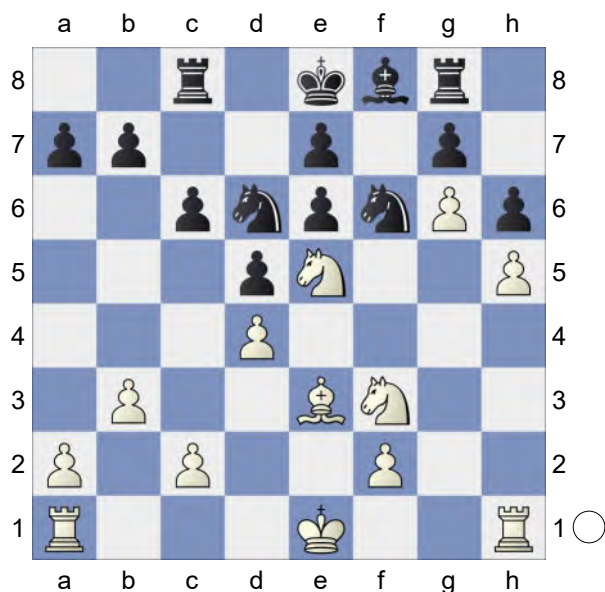
16.h5 Nd7 17.Nd2 1.32/18

[17.Bf4+- 1.93/20]

17...Rg8 2.21/19

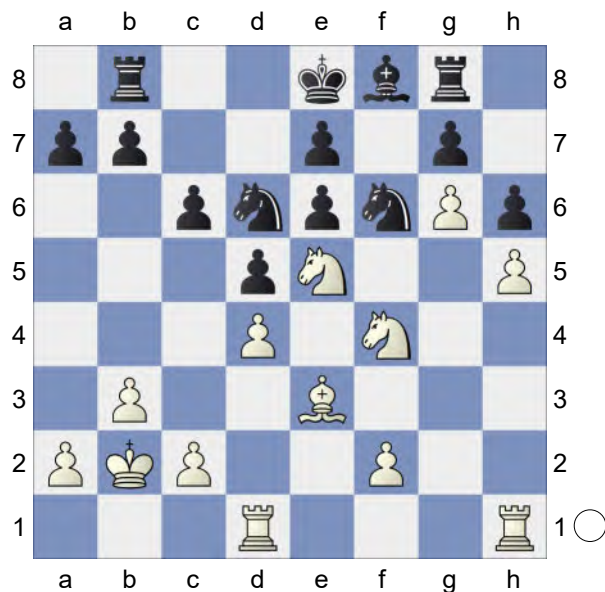
[17...Nxe5± 1.32/18 might work better. 18.dxe5 Nf5]

18.Ndf3 Nf6 19.b3 Rc8 20.Be3 Ke8



21.0-0-0 Kd8 22.Kb2 Ke8 23.Ne1 Nde4 24.N1d3 Rb8 25.Nf4 Nd6

(Diagram)

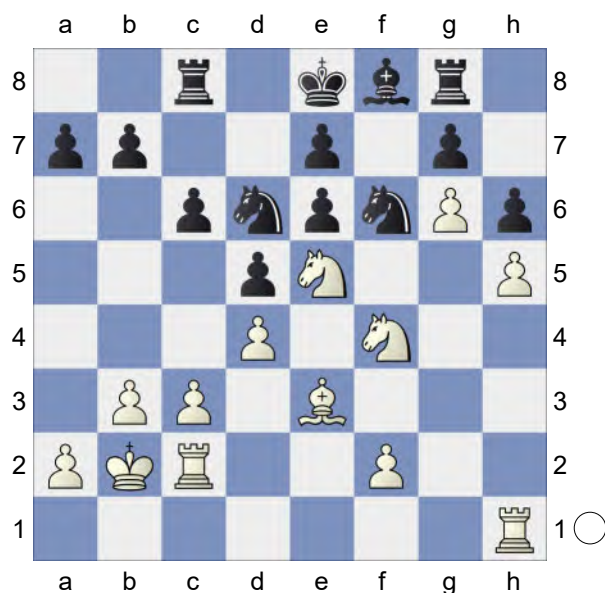


26.Rc1 Nd7 27.Nfd3 Nf6 3.41/21

[27...Nxe5 2.32/21 keeps fighting.

28.dxe5 Discovered Attack (28.Nxe5 Rc8+-) 28...Nc8]

28.c3 Rc8 29.Rc2 Rb8 30.Nf4 Rc8



31.Rd1

[31.Nxe6 b6 32.Re2 Nde4]

31...a6 32.Kc1

[32.Nxe6 Nxh5 33.Rh1 Nf6+-]

[32.Rh1 Nb5 33.Nxe6 Nc7]

32...Rb8 33.Kd2

[33.Nxe6 Nxh5 34.f3 a5+-]

[33.Rh1 Nb5 34.Nxe6 Rc8+-]

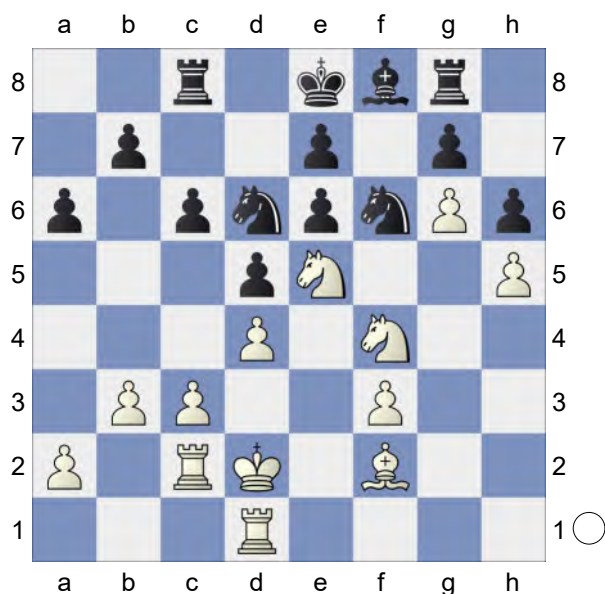
33...Rc8 34.f3

[34.Nxe6 Nxf5 35.c4 Nf6+-]

34...Nf5 35.Bf2

[35.Nxe6 Nxf5 36.Bf2 Nf6+-]

35...Nd6



36.a4

[36.Nxe6 Nxf5 37.c4 Nf6+-]

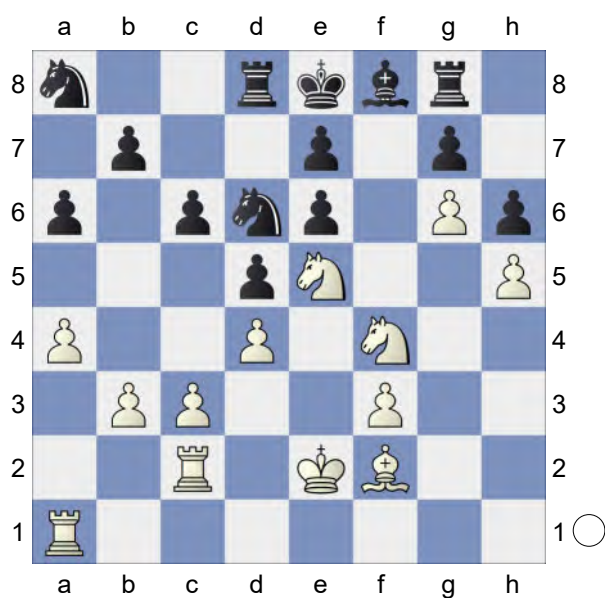
[36.Rh1 b5 37.Nxe6 a5+-]

36...Rb8 37.Rb1

[Don't take 37.Nxe6 Nxf5 38.c4 Nf6+-]

37...Rd8 38.Kd3 Nd7 39.Ke2 Nb6

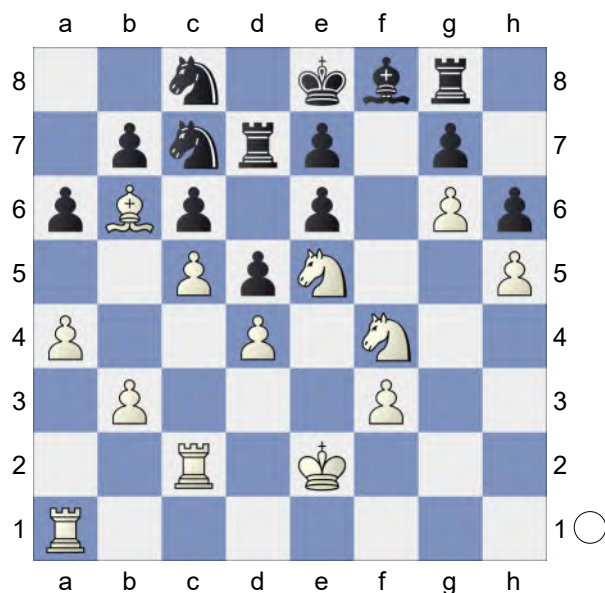
40.Ra1 Na8



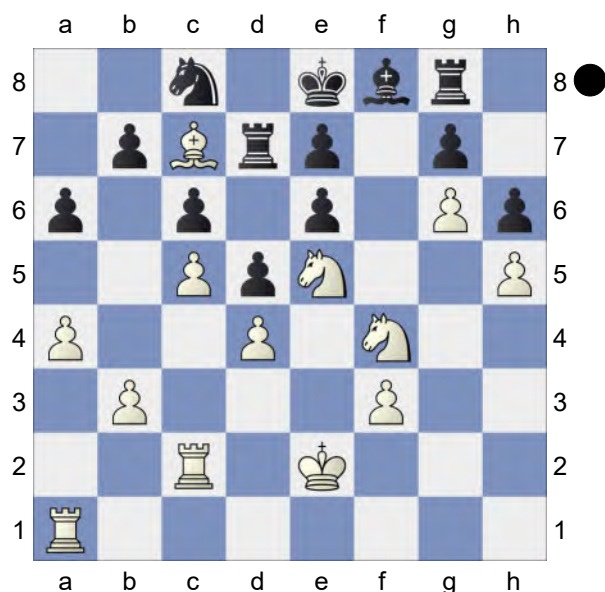
41.c4 Nc7 42.c5 Nc8? 6.14/21

[42...Ra8 3.66/21 43.cxd6 exd6]

43.Be1 Na7 44.Ba5 Rd7 45.Bb6 Nc8



46.Bxc7



Remove Defender 46...Rxc7 47.Nxe6

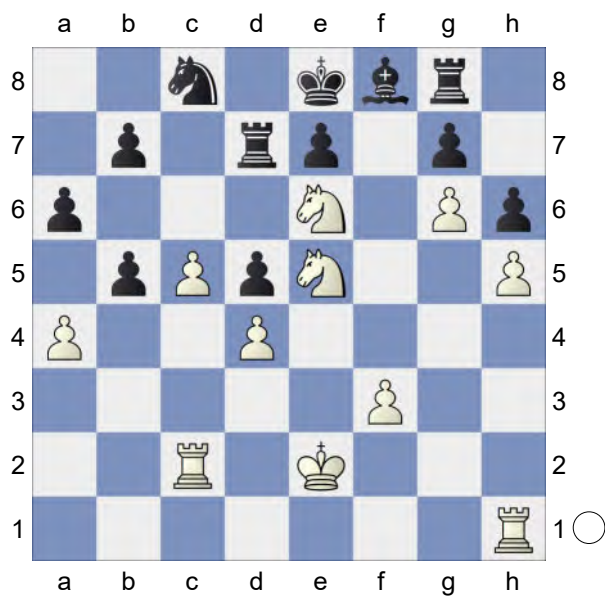
A dynamic duo of knights. 47...Rd7

48.b4 Na7 49.Rh1 Nc8 9.35/19

[49...Rd6 4.77/20 50.cxd6 exd6]

50.b5 cxb5

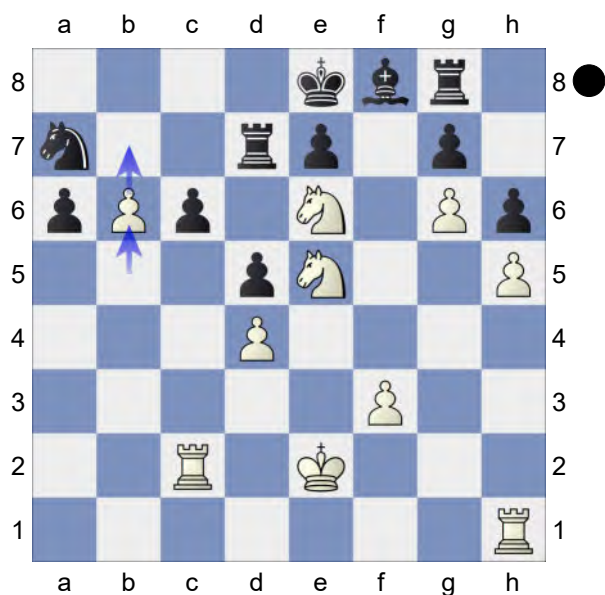
(Diagram)



51.axb5 12.13/20

[51.c6 #6/19 bxc6 52.Rxc6 Nd6
53.Rhc1 (53.Rxa6 Rc7 54.Nxc7+
Kd8 55.Ne6+ Kc8 56.Ra7 bxa4
57.Rc7+ Kb8 58.Nc6+ Ka8
59.Ra7#) 53...Nb7 54.Rc8+ **Skewer**
(54.Rxa6 bxa4 55.Rc8+ **Skewer** Nd8
56.Nxd7 Kxd7 57.Rxd8#) 54...Nd8
55.Rxd8+ **Deflection** Rxd8 56.Nc7#]

51...Na7 52.c6 bxc6 53.b6

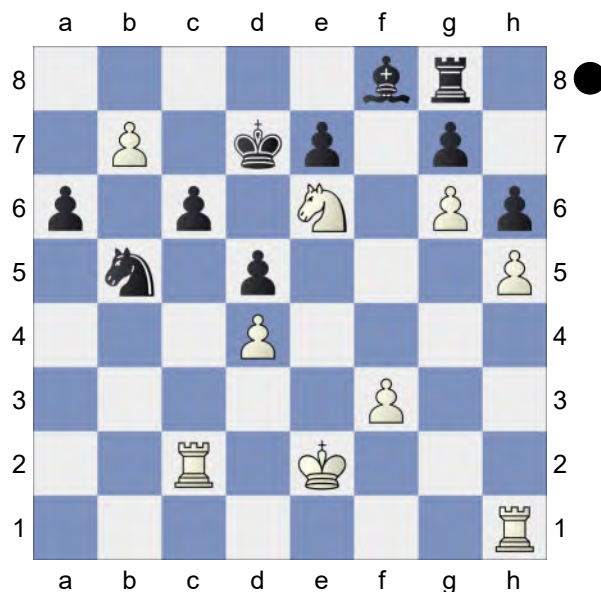


Deflection 53...Nb5 54.Nxd7 10.53/17

[54.Rxc6 #9/19 Nd6 55.Rhc1
(55.Ra1 Rb7+-) 55...Nb7 56.Rc8+

Skewer (56.Nc7+ Rxc7 57.bxc7
Rh8 58.c8Q+ Nd8 59.Qd7#)
56...Nd8 57.Rxd8+ **Deflection** Rxd8
58.Nc7#]

54...Kxd7 55.b7



**Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/
Black=0.77**

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□ Baum, Kurt
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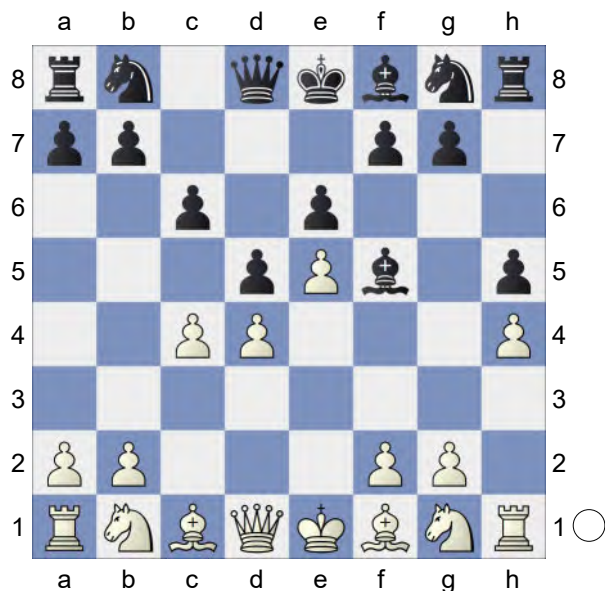
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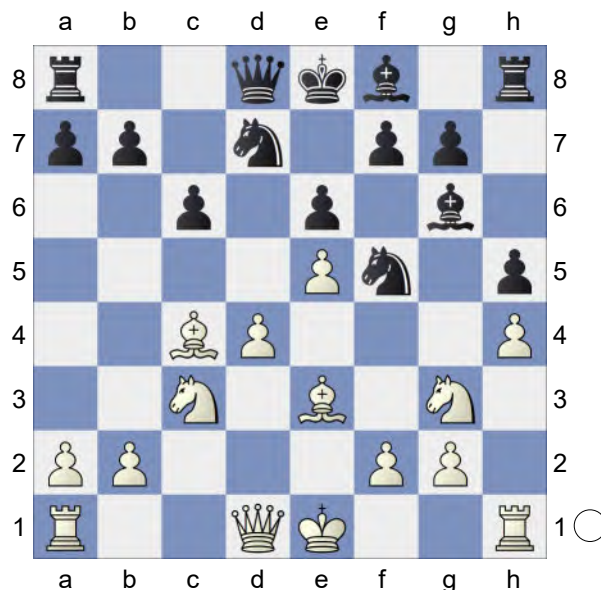
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4!?

I am not aware of any official name for this variation. It rarely ever receives a GM outing but it can prove common in club-level games. There is no real theory here, so just some common sense moves ought to see you through to a sensible position. 4...h5 5.c4 e6



6.Nc3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 Ne7 8.Nge2 Nd7 9.Ng3 Bg6! Now that White has spent a tempo developing the bishop to e2, Black captures on c4, giving White the unpleasant choice between recapturing with the b-pawn (which rather invites 10...c5 and will ultimately lead to a position with hanging central pawns), or moving the light-squared bishop again. 10.Be3 Nf5

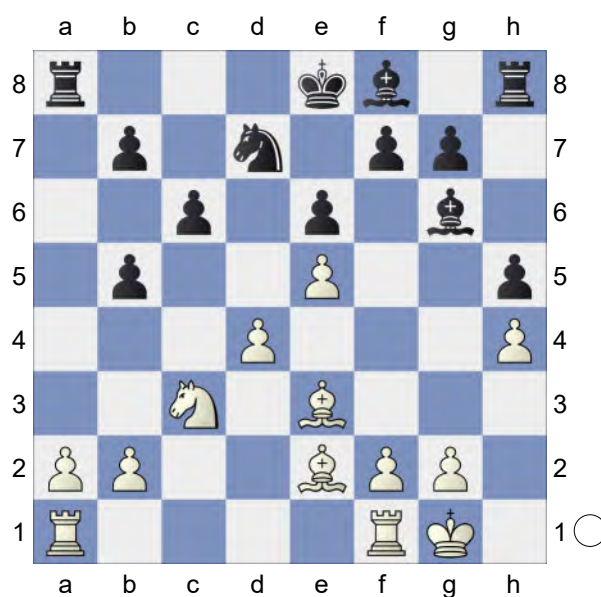
(Diagram)



11.Nxf5 Bxf5! This type of structure bears a closer resemblance to a Semi-Slav or Queen's Gambit Accepted than to the Nimzo. In those systems Black gains space on the queenside by advancing the b-pawn to b5 and then playing ...c7-c5. 12.Be2 Bg6

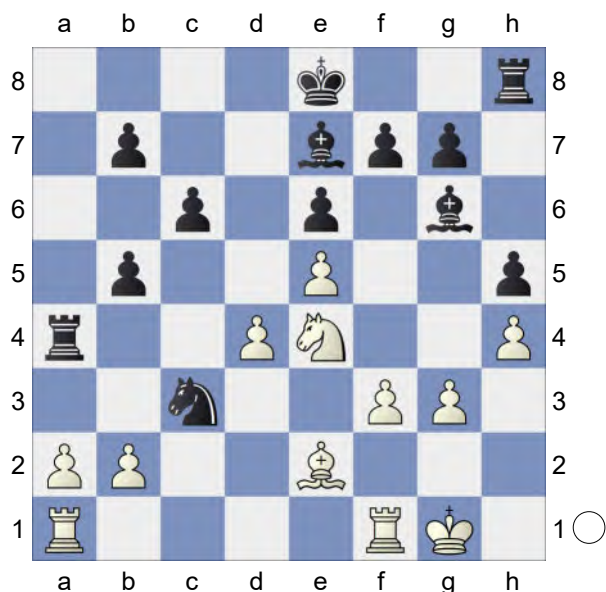
[12...g6 13.f3 Qa5 14.a3 Be7 15.b4 Qc7 16.Rc1 f6 17.g4 hxg4 18.fxg4 fxe5 19.gxf5 Rxh4]

13.Qb3 Qb6 14.Qxb6 axb6 15.0-0 b5

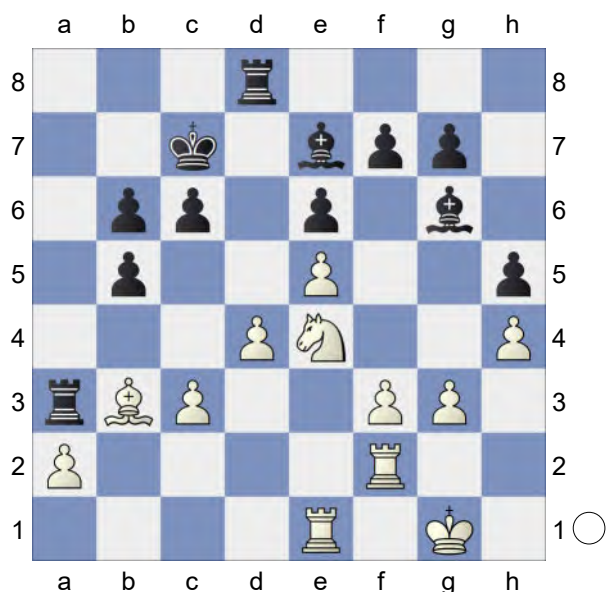


16.f3 Be7 Black already has an edge and this soon increases. 17.g3 Nb6

18.Ne4 Nd5 19.Bd2 Ra4 20.Bc3 Nxc3

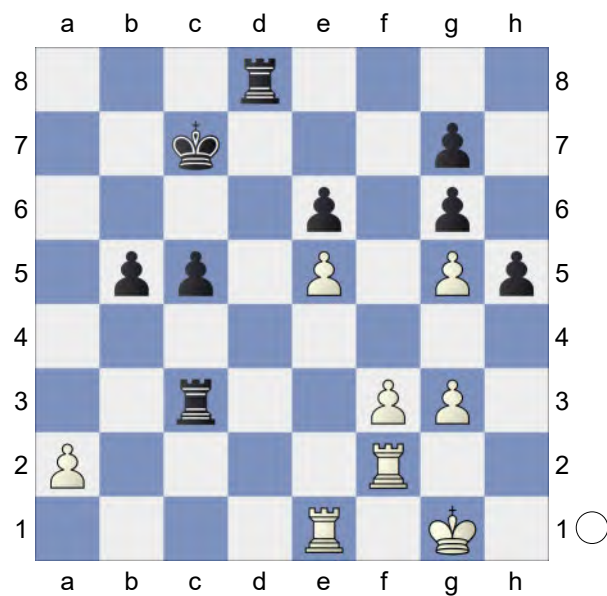


21.bxc3 Kd7! 22.Bd1? Ra3 23.Bb3 Kc7 24.Rae1 b6 25.Rf2 Rd8

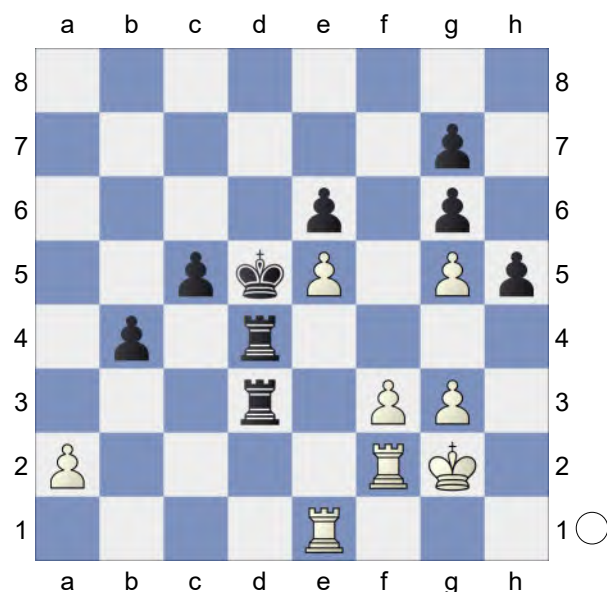


26.Ng5 c5 27.Bc2 Bxg5 28.Bxg6 fxg6 gave Black a very comfortable position in H.Schaufelberger-V. Tukmakov, Basle 2001. **29.hxg5 Rxc3 30.dxc5 bxc5**

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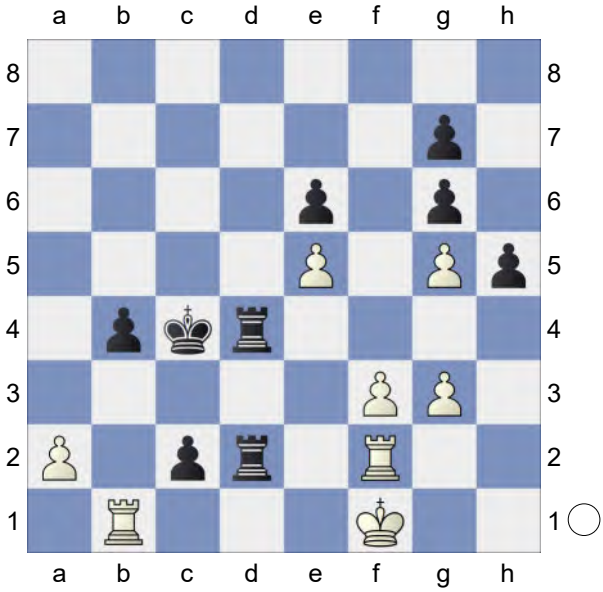


31.Kg2 and 31...Kc6 32.Rb1 b4 33.Re1 Rd4 are also possible, and Black enjoys easy equality in either case. **34.Ree2 Kd5 35.Re1 Rcd3**

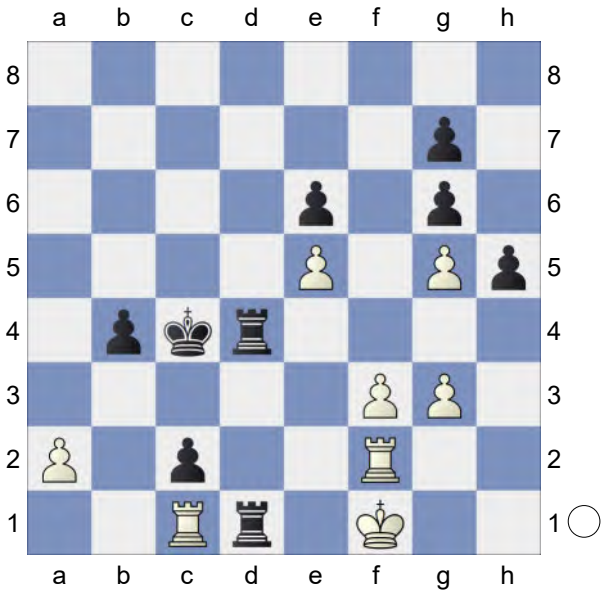


36.Ree2 c4 37.Rb2 c3 38.Rb3 Kc4 39.Rb1 Rd2 40.Kf1 c2

(Diagram)



41.Rc1 Rd1+



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B12

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■ Angermann, Immo Frank

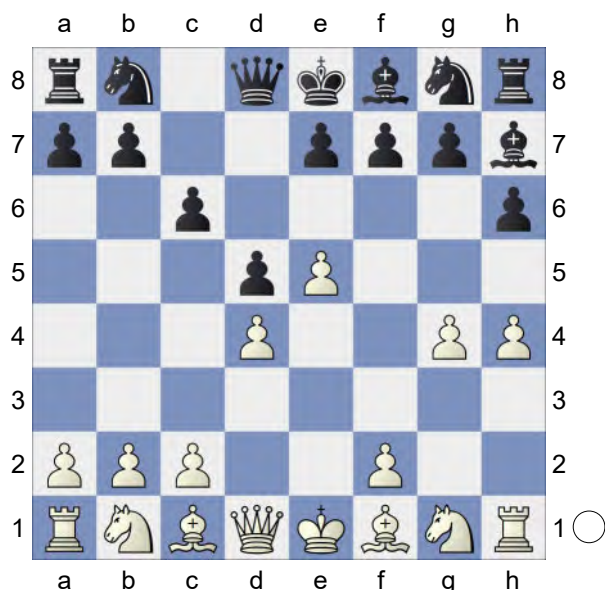
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[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7

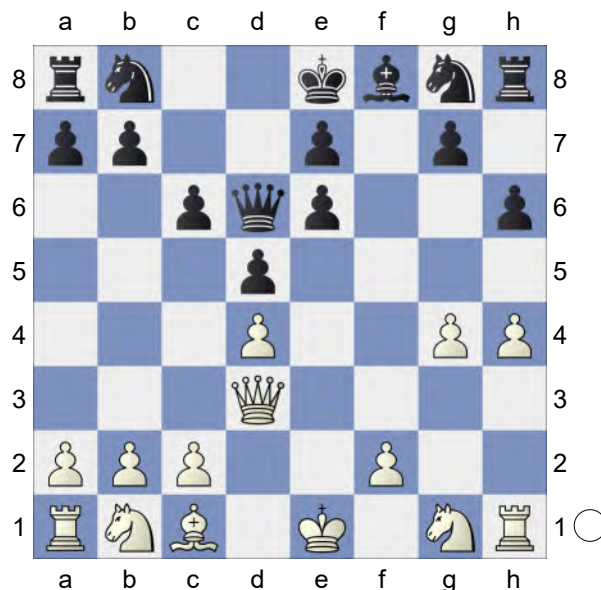


6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Qd6N
1.46/21

[Black should play 8...c5!± 0.41/20]

[8...Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5
11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4
Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5
16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1
Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxg4
21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 b6 23.c4
1-0 Moen,A (2095)-Blatt,F Izhevsk
Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) Kb7
24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3
b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4
29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5
31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6
33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+
Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8
1-0 Mastrovasilis,D (2095)-Grischenko,

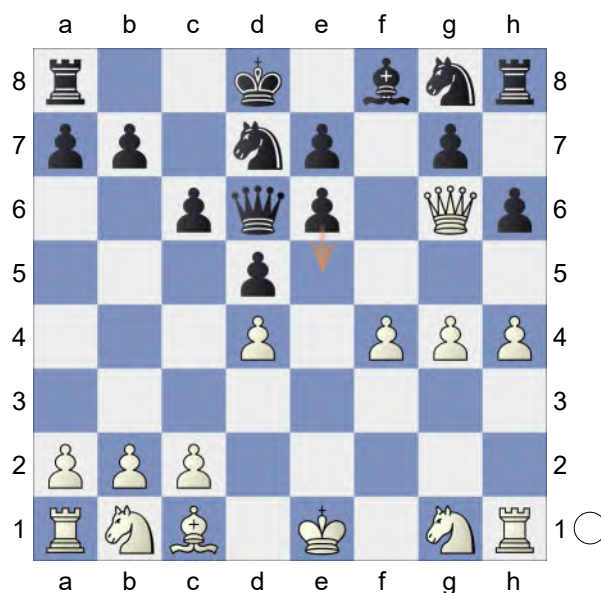
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9.f4!± Nd7 10.Qg6+ 0.13/5

[10.Nf3± 1.46/20]

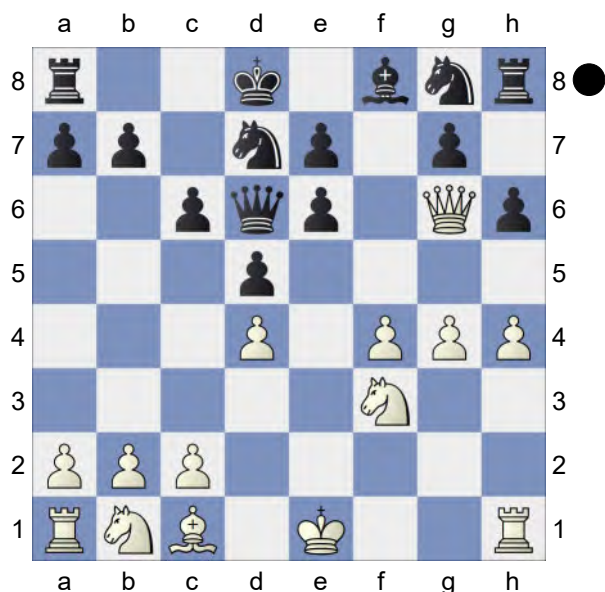
10...Kd8=



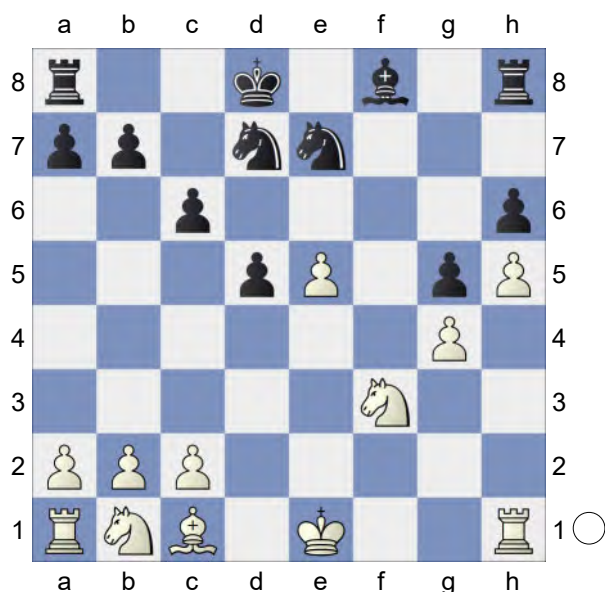
White must now prevent ...e6-e5! The
position is equal. 11.Nf3 -0.41/19

[11.h5!± 0.69/21]

(Diagram)

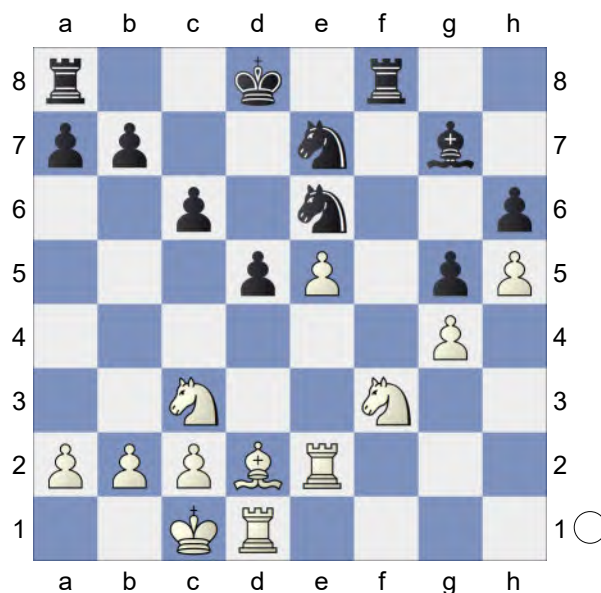


11...e5! ♗ Discovered Attack **12.Qxd6**
exd6 13.fxe5 dxe5 14.dxe5 Ne7
15.h5 Wards off Ne7-g6 **15...g5**



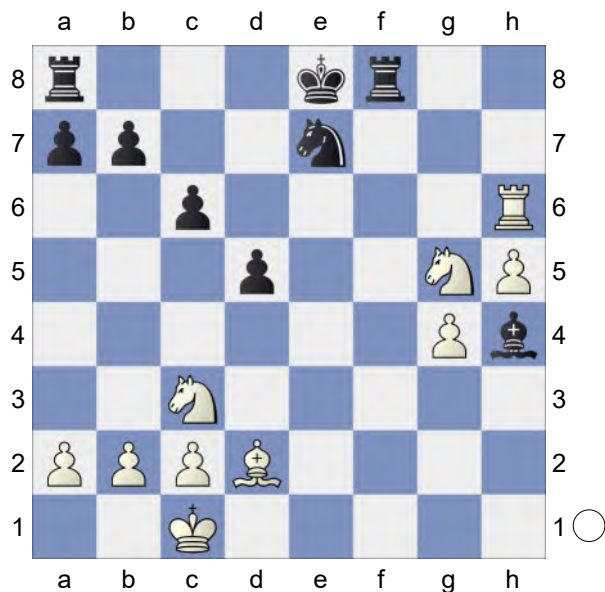
Inhibits Bc1-f4. **16.Rh2 -1.13/21**
 [16.b3= -0.29/20 keeps the balance.]
16...Bg7 ♗ 17.Re2 Re8 -0.63/21
 [17...Kc7 ♗ ...Ra8-e8 would
 now be deadly. 18.Bd2 Rae8]
18.Bd2! ♗ Nc5 -0.31/23
 [18...Ng8 ♗ -0.77/20 19.Bc3 Re7]
19.Nc3 Ne6
 [19...Rf8 with more complications.
 20.Nd4 Kd7 21.e6+ Kd6]

20.0-0-0 -0.83/22
 [20.Be3= -0.30/20]
20...Rf8 ↑



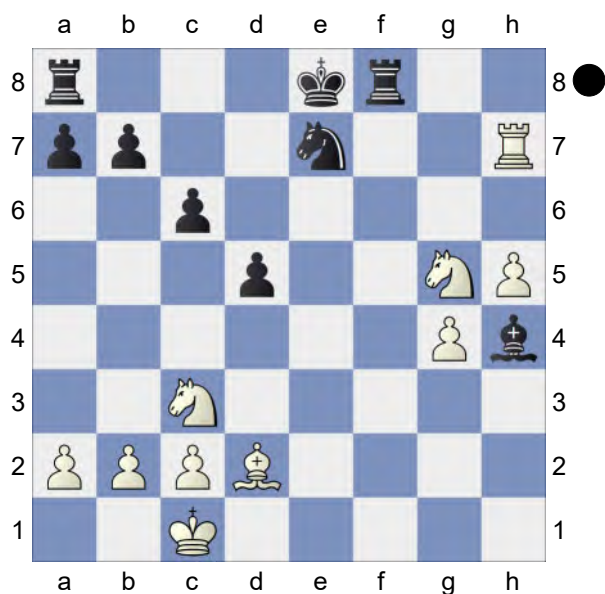
White is under pressure. **21.Rf2 Bxe5**
22.Re1 -1.06/23
 [22.Re2 ♗ -0.69/23 Rxf3 23.Rxe5]
22...Bg3 23.Rxe6 Bxf2 24.Rxh6 Ke8
-0.80/23
 [24...Rxf3 25.Rh8+ Kc7 26.Rxa8 ♗]
 [24...d4 25.Ne4 (25.Nxg5 dxc3
 26.Ne6+ Kd7 ♗) 25...Be3 26.Nexg5=
 (26.Nfxg5? Rf1#)]
 [♠24...Bg3 -1.37/23 And now ...Kd8-
 d7 would win. 25.Nd4 (25.Nxg5
 Rf1+ 26.Nd1 Kd7 ♗) 25...Rf1+
 26.Nd1 Be5 27.Ne6+ Ke8]
25.Nxg5 Bh4

(Diagram)



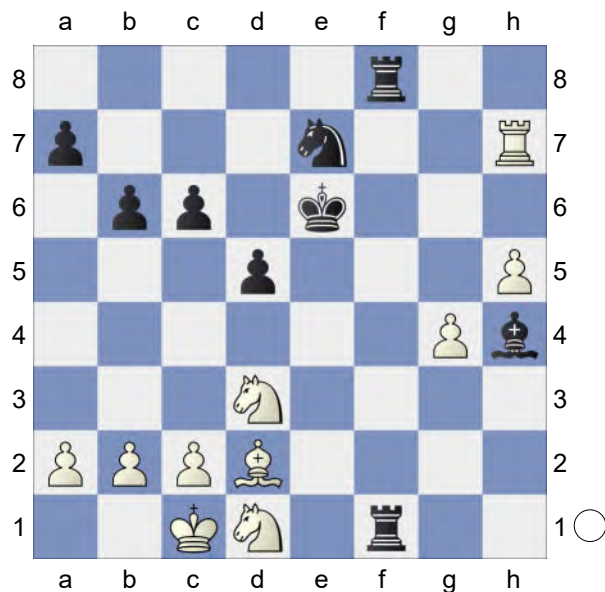
26.Rh7? -1.98/21

[26.Nd1 $\bar{f}$ -0.41/23 Bxg5 27.Bxg5]



**Now White is beyond hope. 26...Rf1+!-+
27.Nd1 Kd7 Repels Ng5-e6 28.Nf7 Rf8
29.Ne5+ Ke6 30.Nd3 b6**

(Diagram)

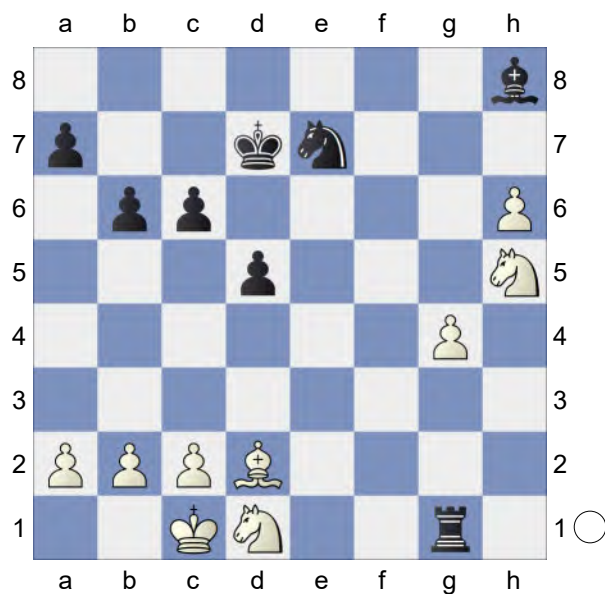


Prevents Nd3-c5+. 31.Rh6+ R8f6

32.Nf4+ Kd7 33.Rxf6 -3.14/21

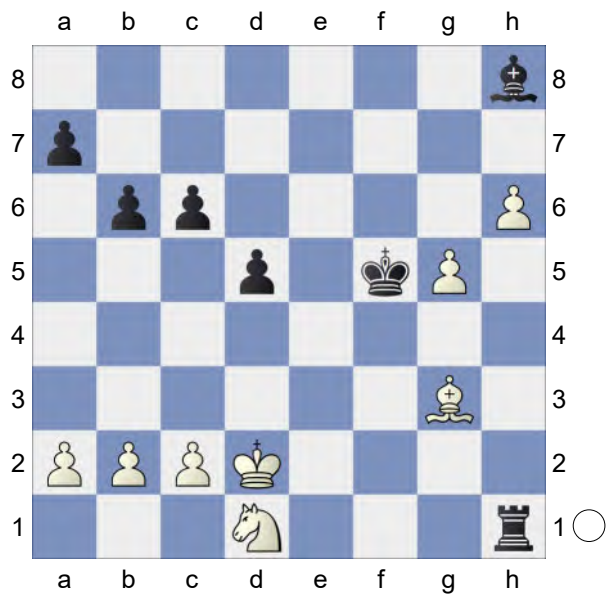
[33.Ng6 -1.83/23 was worth a try.
Rh1 (33...Nxc6 34.hxc6 Rg1
35.Rxh4=) 34.c3]

33...Bxf6 34.h6 Rg1 35.Nh5 Bh8



**36.g5 Nf5 aiming for ...d5-d4. 37.Bf4
Ke6 38.Kd2 Rh1 39.Ng3 Nxc3
40.Bxc3 Endgame. KRB-KBN 40...Kf5**

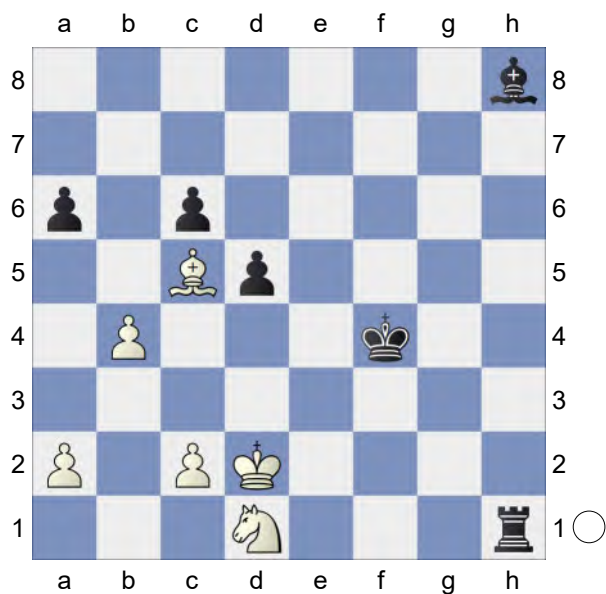
(Diagram)



41.Bb8 a6

[Much less strong is 41...Kxg5
42.Bxa7 b5 (42...Rxh6 43.Bxb6 Kf5
44.a4 $\bar{7}$) 43.c3-+]

**42.Bc7 Kxg5 Strongly threatening ...b6-
b5. 43.Bxb6 Kxh6 44.b4 Kg5 45.Bc5
Kf4**

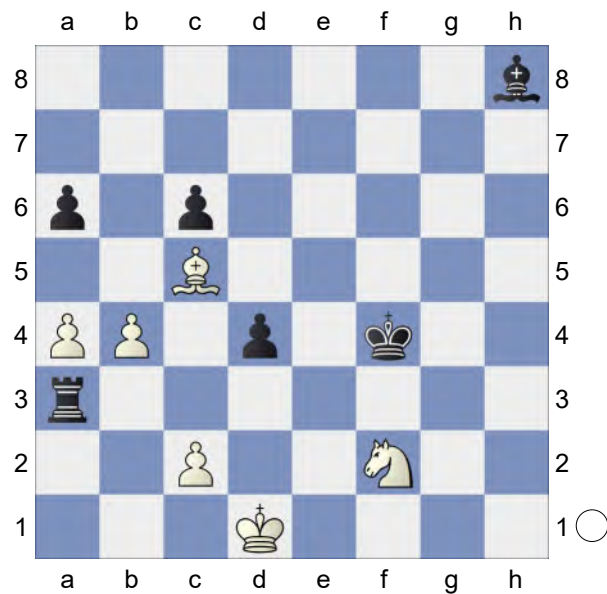


**46.a4 Rh2+ 47.Kd3 Rh3+ 48.Ke2 d4
49.Nf2 -5.79/26**

[Δ 49.Bb6 -3.69/24]

49...Re3+ 50.Kd1 Ra3

(Diagram)



51.a5? -5.54/28

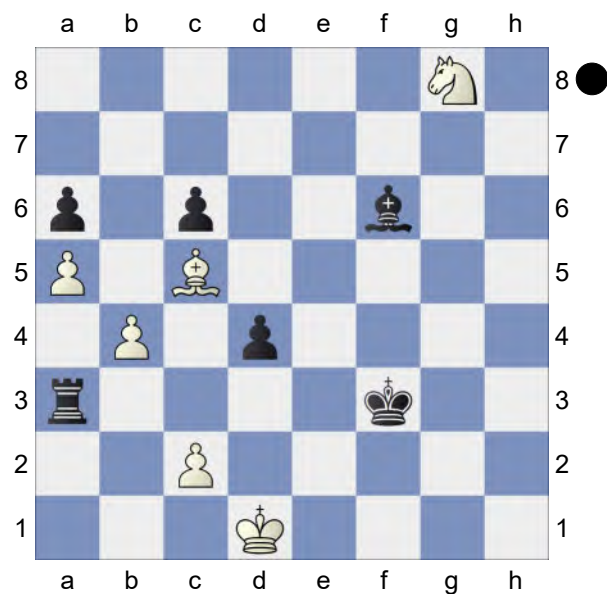
[51.Kc1 -2.87/24 was called for. Rxa4
52.Nd3+ Ke4 53.Kb2]

51...Ke3 Black is clearly winning.

52.Ng4+ Kf3 53.Nh6 -8.07/25

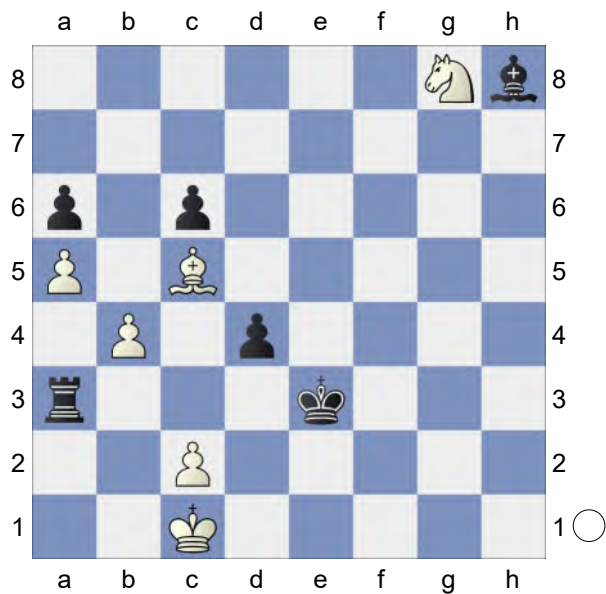
[Δ 53.Nh2+ -5.15/24 Ke4 54.Nf1]

53...Bf6 54.Ng8

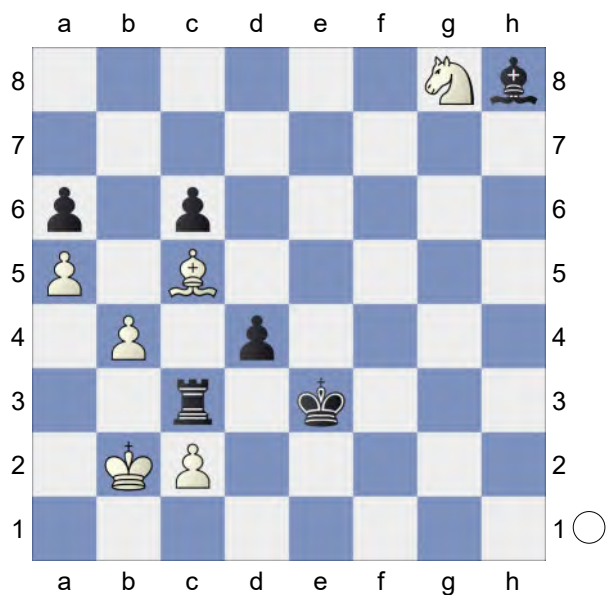


Ke3! 55.Kc1 Bh8

(Diagram)



(-> ...Ke3-e2) **56.Kb2 Rc3**



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Black=0.23 (precise)

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250□ **Gunnarsson,Jon Viktor**■ **Hansen,Victor**

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[Kitty Kat]

B12**2423****0**

1999

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6 5.g4 Bh7**

[5...Bd7 6.h5 c5 (6...e6 7.f4 c5 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Kf2 0-0-0 11.Kg3 Kb8 12.a4 cxd4 13.a5 Nxa5 14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Nxc6+ Bxc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qd4 Qxd4 19.cxd4 Ne7 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Bd3 0-1 Grünfeld 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 (2470)-

Theis,B (2613) (m/4-rapid) 101/(249)

2007 (5)) 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.Qxd5 Bxg4

9.Nc3 e6 10.Qg2 Bf5 11.Bb5 Qc7

12.Be3 0-0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nf3

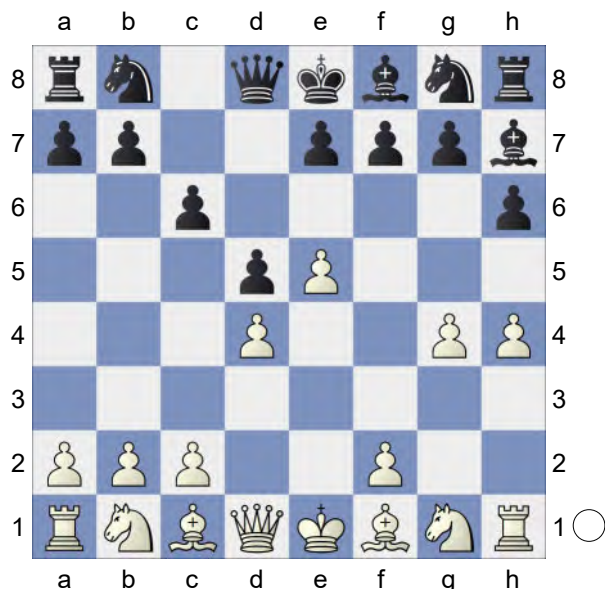
Ne7 15.Nd4 Bh7 16.0-0-0 Nd5

17.Nxd5 Rxd5 18.f4 Rxc5 19.Rd2

Rg8 20.Rhd1 1-0 Vachier Lagrave,M

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**6.e6! fxe6 7.Nh3N -0.21/20**

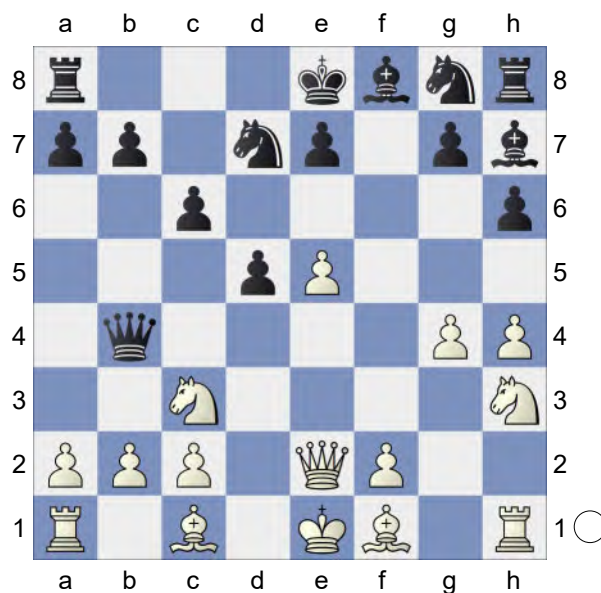
[7.Bd3± 0.89/22 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1 Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxg4 21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 1-0 Moen,A (2095)-Blatt,F Izhevsk Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) b6 23.c4 Kb7 24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3 b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4 29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5 31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6 33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+ Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8 1-0 Mastrovasilis,D (2095)-Grischenko,S Wch U12 St Lorenzo 1995 (1)]

7...Qd6 0.31/25

[7...e5= -0.21/20 8.dxe5 Nd7]

8.Qe2± e5 0.93/21 Prevents Bc1-f4.**9.dxe5± Qb4+ 10.Nc3 aiming for a2-a3. 10...Nd7 1.72/22**

[10...Na6± 0.93/21]

**11.a3+- Qb6 1.86/20**

[11...Qc5± 1.45/19]

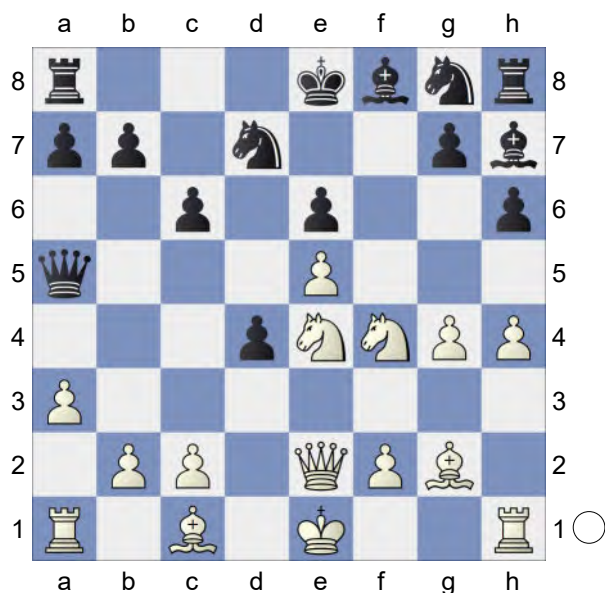
12.Bg2 0.75/20

[12.e6+- 1.86/20]

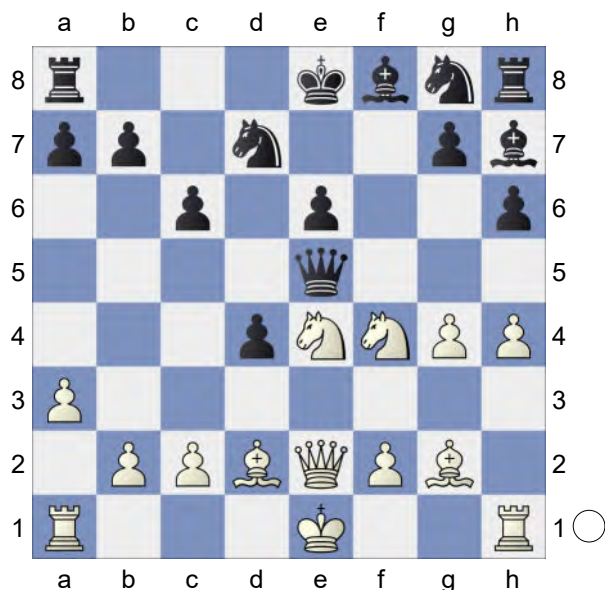
12...e6± 13.Nf4 d4 1.71/19

[13...0-0-0± 0.75/21]

14.Ne4!+- Qa5+



15.Bd2! Qxe5



16.g5! g5-g6 is the strong threat.

16...Bxe4 17.Bxe4

[17.Qxe4?! Qxe4+ 18.Bxe4 Nc5±]

17...Be7? 4.53/19

[17...Ne7 1.99/20 is a better defense.
18.Nd3 Qb5]

18.Nd3

[18.Bg6+ Kd8 19.Nxe6+ Kc8±]

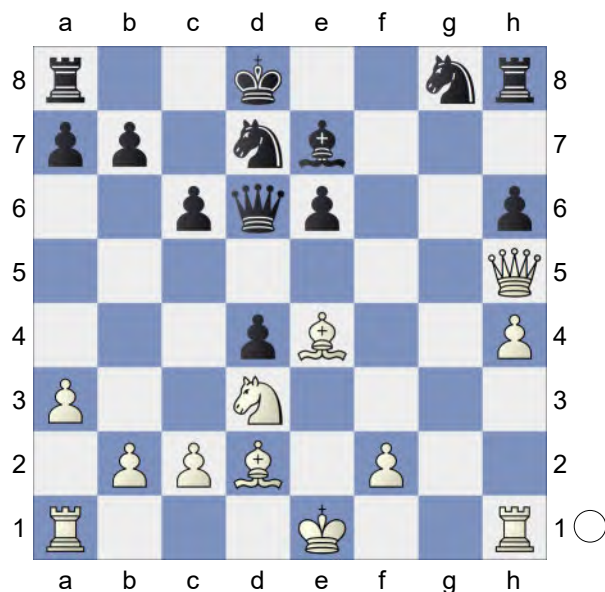
18...Qd6 19.gxh6 gxh6 3.32/21

[19...Nxb6 2.18/21 20.Bf4 e5]

20.Qh5+? 1.03/19

[20.Bf4+- 3.32/21 e5 21.Nxe5
(21.Qh5+ Kf8+-)]

20...Kd8±



21.Bf4 0.42/26 White has more active pieces.

[21.Qa5± 1.03/21 Qc7 22.Qa4]

21...e5? 3.74/22 22.Nxe5+-

[Less strong is 22.Bxe5 Ngf6
23.Bxd6 Nxb5+-]

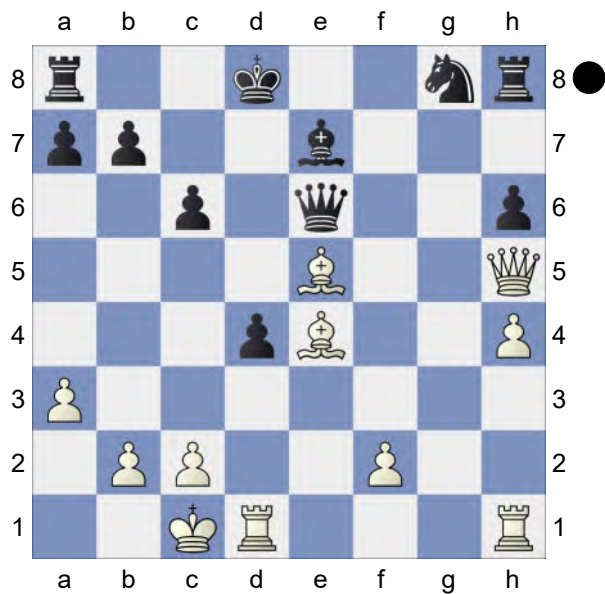
22...Nxe5 23.Bxe5 This pair of bishops is nice.

[23.Qxe5 Qxe5 24.Bxe5 Bf6±]

23...Qe6 24.0-0-0

[Resist 24.Bxh8 Qxe4+ 25.Kd2
Kc7+-]

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/
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□ Le, Quang Liem

■ Nguyen, Tien Hung

VIE-ch U09 Dong Thap (9)

[Kitty Kat]

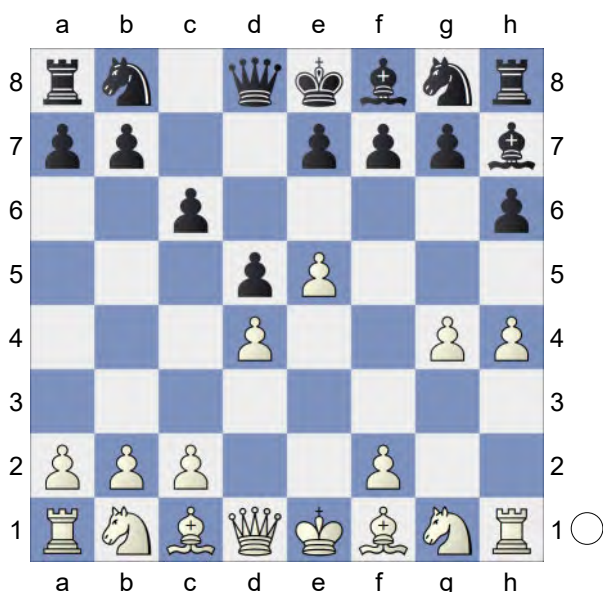
B12

1999

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7

[5...Bd7 6.h5 c5 (6...e6 7.f4 c5
8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Kf2 0-0-0
11.Kg3 Kb8 12.a4 cxd4 13.a5 Nxa5
14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Nxc6+
Bxc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qd4 Qxd4
19.cxd4 Ne7 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Bd3
0-1 Grünfeld 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 (2470)-
Theis, B (2613) (m/4-rapid) 101/(249)
2007 (5)) 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.Qxd5 Bxg4
9.Nc3 e6 10.Qg2 Bf5 11.Bb5 Qc7
12.Be3 0-0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nf3
Ne7 15.Nd4 Bh7 16.0-0-0 Nd5
17.Nxd5 Rxd5 18.f4 Rxc5 19.Rd2
Rg8 20.Rhd1 1-0 Vachier Lagrave, M
(2710)-Grischuk, A (2752) Sportaccord
WMG Blindfold rapid 2011 (1)]



6.e6 f5N 2.02/22

[6...fxe6± 0.37/19 7.Bd3 g6
(7...Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4
10.Nbd2 Qa5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4
dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8
15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3
h5 18.Rfd1 Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+
20.Qxg4 hxg4 21.e6 c5 22.Rd5
1-0 Moen, A (2095)-Blatt, F Izhevsk
Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1))]

[6...Qd6 7.exf7+ Kxf7 8.Nc3 e5
9.Qf3+ Nf6 10.g5 hxg5 11.hxg5 Be4
12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qb3+ Nd5
14.Rxh8 exd4 15.Ne2 Nd7 16.Nxd4
Qe5 17.Qxb7 Bb4+ 18.c3 Rxh8
19.Qxd7+ Kg6 20.Nxc6 Bxc3+
21.Kd1 1-0 Moeller, J (2550)-
Goldsmith, J (2580) (ol) 86/177 Bled
2002 (8) Qf5 22.Qxf5+
1-0 Sveshnikov, E (2550)-Gagunashvili,
M (2580) 5th Open Dubai 2003 (8)]

7.Bd3+- Nf6 2.12/19

[7...Qb6 1.61/19 keeps fighting.]

8.gxf5

[8.Bxf5?! g6±]

8...Qb6 2.95/20

[8...c5 1.96/19 9.dxc5 Nc6]

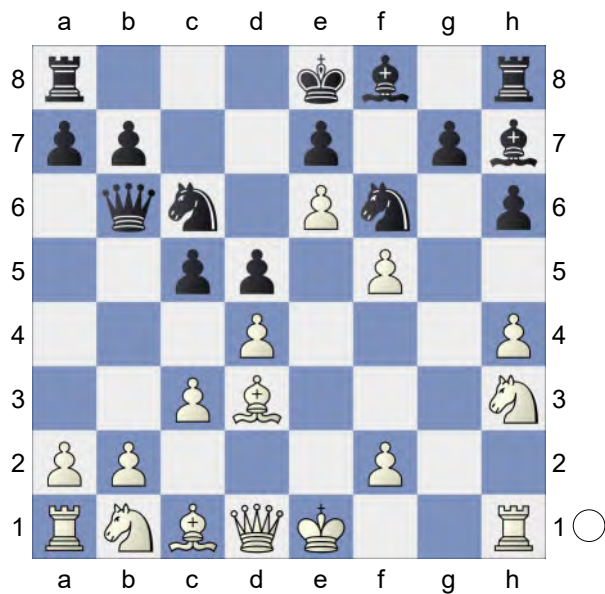
9.c3 c5 10.Nh3 1.48/18

[10.dxc5+- 3.12/20 and White stays
clearly on top. Qxc5 11.Be3]

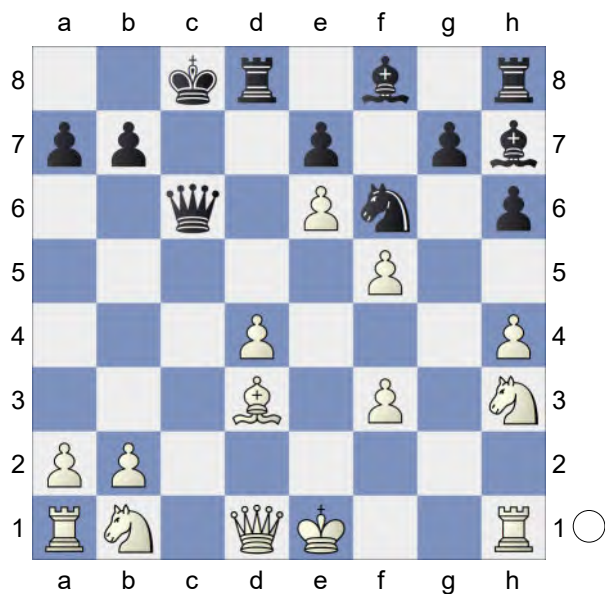
10...Nc6 2.77/22

[10...cxd4± 1.48/18 11.cxd4 Nc6]

(Diagram)

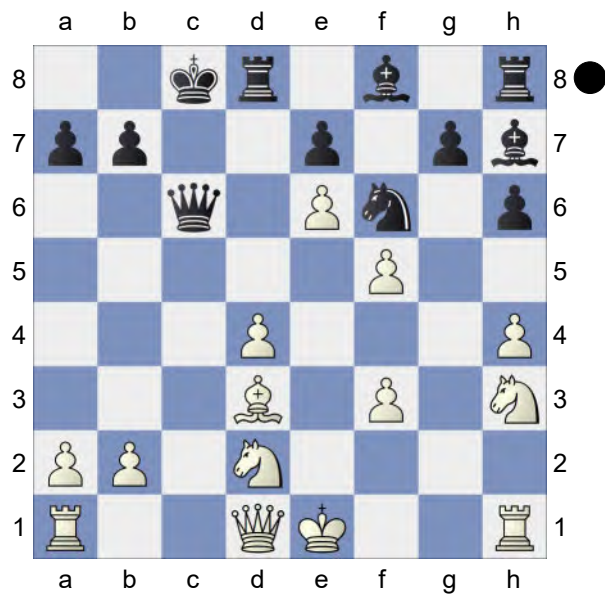


**11.dxc5 Qxc5 12.Be3 d4 13.Bxd4
Nxd4 14.cxd4 Qc6 15.f3 0-0-0**



16.Nd2

(Diagram)



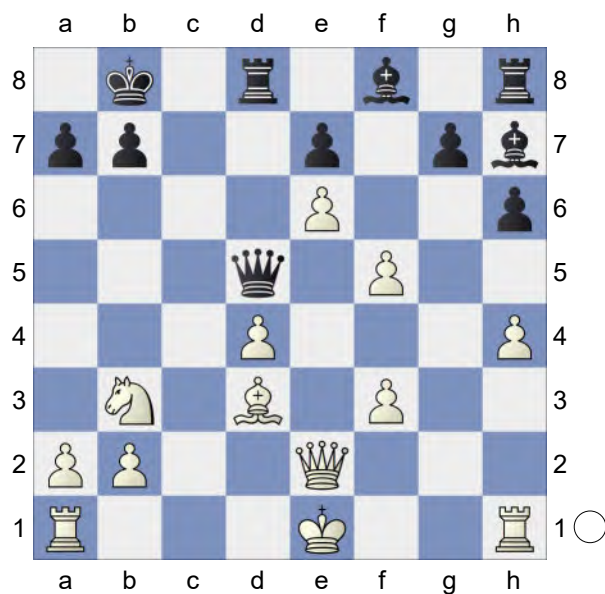
aiming for Ra1-c1. 16...Kb8 17.Nb3
Strongly threatening Nh3-f4. 17...Qd5?
3.44/20 This costs Black the game.

[17...g6± 1.51/19]

18.Nf4 Qc6 19.Qe2 Nd5 5.62/21

[19...Qd6 4.00/21 is a better
defense.]

20.Nxd5 Qxd5

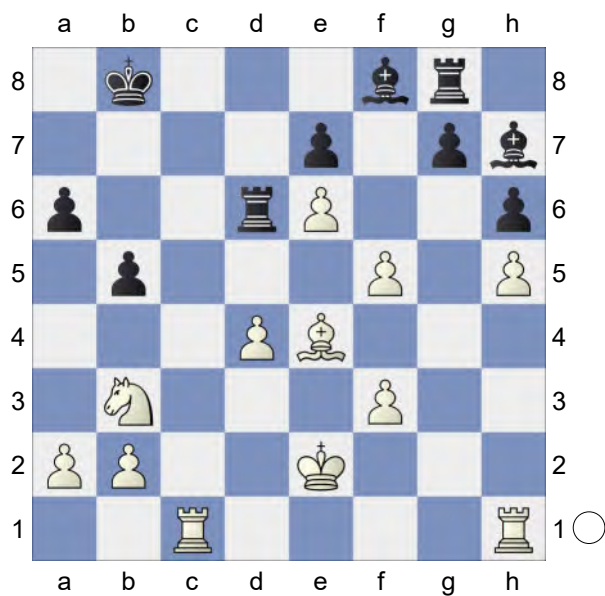


21.Qe4 Qxe4+ 22.Bxe4

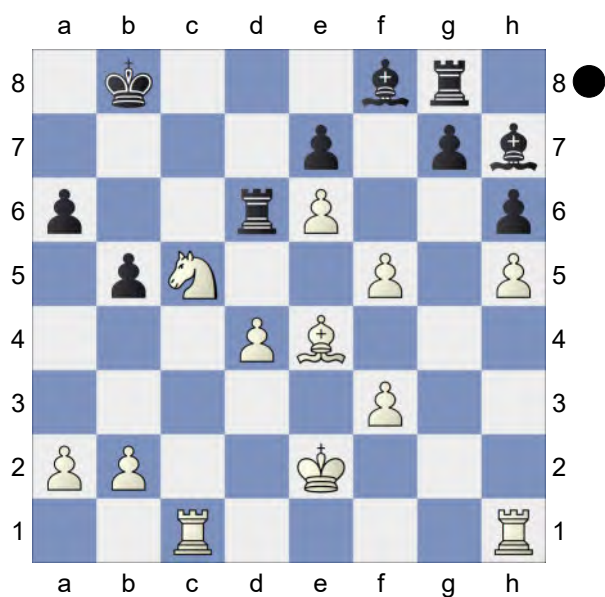
[22.fxe4 g6 23.Rg1 gxf5+-]

22...Rg8 23.h5 Rd6 24.Rc1 a6
25.Ke2 b5

(Diagram)



26.Nc5

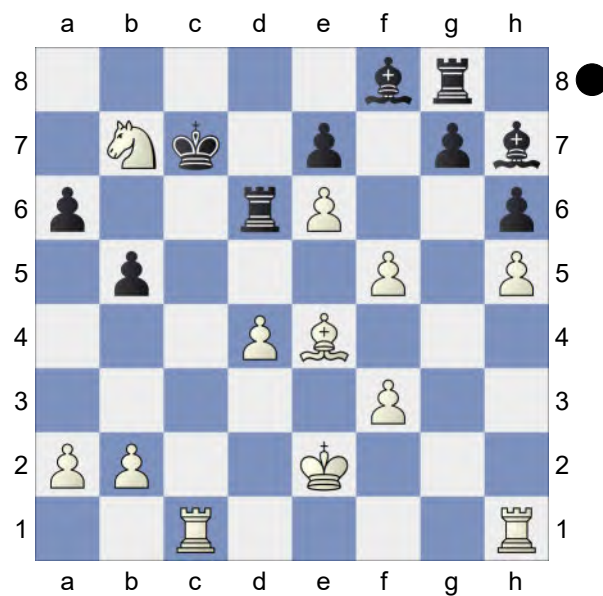


Nc5-d7+ would kill now. 26...Kc7

27.Nb7+ 10.30/22

[27.Nd7+ #5/14 Kd8 28.Bb7
Rxe6+ 29.fxe6 Bc2 30.Rxc2 Rh8
31.Rc8#]

(Diagram)



**Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/
Black=1.05**

1-0

252□ **Rubinetti, Jorge Alberto**■ **Gutierrez, Ignacio**

Montevideo (2)

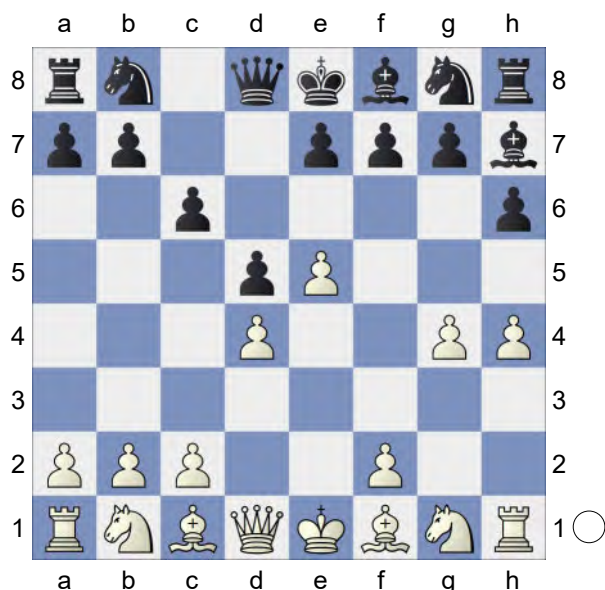
[Kitty Kat]

B12**2425****0**

07.1998

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7

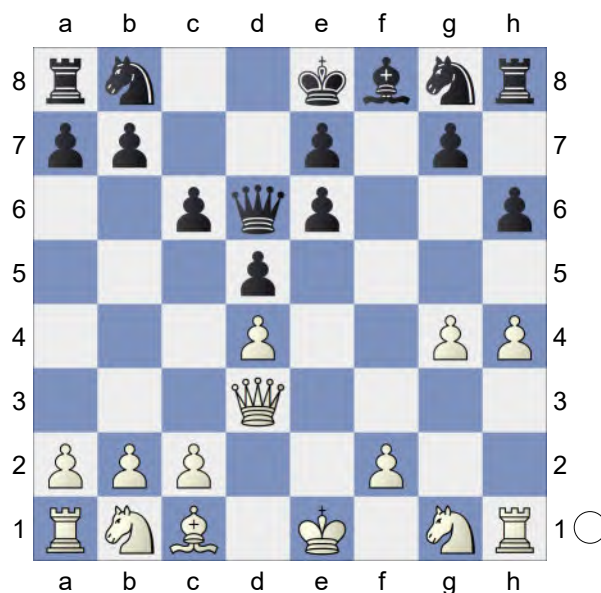


6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3
 And now Ng1-f3 would win. **8...Qd6N**
2.13/23

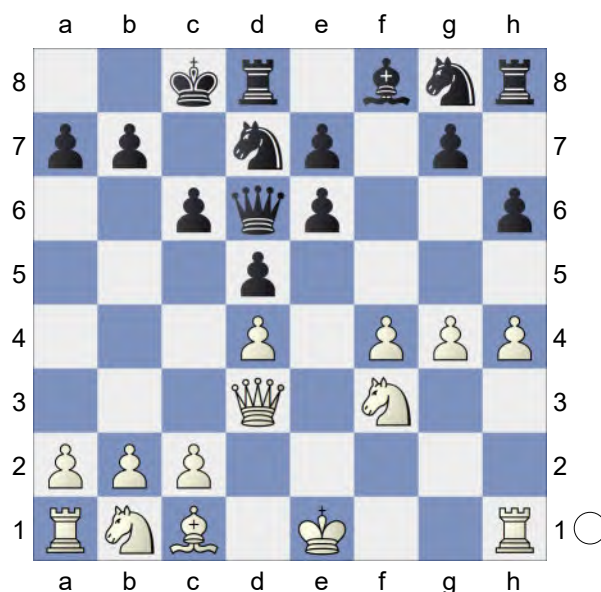
[8...c5± 1.25/18 was worth a try.]

[8...Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5
 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4
 Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5
 16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1
 Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxg4
 21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 b6 23.c4
 1-0 Moen, A (2095)-Blatt, F Izhevsk
 Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) Kb7
 24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3
 b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4
 29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5
 31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Rxa7 g6
 33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+
 Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8

1-0 Mastrovasilis, D (2095)-Grischenko,
 S Wch U12 St Lorenzo 1995 (1)]



9.f4!+- Nd7 10.Nf3 0-0-0



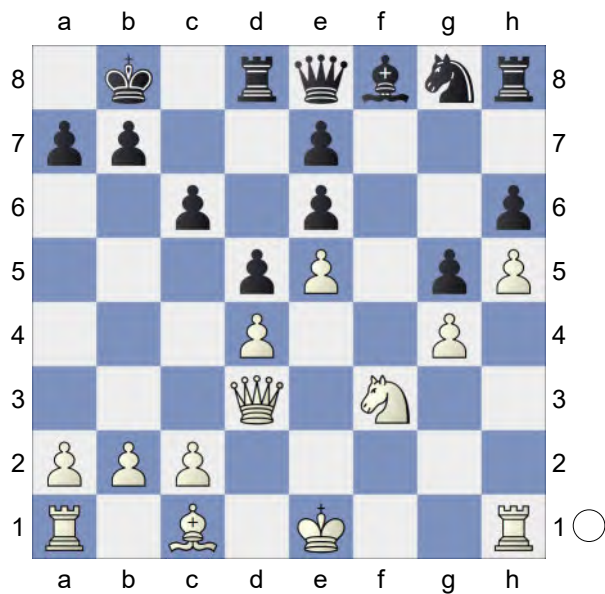
White is clearly better. 11.Ne5 Nxe5
12.fxe5 Qd7 13.h5 1.48/22
 [13.Be3+- 2.52/22]

13...Kb8 2.62/24

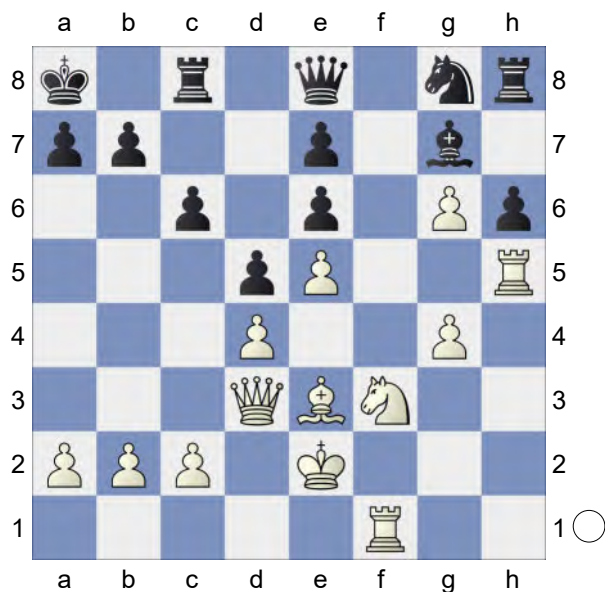
[13...Nf6± 1.48/22]

14.Nd2 Qe8 15.Nf3 g5 3.45/22

[15...Nf6 2.44/21 might work better.
 16.exf6 exf6 17.Bf4+ Ka8]

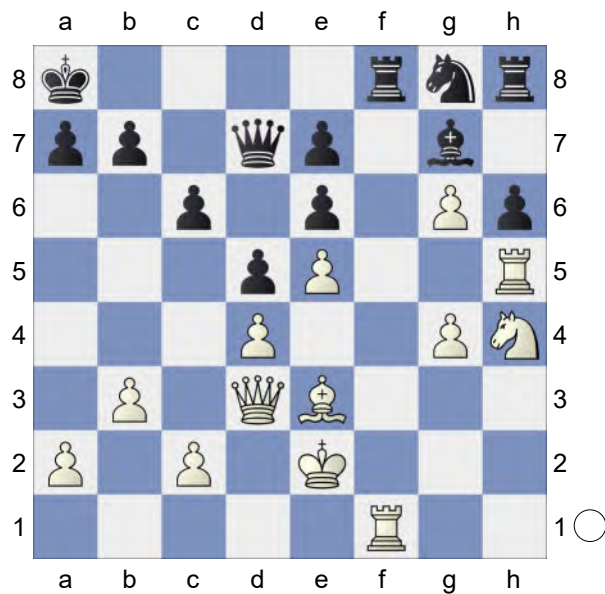


16.hxg6 Bg7 Black is weak on the dark squares **17.Rh5 Rc8 18.Be3 Qf8 19.Ke2 Ka8 20.Rf1 Qe8**

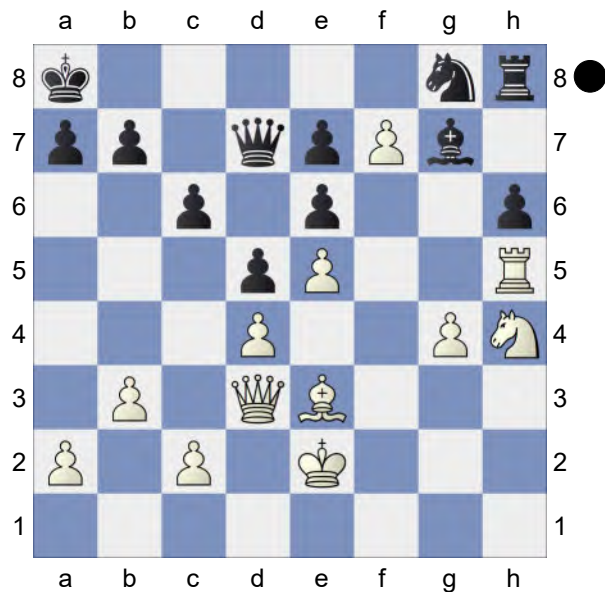


21.b3 Qd7 22.Nh4 Rf8? 6.67/21
[22...Nf6 3.64/19 23.exf6 exf6]

(Diagram)



23.Rf7 Active counter play! **23...Rxf7 24.gxf7**



Trapped Piece. Black got outplayed after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.55

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253□ **Emodi, Gyula**■ **Honfi, Karolyne**

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[Kitty Kat]

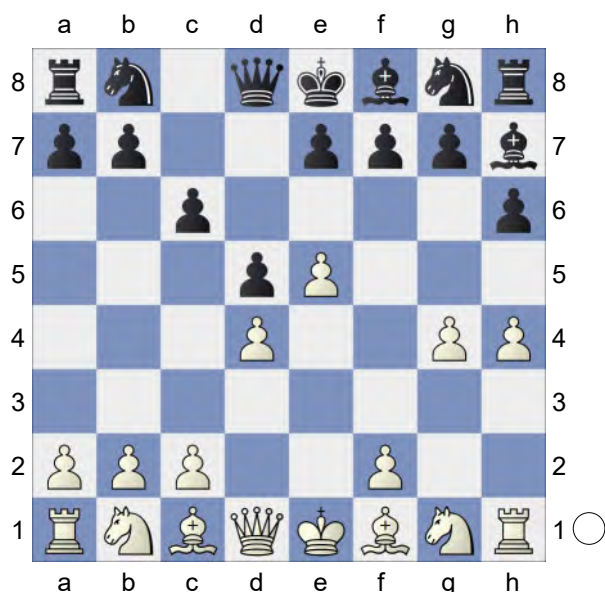
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6 5.g4 Bh7**

[5...Bd7 6.h5 c5 (6...e6 7.f4 c5 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Kf2 0-0-0 11.Kg3 Kb8 12.a4 cxd4 13.a5 Nxa5 14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Nxc6+ Bxc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qd4 Qxd4 19.cxd4 Ne7 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Bd3 0-1 Grünfeld 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 (2470)-

Theis, B (2613) (m/4-rapid) 101/(249) 2007 (5)) 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.Qxd5 Bxg4 9.Nc3 e6 10.Qg2 Bf5 11.Bb5 Qc7 12.Be3 0-0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nf3 Ne7 15.Nd4 Bh7 16.0-0-0 Nd5 17.Nxd5 Rxd5 18.f4 Rxc5 19.Rd2 Rg8 20.Rhd1 1-0 Vachier Lagrave, M (2710)-Grischuk, A (2752) Sportaccord WMG Blindfold rapid 2011 (1)]

**6.e6! Qd6 1.07/20**

[**Better is** 6...fxe6± **0.44/19** 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Qc7]

7.exf7+± Kxf7 8.Nf3N

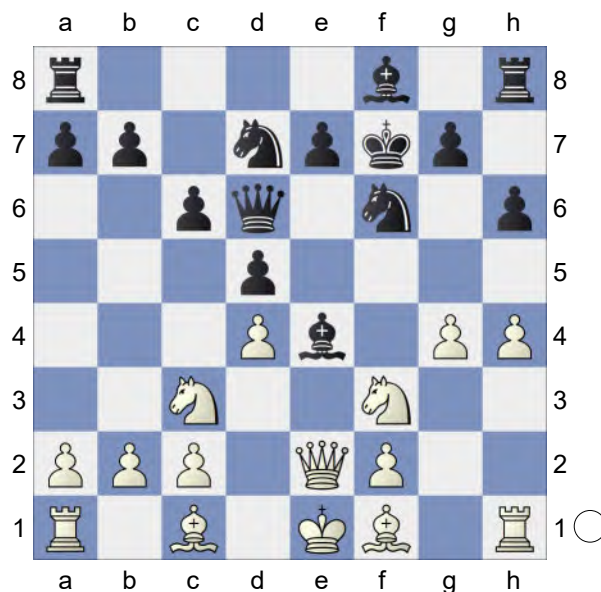
[8.Nc3 e5 9.Qf3+ Nf6 10.g5 hxg5 11.hxg5 Be4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qb3+ Nd5 14.Rxh8 exd4 15.Ne2 Nd7 16.Nxd4 Qe5 17.Qxb7 Bb4+ 18.c3 Rxh8 19.Qxd7+ Kg6 20.Nxc6 Bxc3+ 21.Kd1 Qf5 22.Qxf5+ 1-0 Moeller, J (2550)-Goldsmith, J (2580) (ol) 86/177 Bled 2002 (8)]

8...Nd7 **White is slightly better. 9.Qe2 Be4 1.33/20**

[9...Ngf6± **0.50/20**]

10.Nc3 Ngf6 2.28/21

[10...Bxf3± **1.36/20** 11.Qxf3+ Qf6]

**11.Rg1? -0.09/22**

[11.g5!+- **2.28/21**]

11...Bxf3!= 12.Qxf3 **Strongly threatening g4-g5. 12...e5 13.g5 Pin 13...e4 1.46/19**

[Δ13...exd4 **1.05/21** 14.gxf6 Ne5]

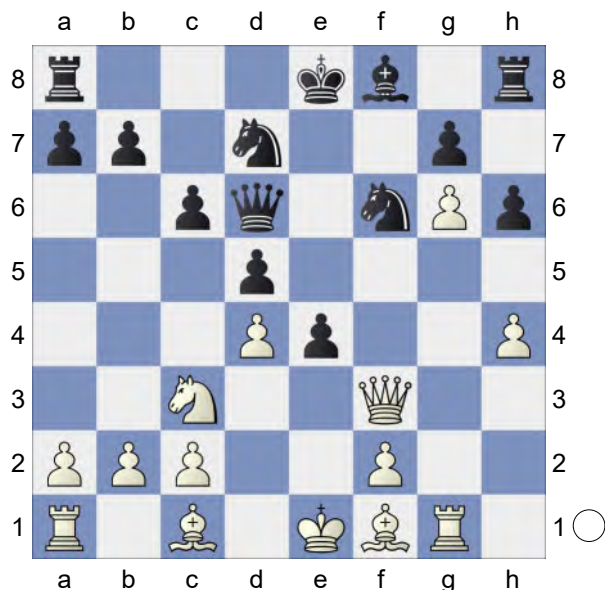
14.g6+ 0.40/22

[14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Bc4+ Ke8=]

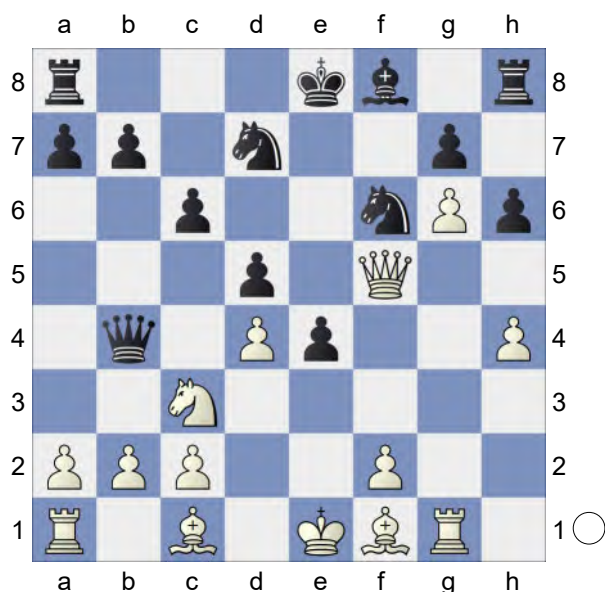
[14.Qh3± **1.46/19** hxg5 15.Bxg5]

14...Ke8

(Diagram)



15.Qf5 Qb4 1.26/23
[15...Nb6!± 0.59/20]



16.a3!± Qxd4 17.Bf4 Dodges Qd4-e5.
And now Bf1-h3 would win. **17...Kd8 1.94/21**

[Black should play 17...Be7!± 0.62/22]

18.Rd1? 0.01/23

[18.Bh3+- 1.94/21]

18...Qc5 1.06/21

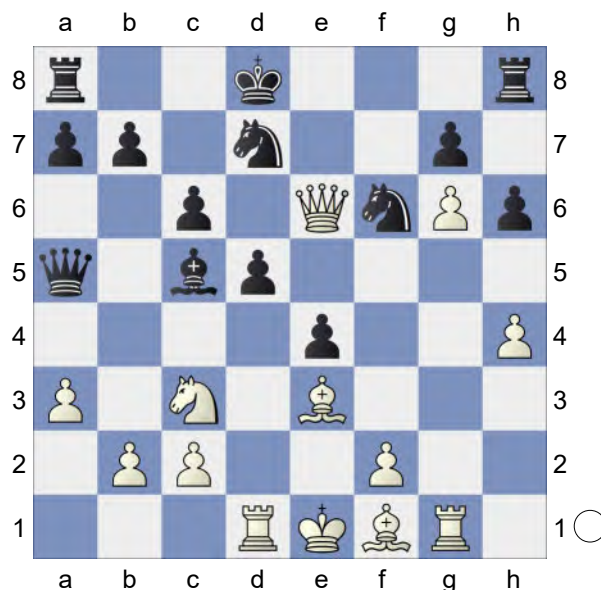
[18...Qb6= 0.01/23 19.b4 a5]

19.Be3? -0.67/21

[19.Rg3± 1.06/21]

19...Qa5 White must now prevent ...
Bf8xa3! **20.Qe6?** -2.13/22
Black converts the advantage convincingly.

[White should try 20.Bf4!± -0.56/21]
20...Bc5+



21.b4 -3.14/22

[21.Qh3 -2.18/19 keeps fighting.]

21...Qxa3 22.bxc5 -3.70/22

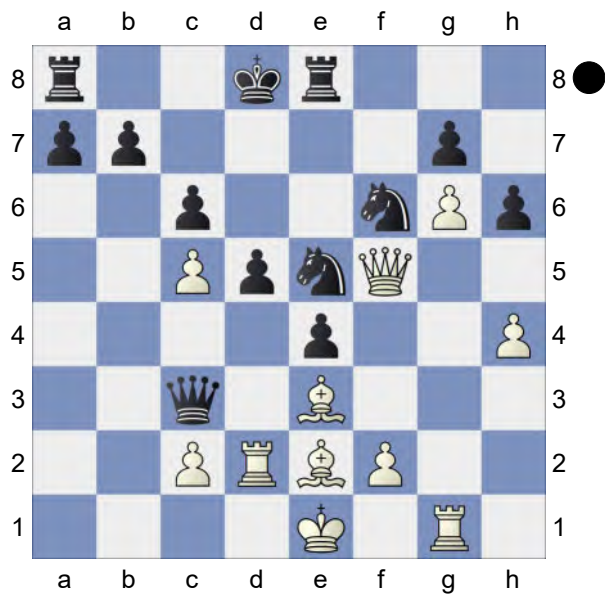
[22.Nxd5 -2.52/23 Re8
(22...Bxb4+ 23.Nxb4 Qxb4+
24.Bd2=; 22...cxd5 23.bxc5 Qa5+
24.Rd2) 23.Qh3 Nxd5 (23...Bxb4+
24.Nxb4 Qxb4+ 25.Bd2; 23...cxd5
24.bxc5 Qb4+ 25.Bd2) 24.bxc5
Qb4+ (24...Nxc5? 25.Bg5+ hxc5
26.Qxa3+-) 25.Bd2 Qxc5 26.Be2]

22...Qxc3+ 23.Rd2 Re8

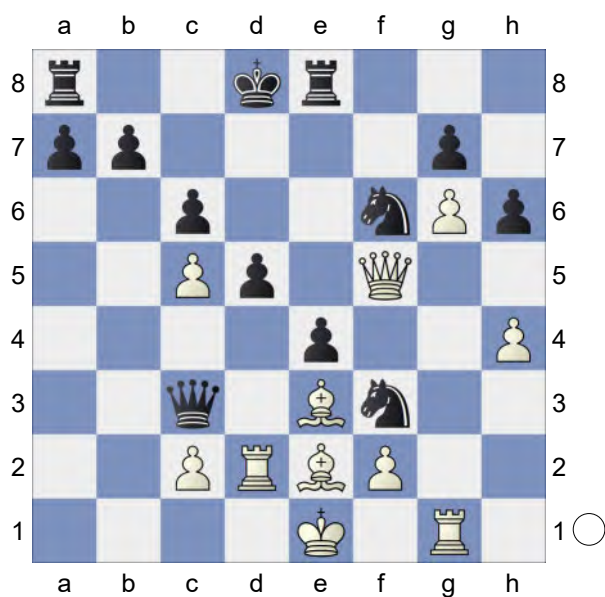
[Inferior is 23...Nxc5 24.Qd6+ Nfd7
25.Bh3 (25.Bd4? Nd3+ 26.cxd3
Qxd4+-) 25...Qa1+ 26.Ke2 Qa6+
(26...Qxg1 27.Bxc5) 27.Ke1 Qa1+
28.Ke2 Qa6+ (28...Qxg1 29.Bxc5)
29.Kd1 Qa1+ 30.Ke2=]

24.Qf5 Ne5 25.Be2

(Diagram)



Repels Ne5-f3+ **25...Nf3+!**



26.Bxf3 exf3 27.Qd3 Qxd3 28.Rxd3 Re4 29.Kf1? -3.82/24

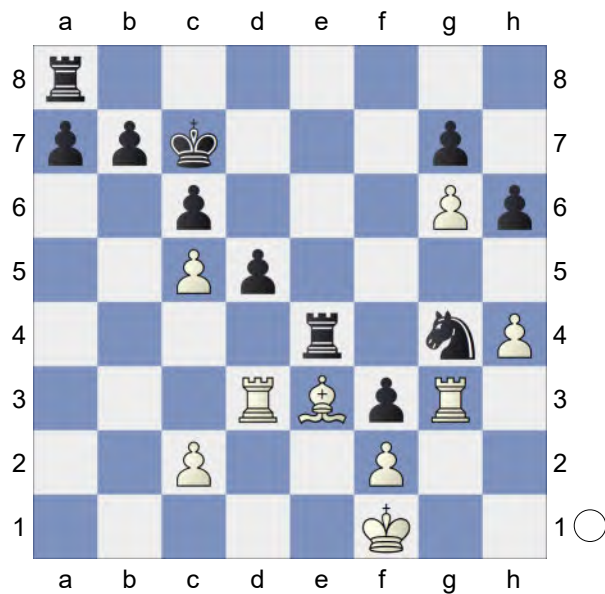
[29.Kd2 -1.91/22 is a better defense.]

29...Ng4

[Not 29...Rxf4 30.Bd4 Rf4 (30...Ke7 31.Bxf6+ Kxf6 32.Rxf3+ Ke5 33.Rf7+) 31.Rg3+]

30.Rg3 Kc7

(Diagram)



31.Kg1 -4.66/23

[Δ31.h5 -3.22/23]

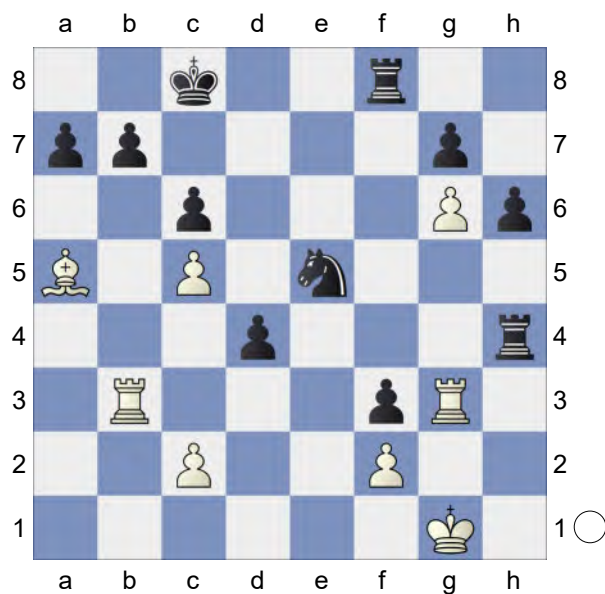
31...Rf8 32.Bd2 Ne5 Discovered Attack

33.Rb3 -6.04/23

[33.Re3 -3.28/24]

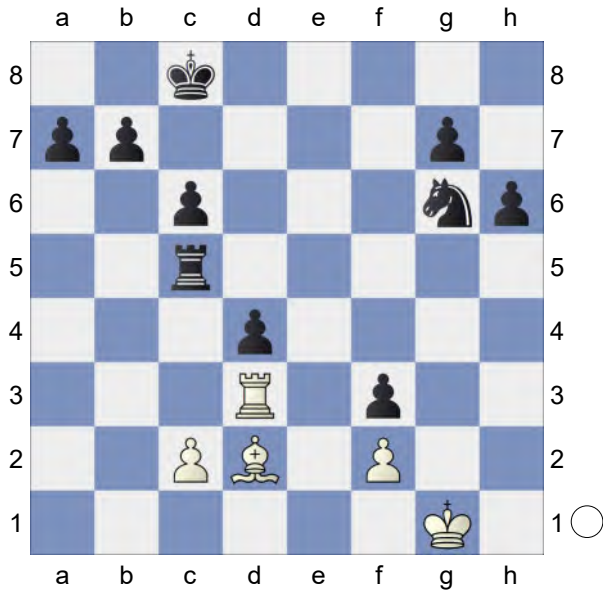
33...Rxf4 Black is clearly winning.

34.Bc3 d4 35.Ba5+ Kc8

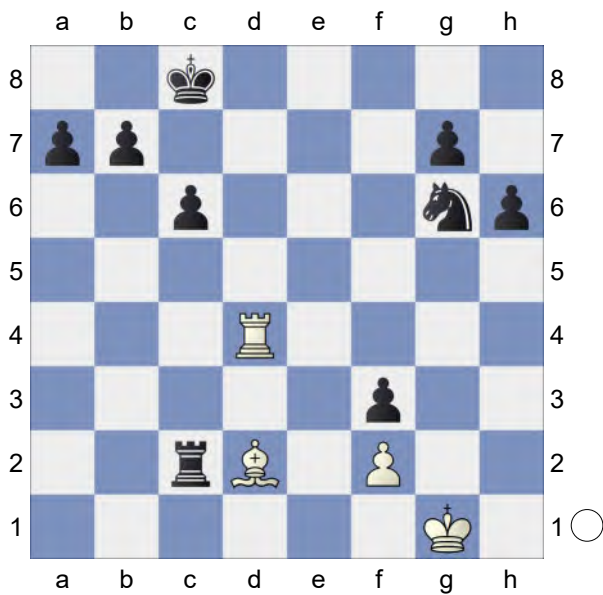


36.Bd2 Rf5 37.Kf1 Rh1+ 38.Rg1 Rxf1+ 39.Kxf1 Nxf6 40.Rd3 Rxc5

(Diagram)



41.Rxd4 Rxc2



Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/
Black=0.38

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□ Tsyvarev, Andrei

■ Yastrebov, Aleksandr

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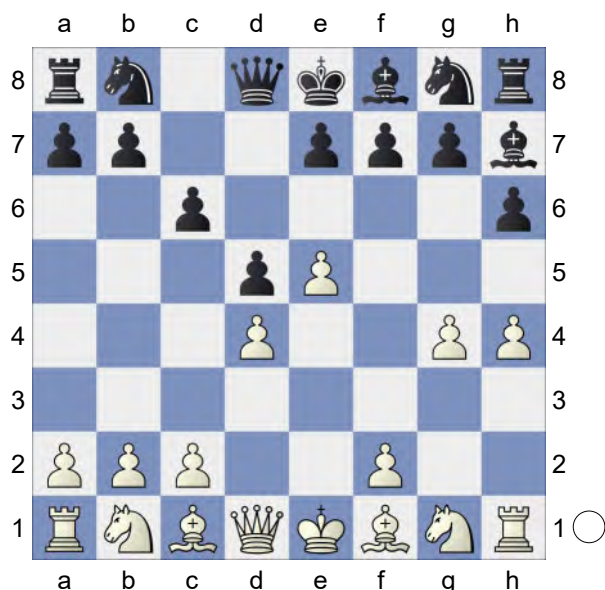
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

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5.g4 Bh7

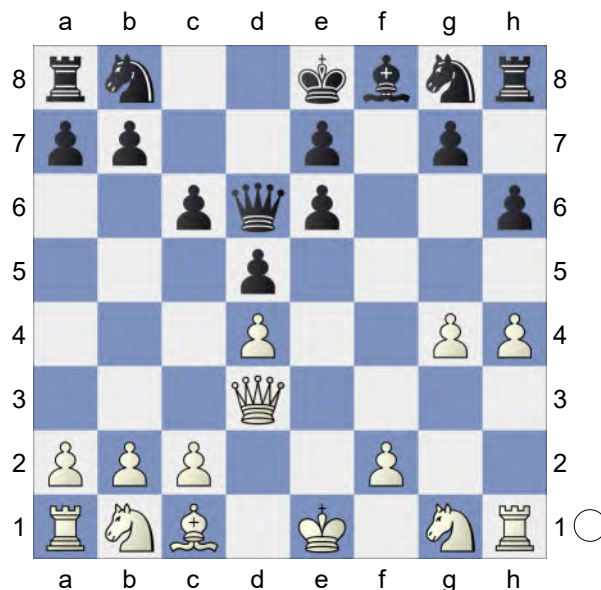


6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Qd6N
1.56/21

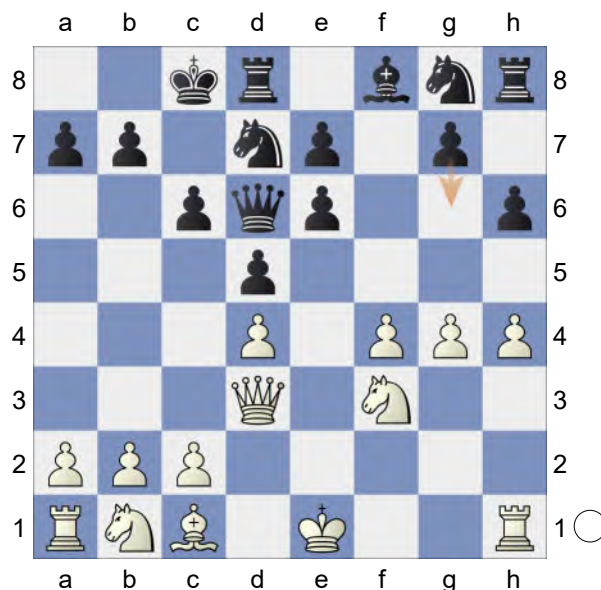
[♖8...c5 0.84/20]

[8...Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5
11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4
Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5
16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1
Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxg4
21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 b6 23.c4
1-0 Moen, A (2095)-Blatt, F Izhevsk
Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) Kb7
24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3
b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4
29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5
31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6
33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+
Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8
1-0 Mastrovasilis, D (2095)-Grischenko,

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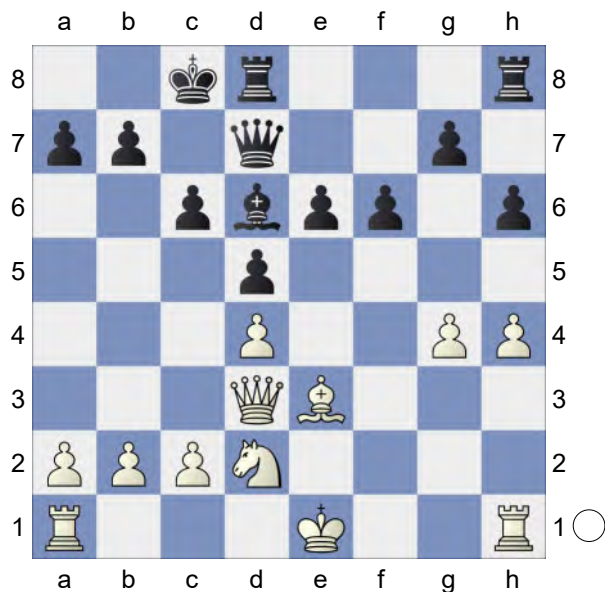
9.f4!± White is more active. 9...Nd7
10.Nf3 0-0-0



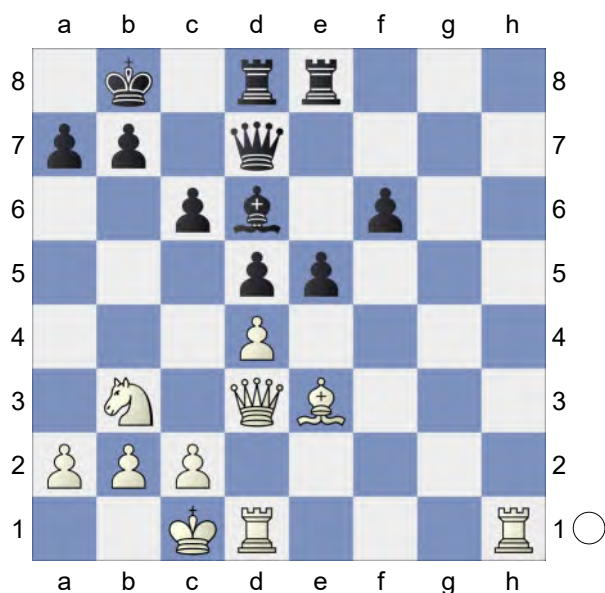
White is clearly better. 11.Ne5 Nxe5
12.fxe5 Qd7 2.31/21

[12...Qb4+± 1.58/21 13.c3 Qb6]
13.Be3 Nf6 14.exf6 exf6 15.Nd2 Bd6

(Diagram)

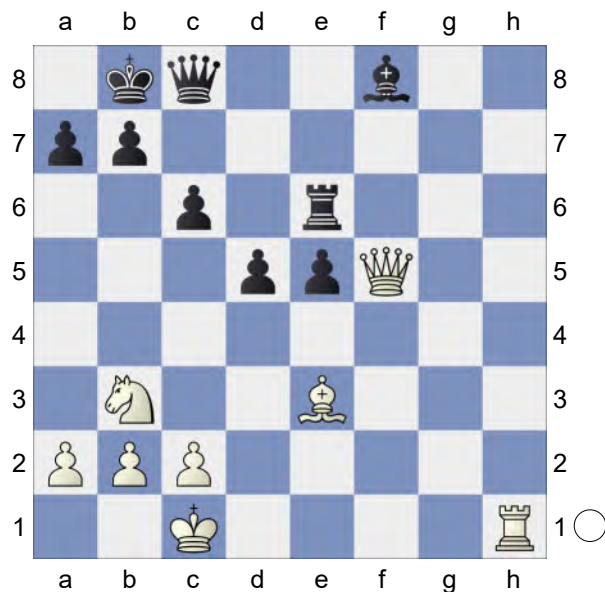


16.0-0-0 Kb8 17.Nb3 Rhe8 3.13/21
 [17...e5 2.22/19 keeps fighting.
 18.Qg6 e4]
18.g5+- hxg5 19.hxg5 e5 20.gxf6 gxf6

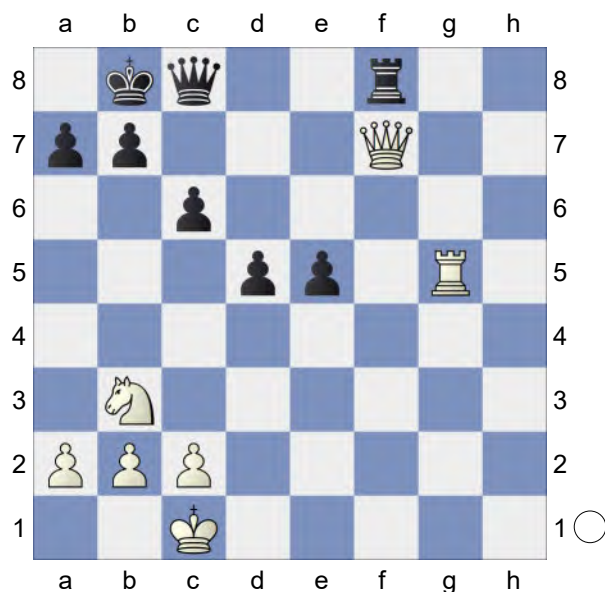


21.Qg6 Re6 22.Rdf1 Rf8 23.dxe5 fxe5 24.Rxf8+ Bxf8 25.Qf5 Qc8

(Diagram)

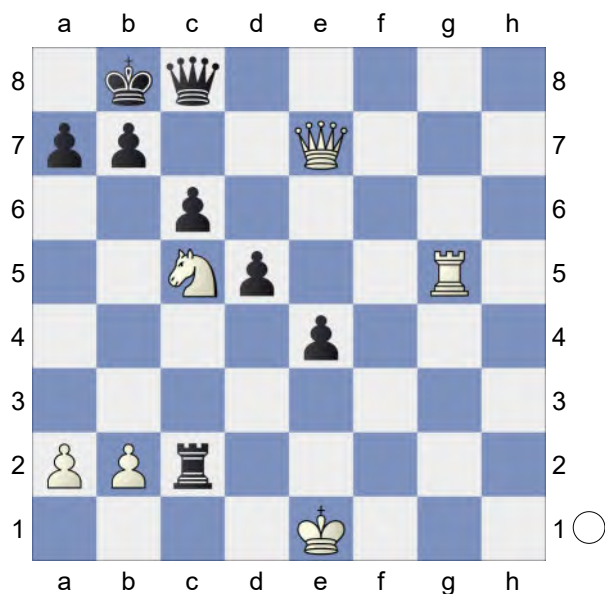


26.Rh8 Re8 27.Qf7
 [27.Rxf8 Rxf8 28.Qxe5+ Ka8±]
27...Rd8 28.Bg5 2.02/22
 [Δ28.Qf6 3.57/24]
28...Be7 29.Rh5
 [Stronger than 29.Bxe7 Rxh8
 30.Bd6+ Ka8=]
29...Bxg5+ 30.Rxg5 Rf8

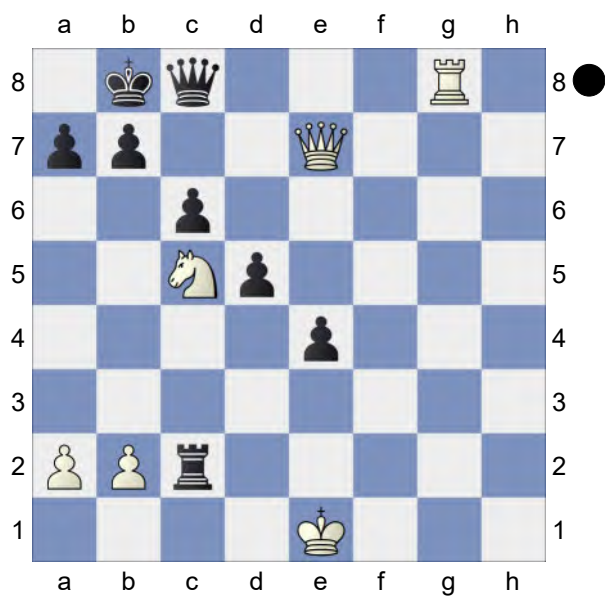


31.Qe7 Hoping for Rg5-g7! 31...e4
32.Nc5 Rf1+? 5.04/5
 [32...Re8 3.04/21 33.Qf7 (33.Qd6+ Ka8±) 33...Rh8]
33.Kd2 White wants to mate with Rg5-

g8! 33...Rf2+ 34.Ke1 Rg5-g8 would kill
now. 34...Rxc2



35.Rg8!!



Pin. White took control after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very
precise) /Black=0.67

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□ Friedrich,Juergen

■ Zimmermann,Frank

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[Kitty Kat]

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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6 5.g4 Bh7**

[5...Bd7 6.h5 c5 (6...e6 7.f4 c5 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Kf2 0-0-0 11.Kg3 Kb8 12.a4 cxd4 13.a5 Nxa5 14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Nxc6+ Bxc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qd4 Qxd4 19.cxd4 Ne7 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Bd3 0-1 Grünfeld 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 (2470)-

Theis,B (2613) (m/4-rapid) 101/(249) 2007 (5)) 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.Qxd5 Bxg4

9.Nc3 e6 10.Qg2 Bf5 11.Bb5 Qc7

12.Be3 0-0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nf3

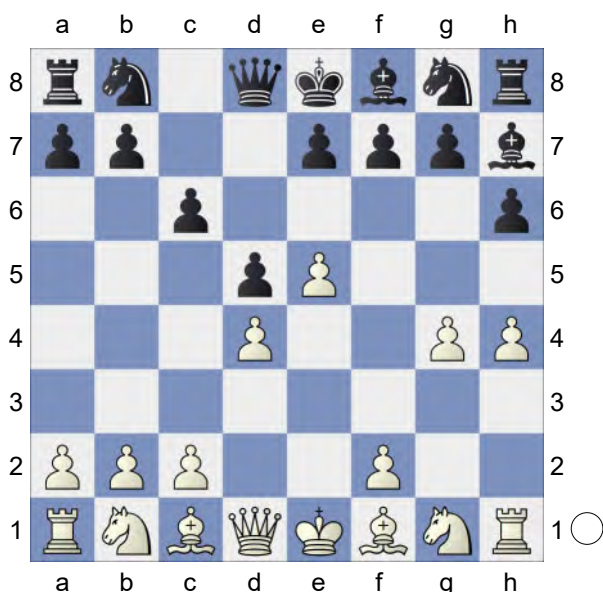
Ne7 15.Nd4 Bh7 16.0-0-0 Nd5

17.Nxd5 Rxd5 18.f4 Rxc5 19.Rd2

Rg8 20.Rhd1 1-0 Vachier Lagrave,M

(2710)-Grischuk,A (2752) Sportaccord

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**6.e6! fxe6 7.f4N -0.20/18**

[7.Bd3± 0.53/20 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1 Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxg4 21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 1-0 Moen,A (2095)-Blatt,F Izhevsk Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) b6 23.c4 Kb7 24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3 b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4 29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5 31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6 33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+ Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8 1-0 Mastrovasilis,D (2095)-Grischenko,S Wch U12 St Lorenzo 1995 (1)]

7...Be4 0.81/21

[7...Qa5+= -0.20/18 8.Nc3 Nf6]

8.Nf3± Nf6 White is better. 9.Rg1 0.15/20

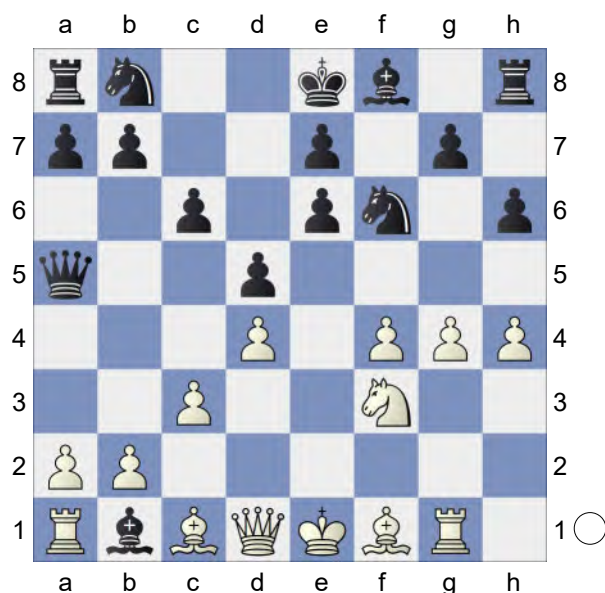
[9.Nc3± 0.70/19]

9...Qa5+ 10.c3 0.00/20

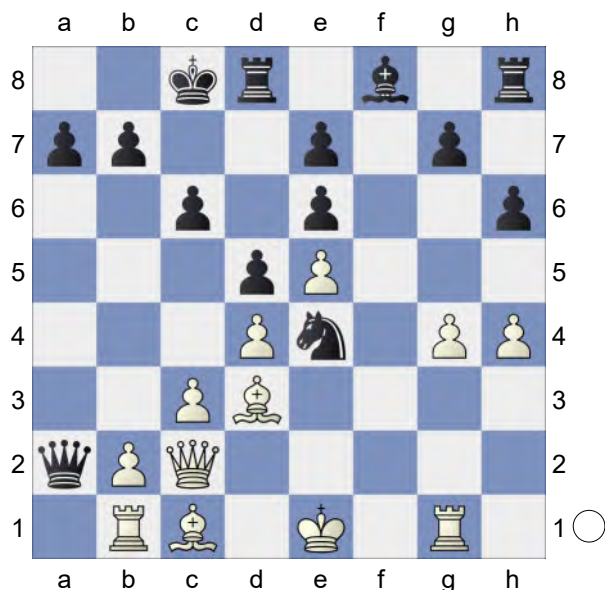
[10.Nc3± 0.38/20 might be stronger.]

10...Bxb1? 1.76/21

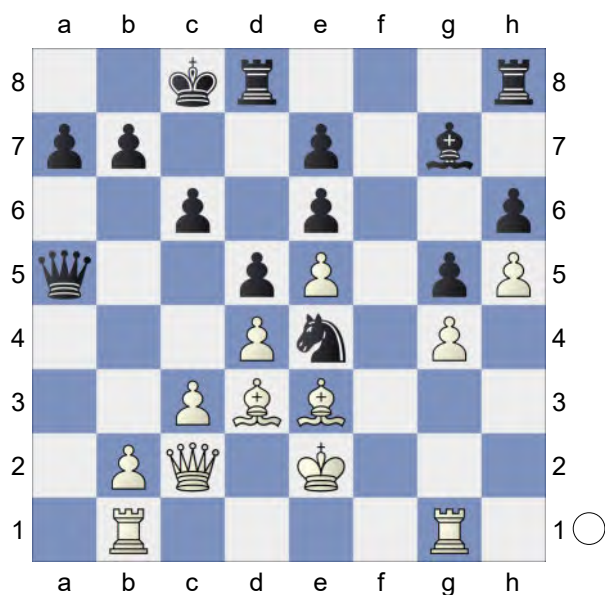
[10...h5= 0.00/20 and Black stays safe.]



11.Rxb1+- Qxa2 12.Bd3 Ne4 13.Qc2
Nd7 14.Ne5? 0.18/22
[14.Be3+- 1.94/20]
14...Nxe5= 15.fxe5 0-0-0 0.79/24
[15...g5= 0.27/22]

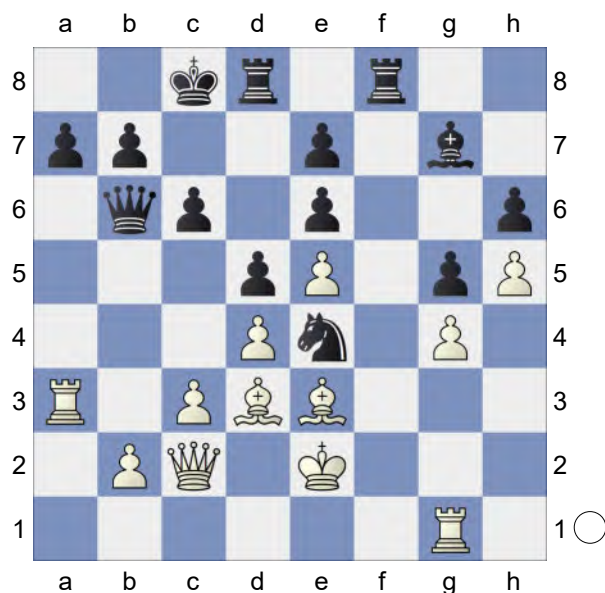


16.Be3± White has strong
compensation. 16...g5 17.h5
[17.Ke2!? Qa5□ (17...gxh4? loses.
18.Ra1+- Skewer) 18.Ra1±]
17...Bg7 18.Ke2 Qa5

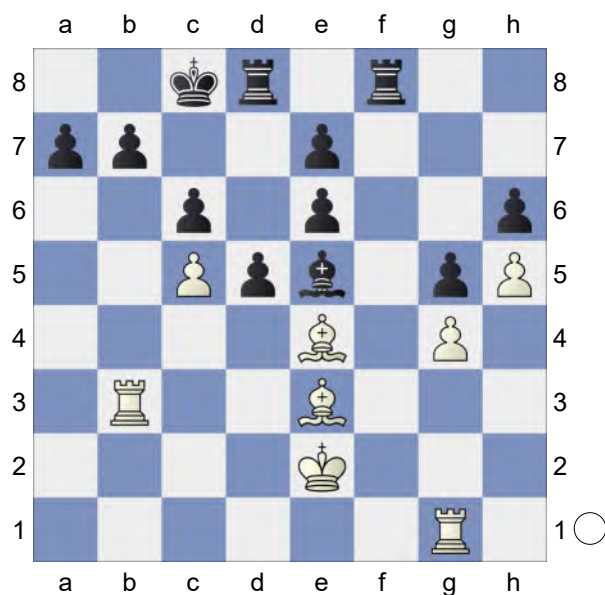


19.Ra1! Qb6 20.Ra3 0.01/24
[Better is 20.b4!± 0.99/22]

20...Rh8 0.55/24
[20...a6= 0.01/24]



21.c4 -0.01/23
[21.Bxe4± 0.55/24 dxe4 22.Rga1]
21...Bxe5 22.Bxe4
[22.dxe5? Rf2+ 23.Ke1 Qxe3+-+]
22...Bxd4 23.c5 The board is on fire.
23...Qxb2 24.Qxb2
[24.Rxa7? is the wrong capture. dxe4
25.Qxb2 Bxb2-+]
24...Bxb2 25.Rb3 Be5



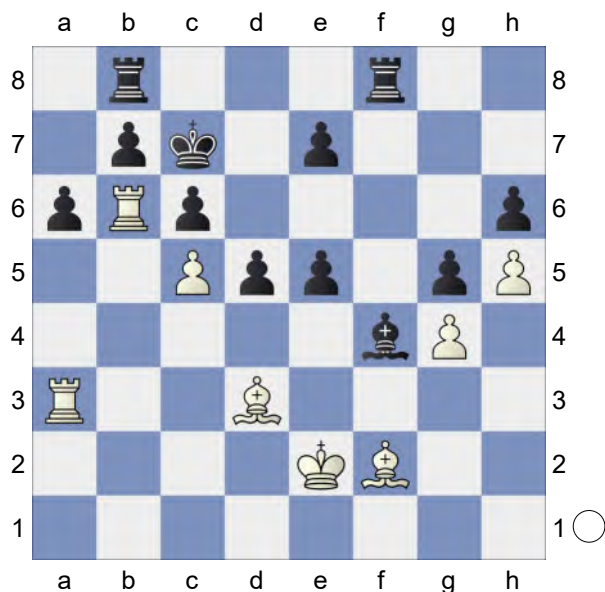
26.Bd3 Black must now prevent Rg1-b1.

26...Kc7 27.Rgb1 Rb8 28.Ra3 a6

29.Rb6 -0.29/24

[29.Bg6 0.09/24 was preferable.]

29...Bf4 Hoping for ...Bf4xe3. 30.Bf2 e5

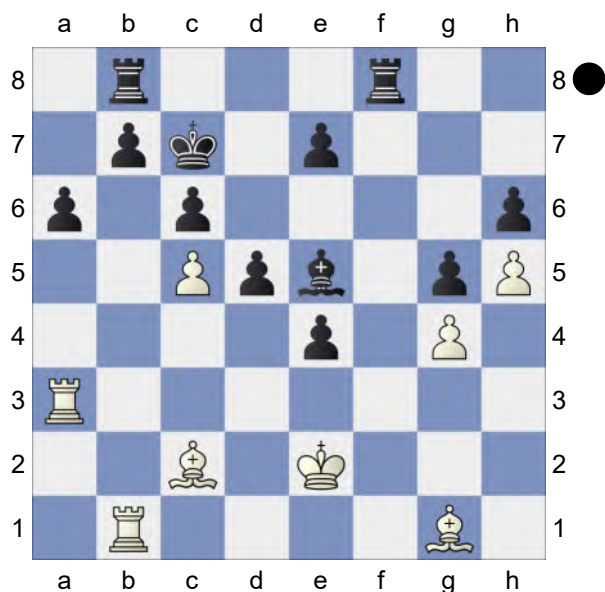


31.Rb1 -1.39/24

[31.Bf5= 0.01/25 keeps the balance.]

31...e4 32.Bc2 Be5 Prevents Bf2-d4.

33.Bg1



What a bad dream for White.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/
Black=0.27 (precise)

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□ Borisek, Jure

■ Megaranto, Susanto

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[Kitty Kat]

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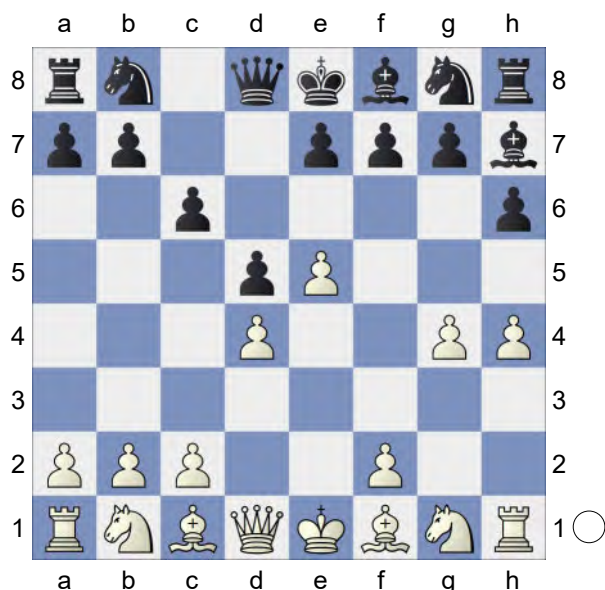
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7

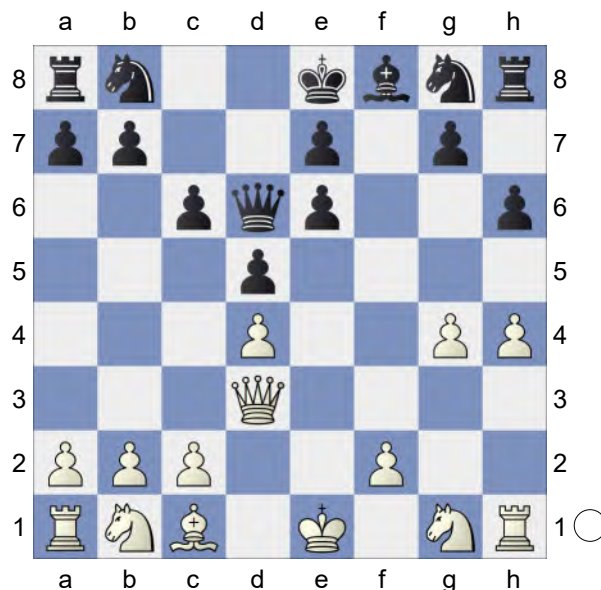


6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Qd6N
1.23/21

[♖8...c5 0.86/21]

[8...Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5
11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4
Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5
16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1
Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxc4
21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 b6 23.c4
1-0 Moen, A (2095)-Blatt, F Izhevsk
Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) Kb7
24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3
b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4
29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5
31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6
33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+
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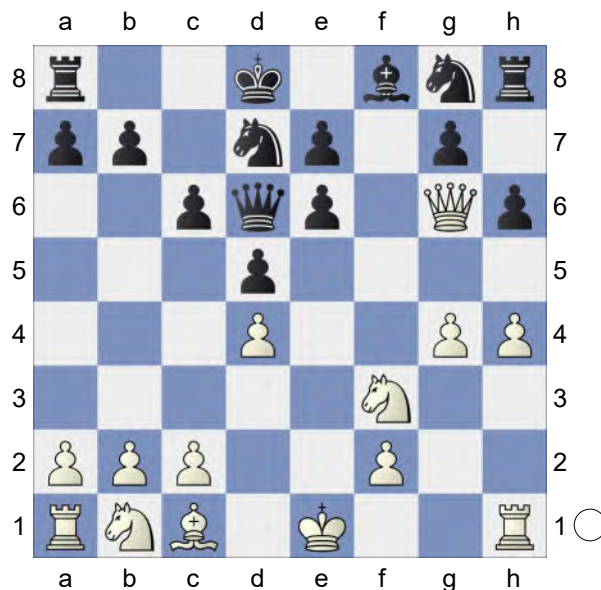


9.Qg6+? -0.28/23

[9.f4!± 1.23/21]

9...Kd8!= Strongly threatening ...e6-e5.

10.Nf3 Nd7



Wards off Nf3-e5. With the idea ...e6-e5.
The position is equal. 11.0-0? -1.83/22

[11.Qf7= -0.13/22 Ngf6 12.g5 hxc4
13.Nxc5]

11...e5-+ 12.Qf5 -2.70/22

[♖12.Qf7 -1.65/20 Qf6 13.Qxf6 exf6
14.c4]

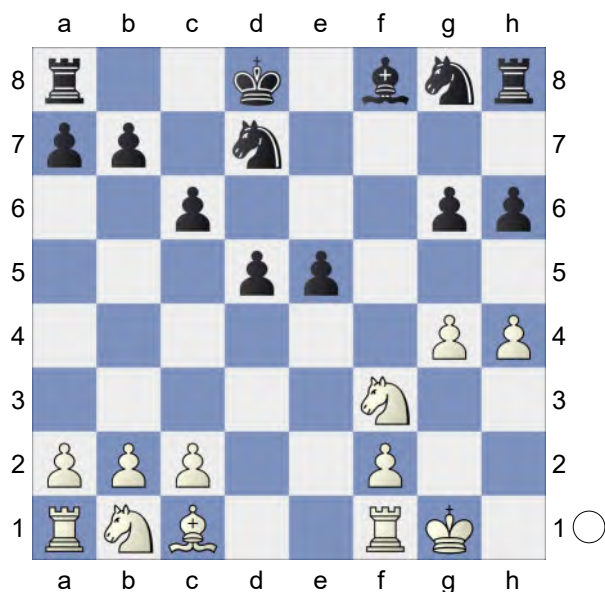
12...g6 13.Qf7 Qf6 14.Qxf6 exf6
-1.15/22

[14...Ngxf6+ -2.29/22 15.g5 hxg5
 16.Nxg5 Rxh4 (16...exd4? loses.
 17.Nf7+ Kc7 18.Nxh8+-) 17.Ne6+
 Kc8 18.dxe5 Nh5]

15.dxe5 -1.66/22

[15.c4± -1.15/22]

15...fxe5



16.b3? -2.86/22

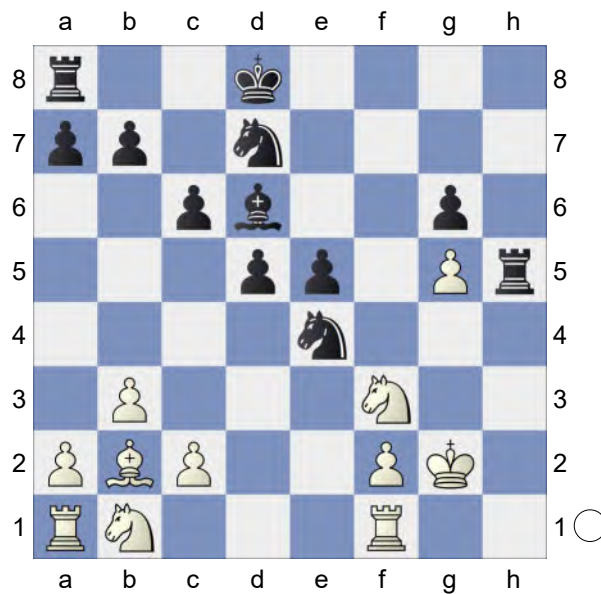
[16.c4± -1.33/21 keeps fighting.]

16...Bd6 17.Bb2 -3.47/21

[17.c4 -2.41/21 is a better defense.]

17...Ngf6 18.g5 hxg5 19.hxg5 Ne4
20.Kg2 Rh5

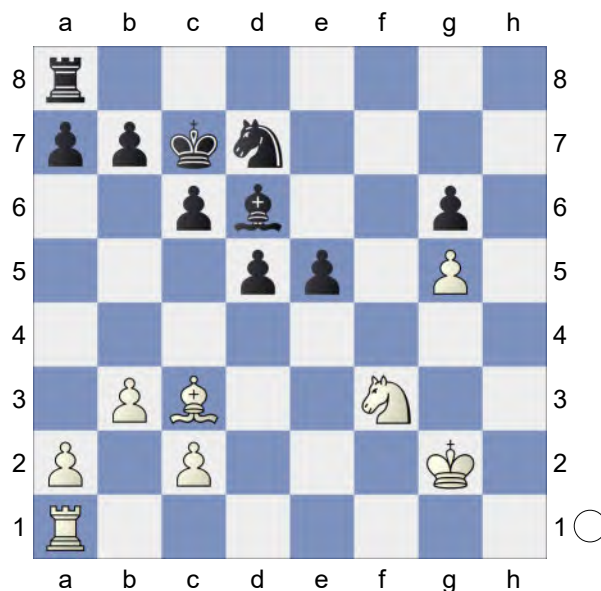
(Diagram)



21.Rh1 Rxh1 Deflection

[And not 21...Nxg5 22.Rxh5 gxh5
 23.Nxg5±]

22.Kxh1 Nxf2+ 23.Kg2 Ne4 24.Nc3
Nxc3 25.Bxc3 Kc7

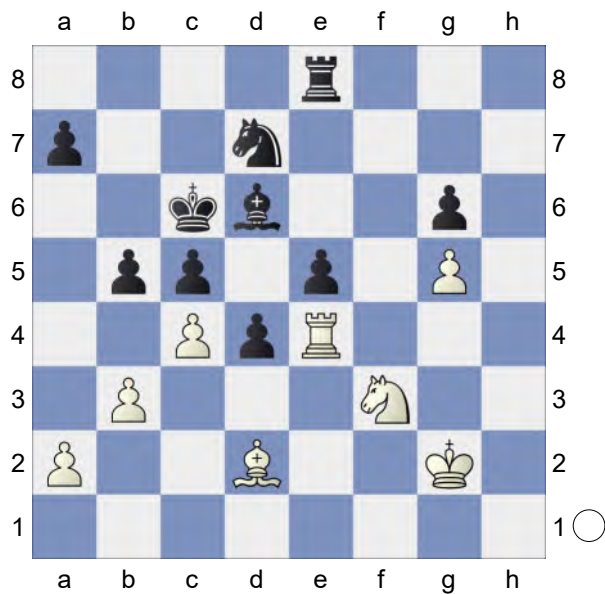


26.Rh1 d4 27.Bd2 c5 28.Re1 -4.68/21

[28.Rh6 -3.00/22]

28...Re8 Hoping for ...e5-e4. Black is
 clearly winning. **29.Re4 Kc6 30.c4 b5**

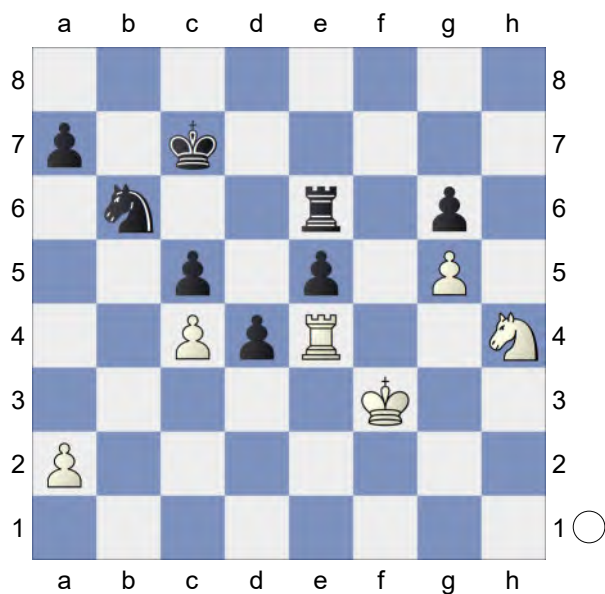
(Diagram)



...b5xc4 would now be deadly. **31.Nh4**
bxc4 32.bxc4 Re6 33.Ba5 Bc7
34.Bxc7 Kxc7 Endgame. KRN-KRN
35.Kf3 -7.10/23

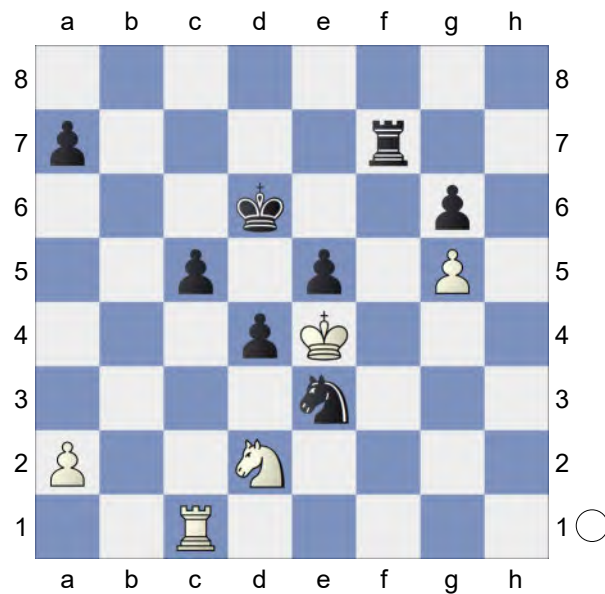
[Δ 35.Nf3 -4.47/22]

35...Nb6

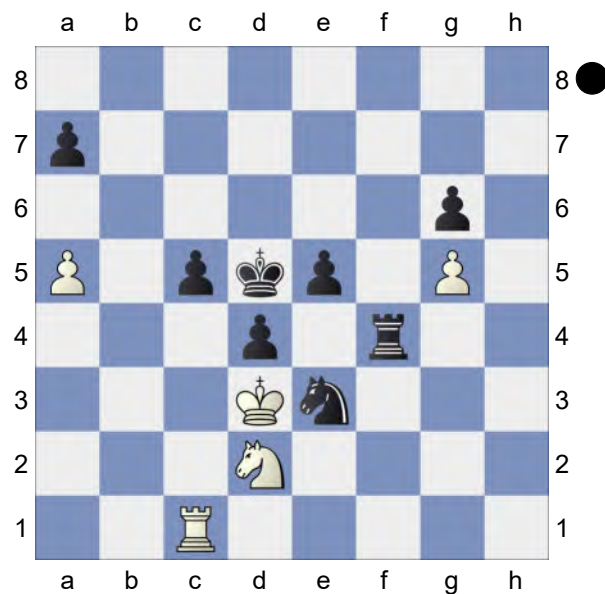


36.Re1 Kd6 37.Ke4 Nxc4 38.Nf3 Ne3
39.Nd2 Re7 40.Rc1 Rf7

(Diagram)

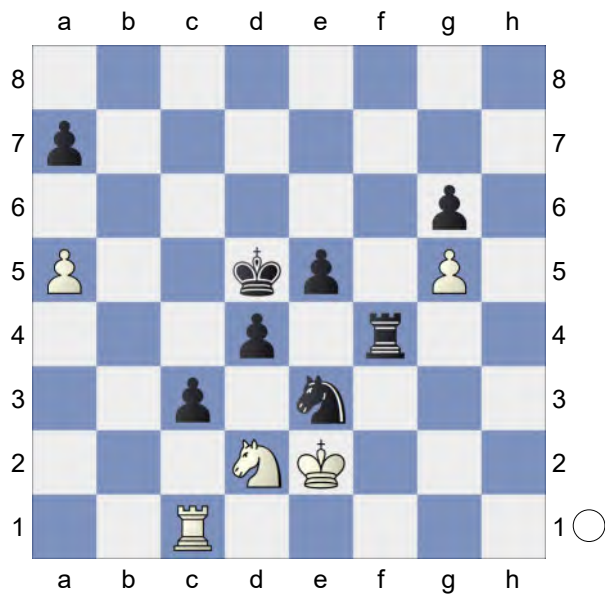


aiming for ...Rf7-f4+. **41.a4 Rf4+**
42.Kd3 Kd5 Wards off Nd2-e4 43.a5



c4+! 44.Ke2 c3

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.75/
Black=0.30

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□ Bosch,Jeroen
 ■ De Waal,Marcel
 Den Bosch sim
 [Kitty Kat]

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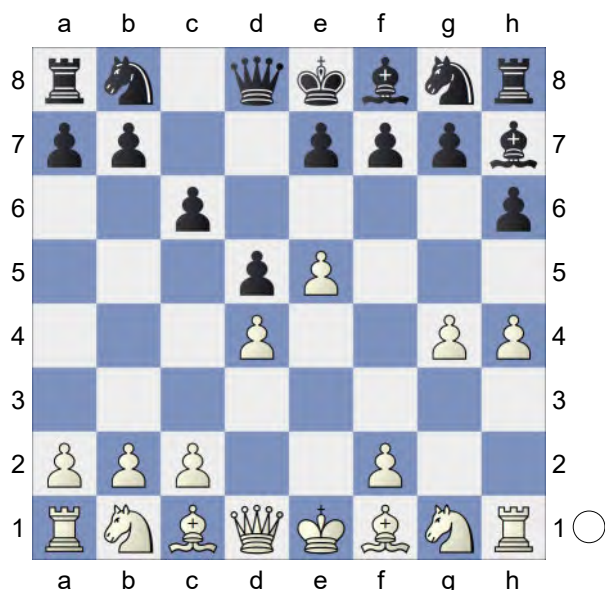
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
 5.g4 Bh7



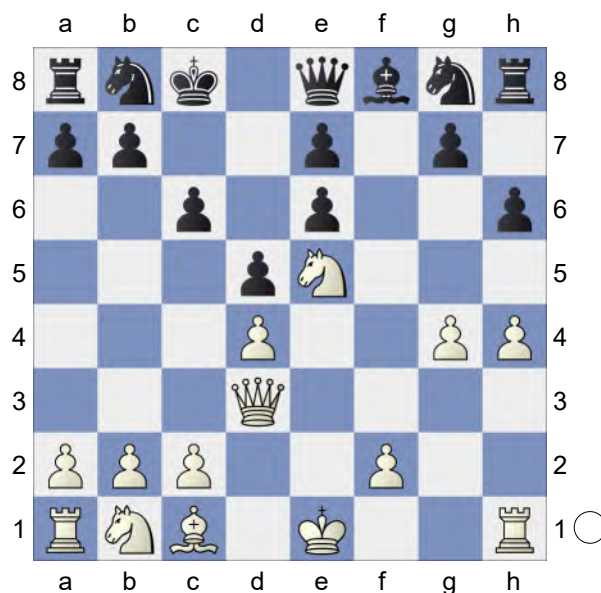
6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Kd7N
 4.15/20

[8...c5± 0.73/20 is tougher.]

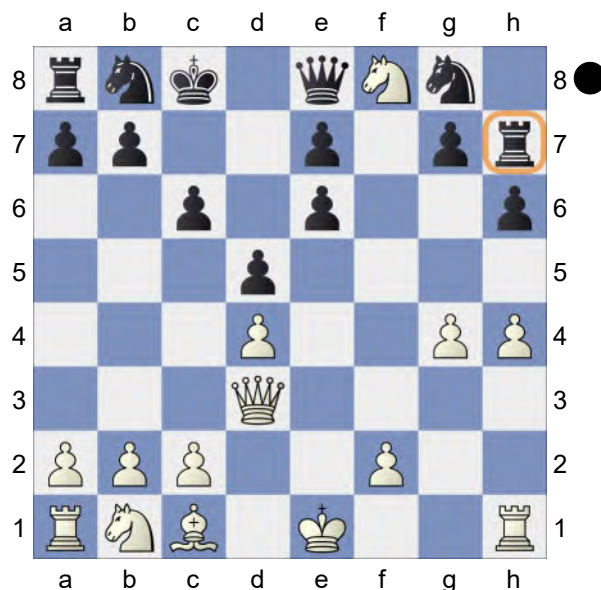
[8...Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5
 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4
 Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5
 16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1
 Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxg4
 21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 b6 23.c4
 1-0 Moen,A (2095)-Blatt,F Izhevsk
 Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) Kb7
 24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3
 b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4
 29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5
 31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6
 33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+
 Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8
 1-0 Mastrovasilis,D (2095)-Grischenko,

S Wch U12 St Lorenzo 1995 (1)]

9.Nf3+- Qe8 10.Ne5+ White is clearly
 winning. 10...Kc8

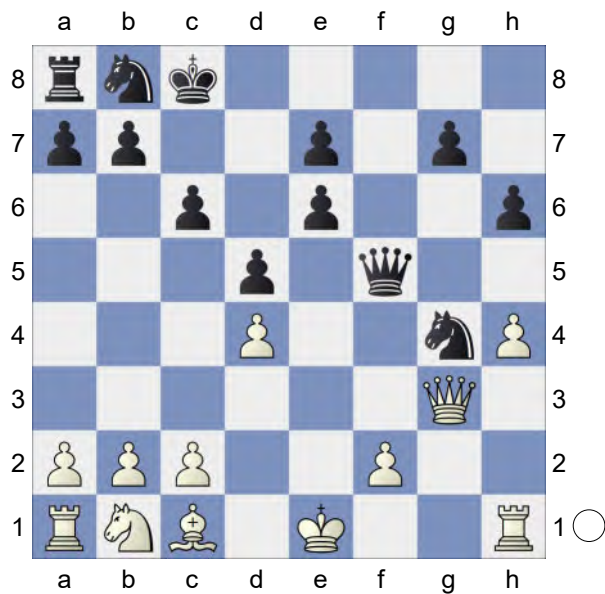


11.Ng6 Rh7 12.Nxf8

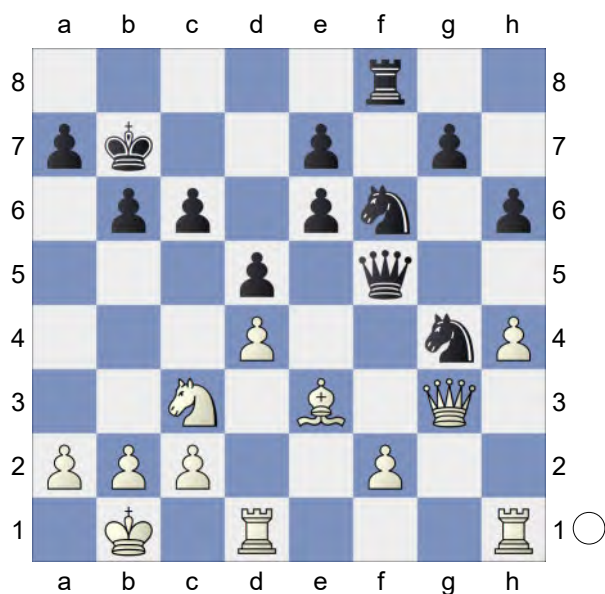


Discovered Attack 12...Qxf8 13.Qxh7
 Nf6 14.Qd3 Nxg4 15.Qg3 Qf5

(Diagram)

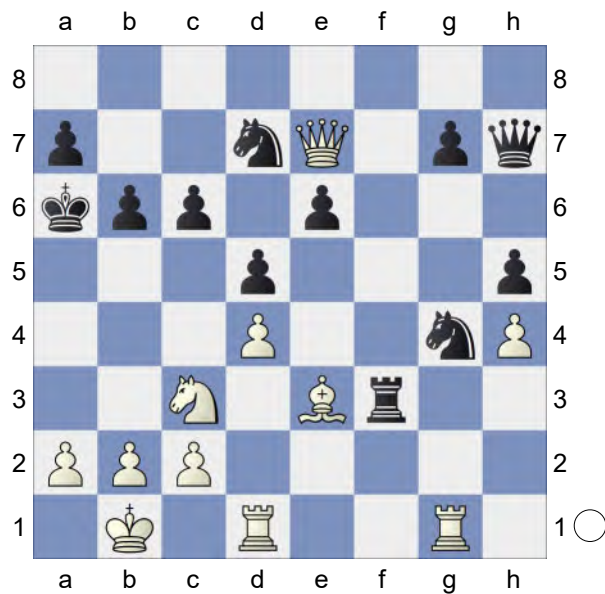


16.Nc3 Prevents Qf5-e4+ **16...Nd7**
17.Bf4 b6 **18.0-0-0** Kb7 **19.Kb1** Rf8
20.Be3 Ndf6

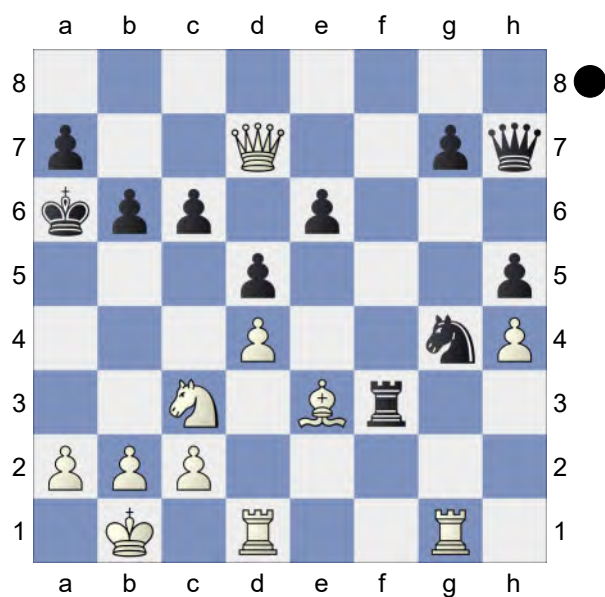


21.Rhg1 h5 **22.Qf4** Qh7 **23.f3** Nd7
24.Qg5 Rxf3 **25.Qxe7** Ka6

(Diagram)



26.Qxd7



White threatens Qd7-c8+ and mate.

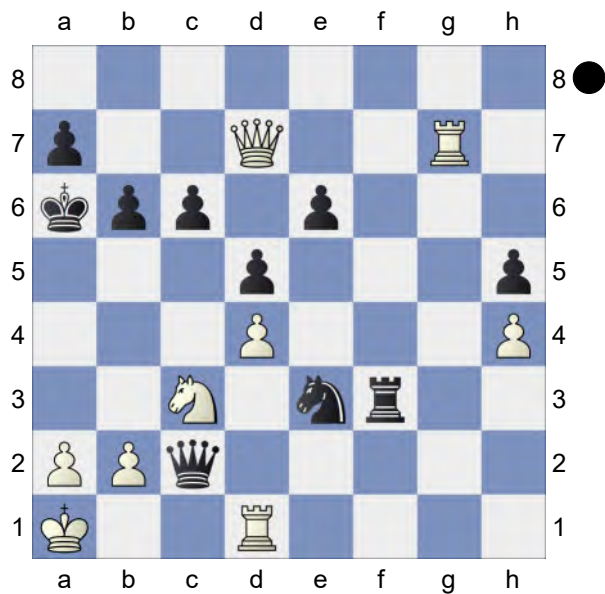
26...Nxe3 **27.Rxg7**

[27.Qxg7? too greedy. Qxc2+ 28.Ka1
 Nxd1 29.Rxd1 Rxc3-+

Remove Defender]

27...Qxc2+ **28.Ka1**

(Diagram)



Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/
Black=1.00

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□ Landry, Sylvain
 ■ Ibrahim, Anthony

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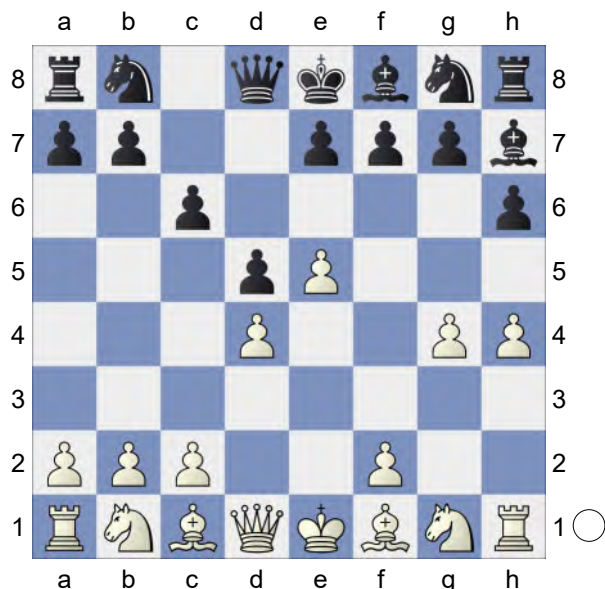
[Kitty Kat]

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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
 5.g4 Bh7

[5...Bd7 6.h5 c5 (6...e6 7.f4 c5
 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Kf2 0-0-0
 11.Kg3 Kb8 12.a4 cxd4 13.a5 Nxa5
 14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Nxc6+
 Bxc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qd4 Qxd4
 19.cxd4 Ne7 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Bd3
 0-1 Grünfeld 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 (2470)-
 Theis, B (2613) (m/4-rapid) 101/(249)
 2007 (5)) 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.Qxd5 Bxg4
 9.Nc3 e6 10.Qg2 Bf5 11.Bb5 Qc7
 12.Be3 0-0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nf3
 Ne7 15.Nd4 Bh7 16.0-0-0 Nd5
 17.Nxd5 Rxd5 18.f4 Rxc5 19.Rd2
 Rg8 20.Rhd1 1-0 Vachier Lagrave, M
 (2710)-Grischuk, A (2752) Sportaccord
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6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 aiming for Bd3xh7.

7...Qd6N 1.64/22

[7...c5± 0.41/19]

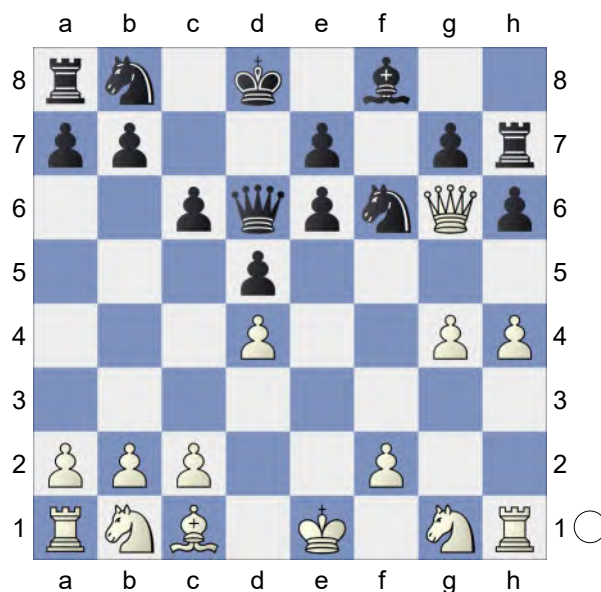
[7...Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4
 10.Nbd2 Qa5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4
 dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8
 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3
 h5 18.Rfd1 Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+
 20.Qxg4 hxg4 21.e6 c5 22.Rd5
 1-0 Moen, A (2095)-Blatt, F Izhevsk
 Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) b6
 23.c4 Kb7 24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1
 Rc8 26.Rc3 b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4
 bxc4 29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5
 31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6
 33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+
 Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8
 1-0 Mastrovasilis, D (2095)-Grischenko,
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8.Bxh7+- Rxh7 9.Qd3 Nf6 2.04/22

[9...Rh8± 1.33/21]

10.Qg6+ Kd8 2.10/21

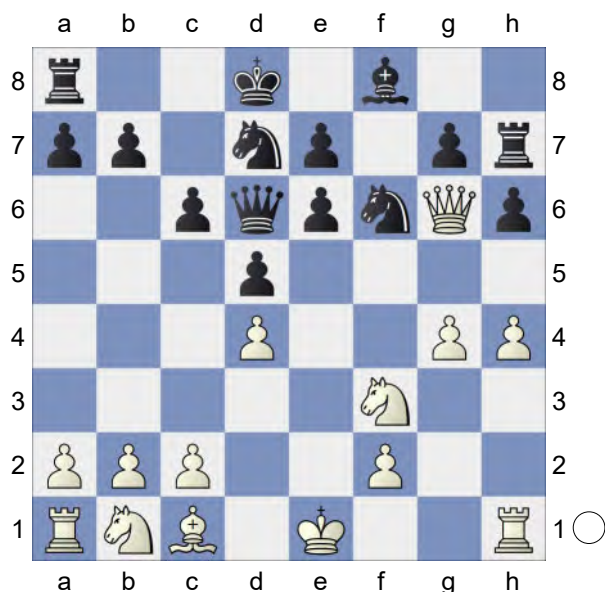
[10...Kd7± 1.52/21]



11.Nf3 Black must now prevent g4-g5.

11...Nbd7 2.12/21

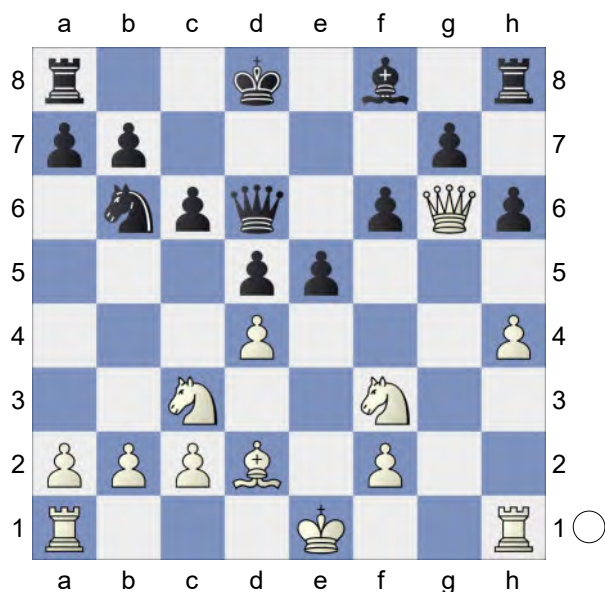
[11...Qd7 1.71/20 was worth a try.
 12.Ne5 Qe8 13.Nf7+ Kd7]



12.g5! Rh8

[12...hgx5 13.Nxg5 Rh6 14.Nf7+ Kc7 15.Bxh6 (15.Nxh6 gxh6 16.f4 h5±) 15...Qb4+ 16.Bd2 Qxb2 17.Qg3+ e5 18.Qc3 Qxc3 19.Bxc3+-]

13.gxf6 exf6 14.Nc3 e5 15.Bd2 Nb6



16.0-0 1.60/19

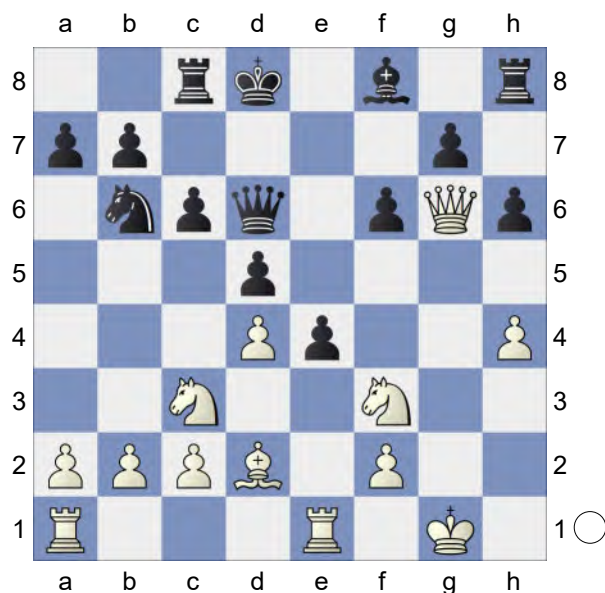
[White should try 16.dxe5+- 3.18/20 fxe5 17.Qh5 (17.Qxd6+ Bxd6 18.Rg1 Rh7+-)]

16...Rc8 2.49/20

[16...Nc4± 1.60/19 was necessary.]

17.Rfe1 e4 3.69/21

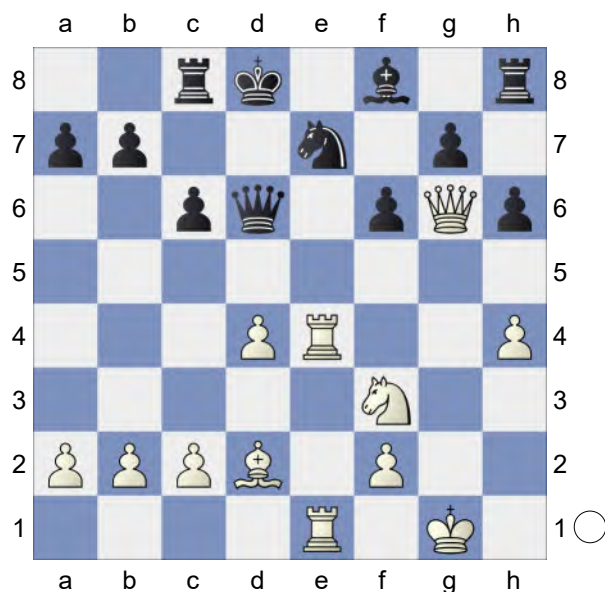
[17...Nc4 2.15/21 18.Ne2 Kc7]



18.Nxe4! dxe4 19.Rxe4 Nd5? 4.45/24

[19...Qd7 2.60/21 is a better defense. 20.Rae1 Bd6]

20.Rae1 Ne7



21.Qg2 g5 22.c4 Wards off Qd6-d5

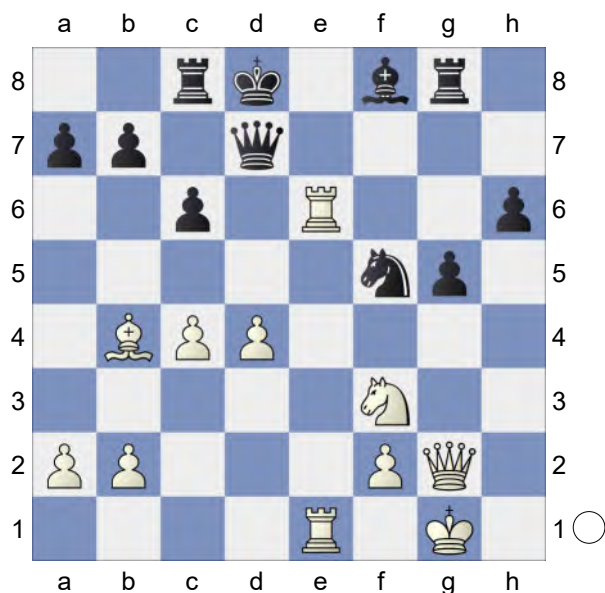
22...Rg8 5.26/24

[22...Qd7 3.69/22 might work better. 23.Re6 Rg8]

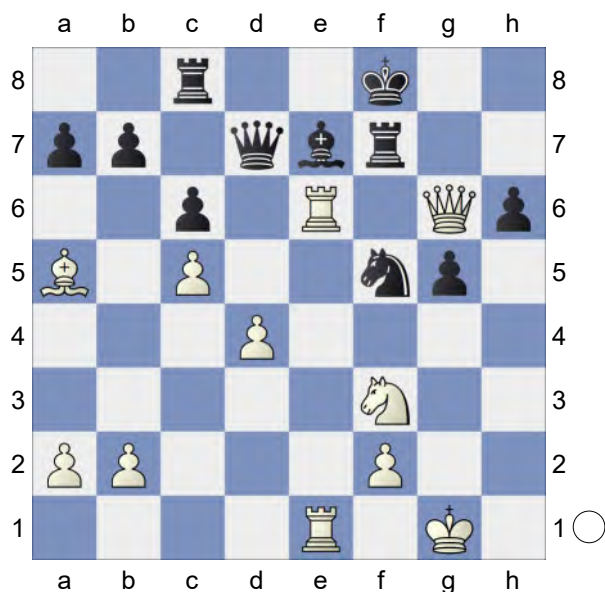
23.Re6 Qd7 24.hxg5

[24.Rxf6 gxh4 25.Rxf8+ (25.Ba5+?]

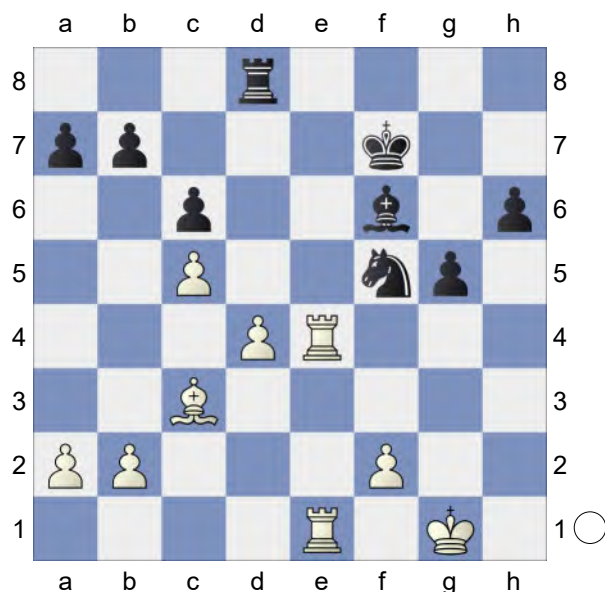
b6-+; 25.Qxg8? Nxc8 26.Rxf8+
Kc7+ 25...Rxf8 26.Bxh6 Re8+-]
24...fxg5 25.Bb4 Nf5



26.c5 Hoping for Bb4-a5+. **26...Be7**
27.Ba5+ Ke8 28.Qg4 Rf8 29.Qh5+
Rf7 30.Qg6 White wants to mate with
Nf3-e5. 30...Kf8



31.Ne5 Qe8 32.Nxf7 Qxf7 33.Qxf7+
Kxf7 34.Bc3? 2.11/24
[34.R6e5 6.01/23 Kf6 35.Rxf5+
Remove Defender, Deflection Kxf5
36.Rxe7]
34...Bf6 35.R6e4 Rd8



36.Rg4 0.95/23
[36.d5+- 1.71/22 Bxc3 37.bxc3 Rxd5
38.Rb1]

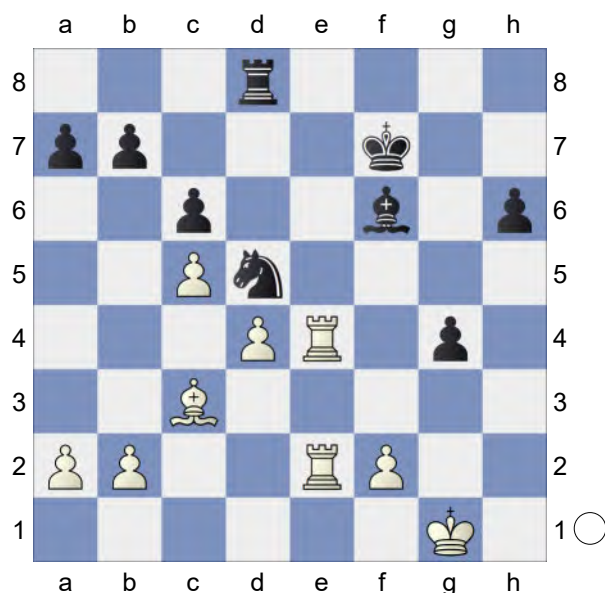
36...Ne7 1.41/22
[Δ36...Rd5 0.95/23]

37.Rge4 -0.01/20
[37.a4± 1.41/22]

37...Nd5? 2.36/22
[37...Nf5= -0.01/20 and Black is
okay.]

38.R1e2 1.21/22
[Better is 38.Re6+- 2.36/22]

38...g4? 3.98/23



Weighted Error Value: White=0.81/
Black=1.00. Loss on time!?

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[Kitty Kat]

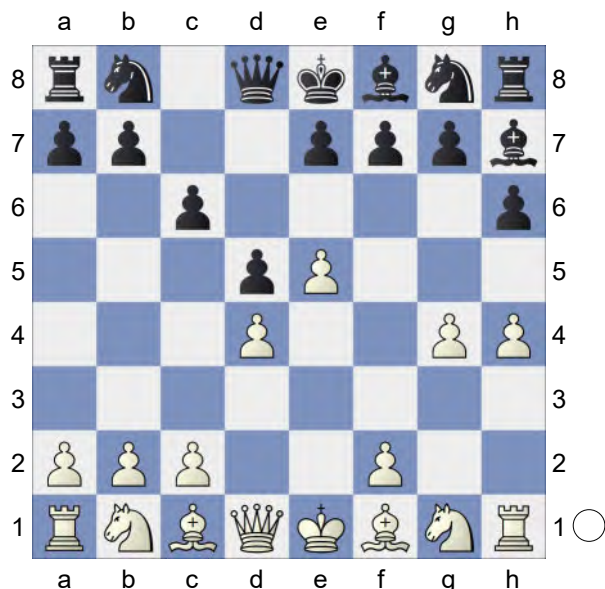
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6 5.g4 Bh7**

[5...Bd7 6.h5 c5 (6...e6 7.f4 c5 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Kf2 0-0-0 11.Kg3 Kb8 12.a4 cxd4 13.a5 Nxa5 14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Nxc6+ Bxc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qd4 Qxd4 19.cxd4 Ne7 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Bd3 0-1 Grünfeld 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 (2470)-

Theis, B (2613) (m/4-rapid) 101/(249) 2007 (5)) 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.Qxd5 Bxg4 9.Nc3 e6 10.Qg2 Bf5 11.Bb5 Qc7 12.Be3 0-0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nf3 Ne7 15.Nd4 Bh7 16.0-0-0 Nd5 17.Nxd5 Rxd5 18.f4 Rxc5 19.Rd2 Rg8 20.Rhd1 1-0 Vachier Lagrave, M (2710)-Grischuk, A (2752) Sportaccord WMG Blindfold rapid 2011 (1)]

**6.e6! Qd6 0.77/21**

[6...fxe6= 0.20/19 7.Bd3 Nf6]

[6...c5 7.Nf3]

7.exf7+± Kxf7 8.Qf3+N 0.00/20

[8.Nf3± 0.77/19]

[8.Nc3 e5 9.Qf3+ Nf6 10.g5 hxg5 11.hxg5 Be4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qb3+ Nd5 14.Rxh8 exd4 15.Ne2 Nd7 16.Nxd4 Qe5 17.Qxb7 Bb4+ 18.c3 Rxh8 19.Qxd7+ Kg6 20.Nxc6 Bxc3+ 21.Kd1 Qf5 22.Qxf5+ 1-0 Moeller, J (2550)-Goldsmith, J (2580) (ol) 86/177 Bled 2002 (8)]

8...Ke8 0.55/19

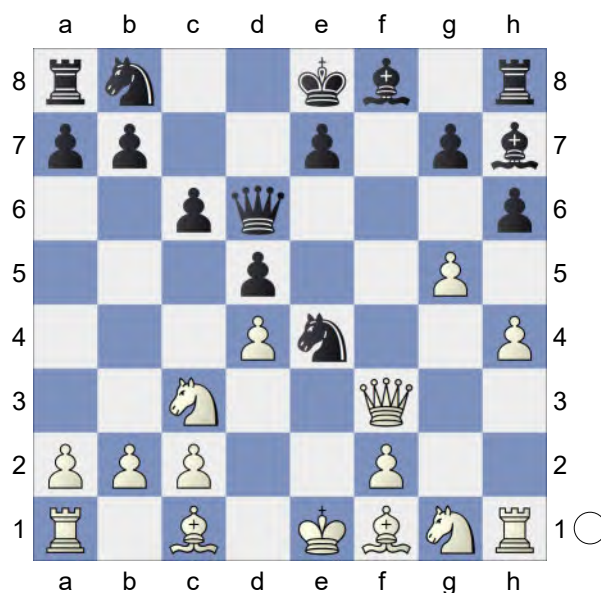
[Better is 8...Nf6!= 0.00/20]

9.Nc3± Nf6 1.26/20

[Black should play 9...Bxc2± 0.42/20 10.Qe2 (10.Bf4 Qb4=) 10...Bh7]

10.g5 0.76/20

[White should try 10.Bh3 1.26/20]

10...Ne4±**11.Bd3 Nxc3 1.14/22**

[11...Nd7± 0.69/21]

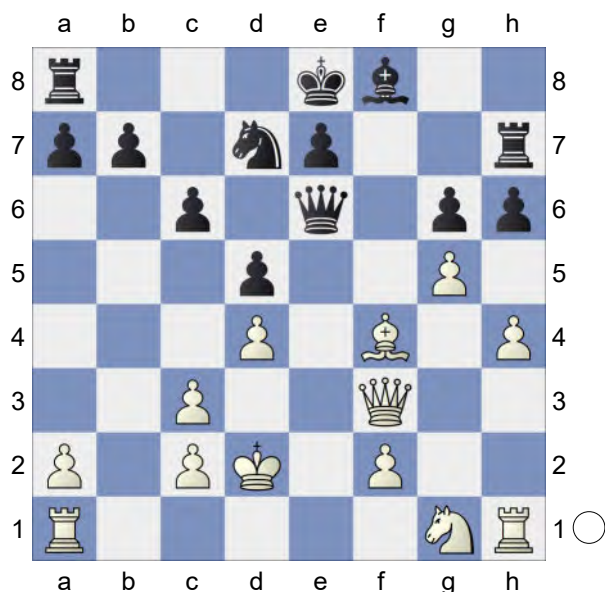
12.Bxh7 Rxh7 13.bxc3

[13.Qxc3 simplifies Nd7 14.Bd2 hxg5 15.Bxg5 Nf6 16.0-0-0]

13...g6 Wards off Qf3-f5 14.Bf4
White is more active. 14...Qe6+ 15.Kd2 0.58/21

[15.Kf1± 0.94/22]

15...Nd7

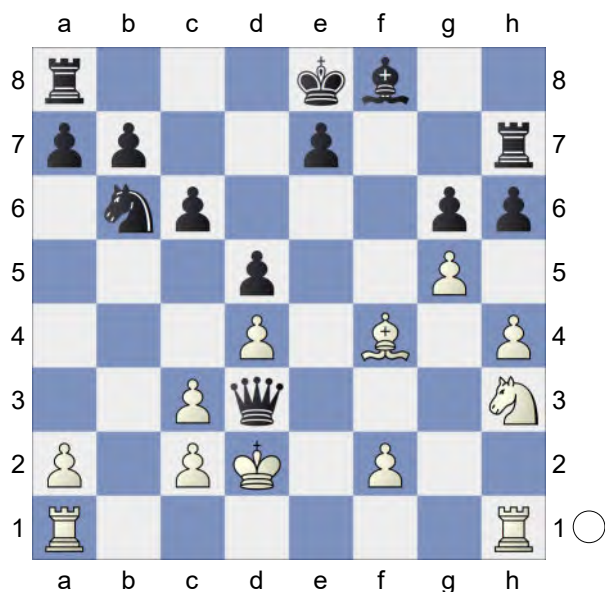


16.Nh3 Qf5 17.Qe3 -0.26/23

[17.Rae1± 0.95/22]

17...Nb6 18.Qd3 Qxd3+? 1.68/22

[18...Nc4+= -0.01/22 and Black has nothing to worry. 19.Ke2 e6]

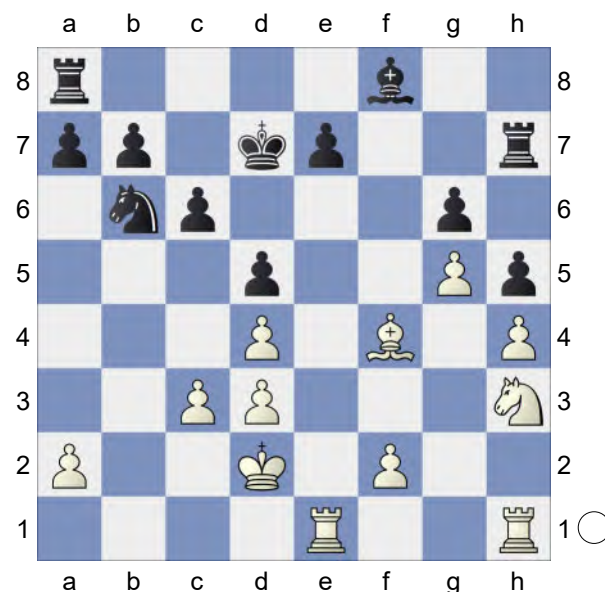


19.cxd3+- Kd7 20.Rae1 1.13/23

[20.Bg3+- 1.81/22]

20...h5 2.57/22

[20...Re8± 1.13/23 is a better defense.]



21.Re3 Black must now prevent Rh1-b1.

21...Rf7 2.41/24

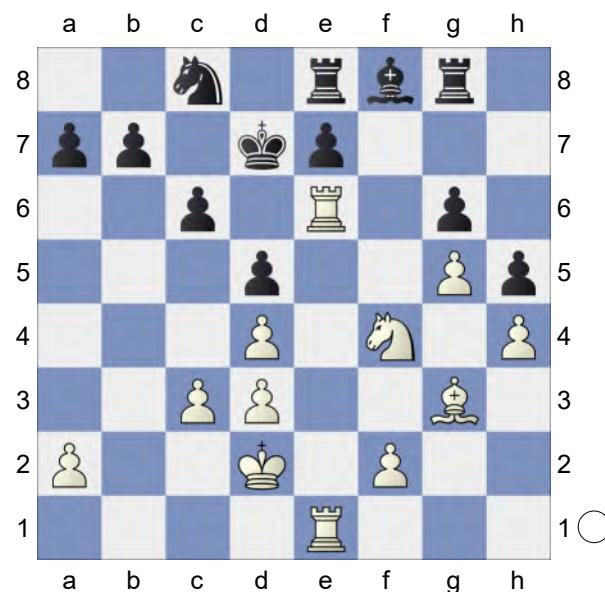
[21...e6 1.63/22 was necessary.]

22.Rhe1 Threatens to win with Re3-e6.

22...Re8 3.01/24

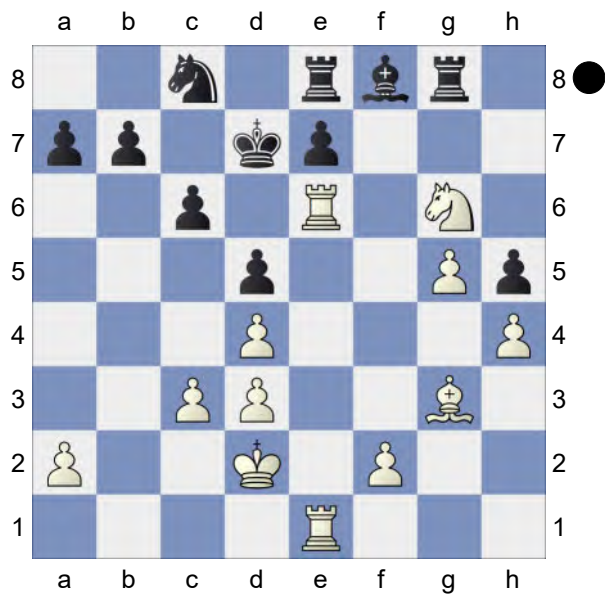
[Δ22...c5 1.66/23]

23.Re6 Rg7 24.Bg3 Rg8 25.Nf4 Nc8



26.Nxg6

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/
Black=0.58
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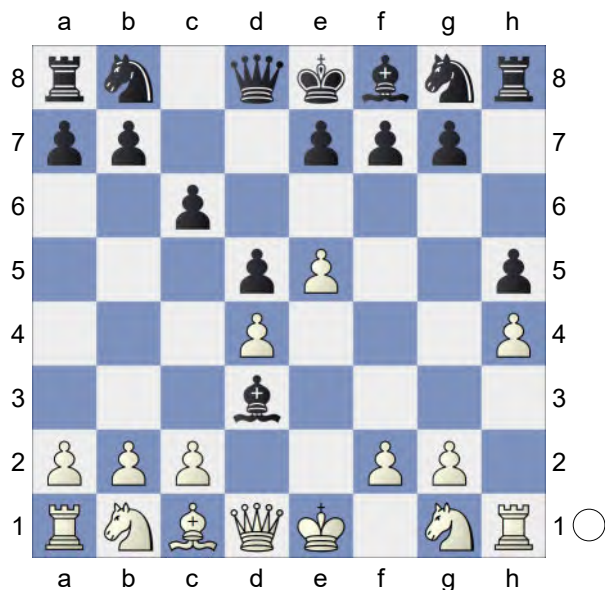
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□ 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.Qxd3 Qa5

■ 7.c3 and 7.Nc3

[GM Grigorov & GM Eljanov]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 Qa5+! 7.Nc3

[7.c3 Qa6! (7...e6 8.a4!? Qa6
9.Qd1 transposes to 8.Qd1 and the
minor alternative 8...e6)

A) 8.Qf3 may lead to lively
positions, for example e6 9.b4!?
(9.a4 c5 10.Na3? Qxa4?)
9...Qa4! 10.Ne2 (10.Bg5
is also answered with the intended
a5∞) 10...a5 11.bxa5 Rxa5 12.0-0
Nd7 (premature is 12...Qc2
, as in Mareco - Cori, Mexican op,
2021, because of 13.a4↑) 13.Nd2
(13.Bg5 Be7 14.Rc1 Bxg5
15.hxg5 Ne7∞) 13...b5 14.Nb3
Ra7 15.Nf4 Here Black can obtain
decent play by choosing one of the
alternatives g6 (or 15...Ne7!?
16.Nxh5± Nxe5! 17.Qe2 Nd7
18.Re1 Qc4 19.Qf3 e5∞) 16.Nd3

Nh6 (16...Ba3!? 17.Bxa3 Qxa3
18.Nbc5 Nxc5 19.Nxc5 Ne7∞)
17.Nb2 Qa3 18.c4 Nf5!
(18...bxc4 19.Nxc4 Qa4
J. Burke - J. Liang, Washington,
2022 20.Bxh6 dxc4 21.Bxf8±)
19.cxb5 cxb5∞;

B) 8.Qd1

B1) As mentioned, the natural
8...e6 is a bit slow because of
9.a4 c5 10.Na3! cxd4
(10...c4?! 11.b3! Nd7 12.bxc4
Bxa3 13.Bxa3 Qxc4 14.Ne2±
Vokhidov - Samunenkov, Titled
Tuesday 31st May, 2022) 11.Nb5
Qb6 12.Nxd4 Nc6 13.Ngf3↑;

B2) 8...c5! A well-timed
counterstrike:

B2a) 9.a4 is less effective
here in the view of cxd4
10.cxd4 e6 11.Nc3 Nc6
Black has already fixed the
central structure and should
not be afraid of the jump to the
b5-square any longer, e.g.
12.Nf3 (12.Nb5 Qb6±)
12...Bb4∞;

B2b) 9.Ne2 e6 10.Nd2 cxd4
11.cxd4 Nh6 with a fine
version of the French - 12.Nf3
Nf5 13.Bg5 (13.0-0 Be7=)
13...Qa5+! 14.Kf1 Nc6 15.g3
Be7=]

7...e6 8.Bg5 The pet move order of
Paravyan.

[8.Nf3 Qa6! 9.Qd1 Bb4 10.Bd2
Bxc3 11.Bxc3 Nd7 12.b4 Ne7∞
is absolutely fine for Black, Garau -
Duchardt, FRA-ch email, 2021.]

8...c5! A concrete and logical reaction.

[Its preparation by means of 8...Ne7
9.Nge2 (9.Nf3!?) 9...Nd7 10.0-0 a6
is time-consuming and White has

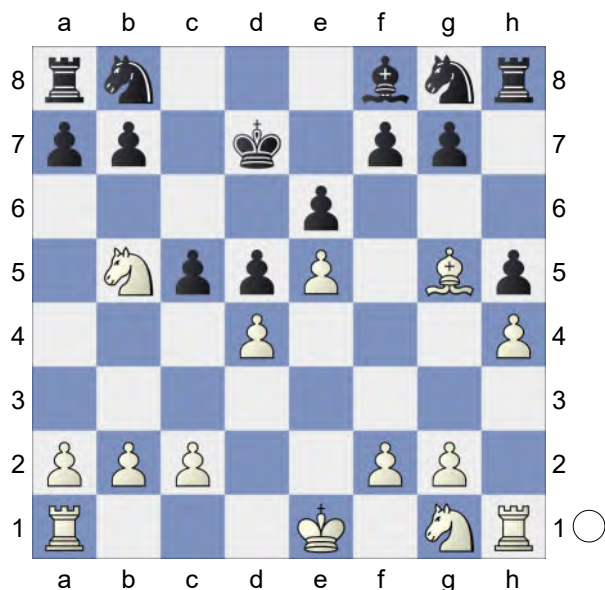
every reason to strike with 11.b4! Qc7 12.Nf4! (an improvement upon 12.Ng3 f6 13.exf6 gxf6∞ Paravyan - Eljanov, Titled Tuesday 31st May, 2022) 12...Nf5 13.Nd1 Be7 14.Bxe7 Nxe7 15.Ne3↑ and better prospects on both wings.]

9.Qb5+

[Nothing special is 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Nf3 Nh6∞]

9...Qxb5 10.Nxb5 Kd7!

[Black should better refrain from misplacing his knight - 10...Na6 as in dropstoneDP - eljanov Live Chess Chess.com, 2022, to which 11.Nf3 cxd4 12.Nfxd4± is emphasizing on a problem with the a7-pawn as well.]

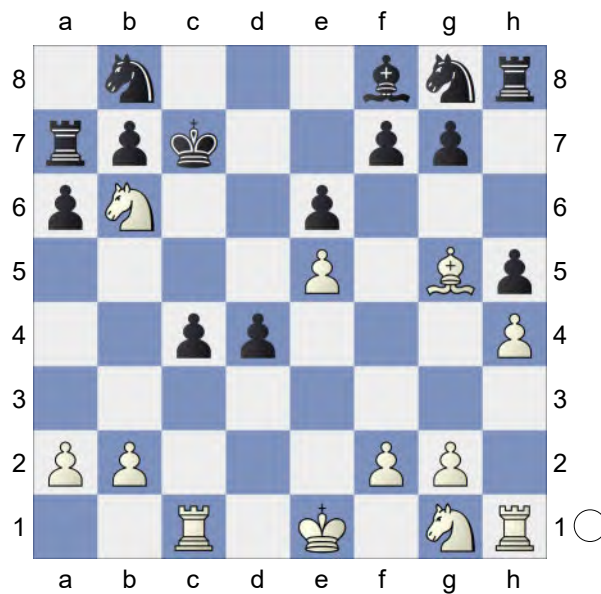


11.c4 a6 12.Nc3 cxd4 13.Na4 Ra7! 14.Rc1!

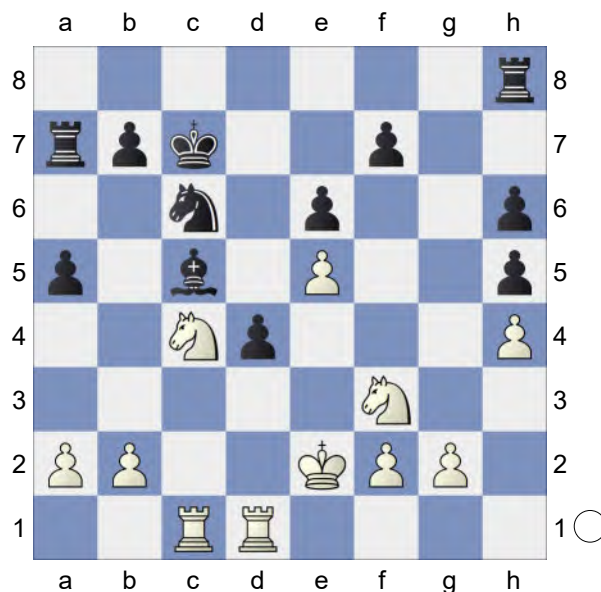
[But not 14.cxd5? b5! , when Na4 is in trouble - 15.dxe6+ Kxe6±]

14...dxc4 15.Nb6+ Kc7

[15...Ke8!? is fully playable, White, if he wishes so, can force a repetition by 16.Nc8 Ra8=]



16.Nxc4 Nc6 17.Nf3 Nh6 Δ18.Ke2 a5!? 19.Bxh6 gxh6 20.Rhd1 Bc5∞



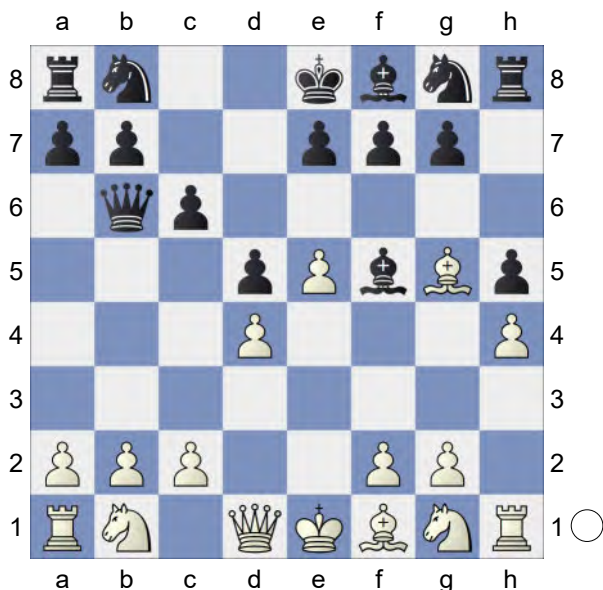
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4.h4 h5 5.Bg5

[GM Grigor Grigorov]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bg5

With this move, White is preventing the natural ...e7-e6. On the next move, he is ready to follow up with Bd3 on the next move. The drawback of this continuation is that the b2-pawn is left unprotected. Therefore, Black's most principled answer is **5...Qb6**



Black not only puts pressure on d4 and b2 but is also ready to attack the centre by means of ... e7-e6 and ...c6-c5. The only way to justify the previous move is **6.Bd3**. Positionally speaking, this move is quite justified. White always tries to exchange the f5-bishop which is an important defender. On the other hand, White is basically sacrificing the important d4-pawn. Even though Black can handle this line in a positional manner, my suggestion would be the principled **6...Qxd4**. Nowadays, modern computers prove that White's compensation is quite problematic in

B12 this line.

[Analysis shows that after 6...Qxb2? 7.Bxf5 Qxa1 8.e6+- White has a winning advantage. We will not go into detail, but everyone can check this position for himself.]

7.Nf3 Qg4 8.Bxf5 Qxf5 9.0-0

This is the most important tabiya of the variation. Having completed the development, White is now ready to open the position with c2-c4. At the same time, the static nature of the position makes it very difficult for White to prove compensation.

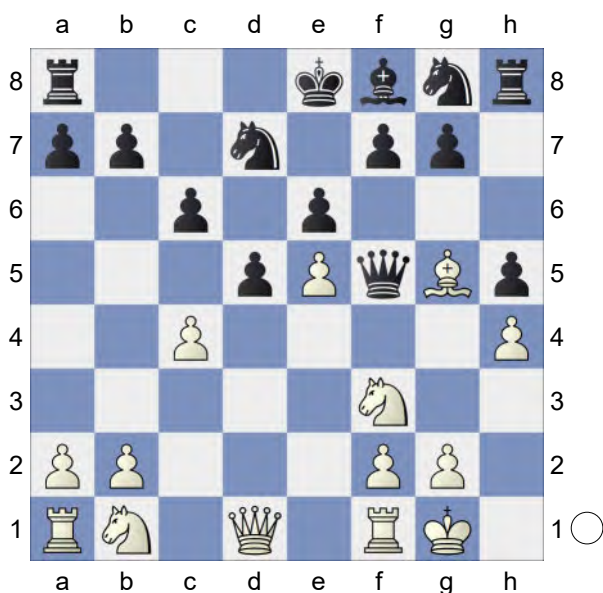
[The immediate 9.c4 is well met by Qe4+ 10.Be3 e6 This move is possible since it turns out that 11.Qb3 is not a threat. White has nothing better than 11.Nbd2 (With the queen on d5, the move 11.cxd5 can be answered with Qxd5+ Black has an obvious advantage.; Black's point is that 11.Qb3? will be met by Qxc4 12.Qxb7 Qb4+-+ After the exchange of the queens, White does not have the slightest compensation for the pawn.) 11...Qd3 12.Rc1 White has nothing better than speculating on the position of the black queen. His idea is to proceed with Rc3 on the next move. (After 12.cxd5 exd5+ Black's advantage is out of the question. Besides having a compact pawn structure, he will quickly complete the development.) 12...Bb4 The most precise move. Besides completing the development, Black also prevents Rc3. Additionally, we are planning to answer 13.cxd5 exd5 14.a3 with Bxd2+ It goes without saying that every exchange makes Black's play easier. 15.Bxd2 This position occurred in the

game 0-1 (61) Hector,J (2466) - Domingo Nunez,R (2420) Ballerup 2023. At this point, Black could have played Ne7 $16.\text{Rc3}$ Qe4+ $17.\text{Re3}$ $\text{Qg4}\neq$ with an advantage. Black's idea is to establish a solid blockade on the light squares. For instance, putting the knights on e6 and f5 would be a good start.]

9...e6 The most solid and natural continuation.

[Recent practice shows that the alternative $9...\text{f6}$ leads to much more complicated positions.]

10.c4 The only logical move. White should try to open the position as soon as possible. Additionally, with his last move, he creates the threat of Qb3 . Therefore, Black should start with **10...Nd7**



One of the ideas behind this move is to answer Qb3 with $...\text{Nc5}$. At the same time, Black proceeds with the development. **11.cxd5** The most logical and popular move.

[Of course, White can also start with $11.\text{Nc3}$ In this case, Black's most precise reaction is Be7 Eliminating

the annoying g5-bishop is the cornerstone of our strategy. $12.\text{cxd5}$ (In case of a slow move such as $12.\text{Re1}$ Black can consider Nc5 planning to exchange the queens by means of $...\text{Qd3}$.) $12...\text{exd5}$ This is the standard recapture. Besides keeping the b5-square under control, Black can use the e6-square for the purposes of his blockade. A typical idea is to follow with $...\text{Nc5-e6}$. $13.\text{Re1}$ Nc5 This key position occurred in two encounters. White failed to prove anything significant. $14.\text{Ne2}$ This move was played by Shevchenko in his game against Howell. The obvious idea is to proceed with Ned4 . (The attempt to further open the position by means of $14.\text{b4}?! \text{Ne6}$ $15.\text{b5}$ is logical but slow. Black has enough time to coordinate his pieces - Bxg5 $16.\text{bxc6}$ bxc6 $17.\text{Nxc5}$ $\text{Ne7}\neq$ This position occurred in the game 0-1 (35) Asgari, M (2160) - Sahin, S (2203) Ankara 2023. White does not have any compensation for the pawn.) $14...\text{Bxg5}$ $15.\text{Ned4}$ Qd3 Exchanging queens is the most practical solution. According to the computer, $15...\text{Qg6}$ and $15...\text{Qg4}$ are perfectly playable as well. $16.\text{Nxc5}$ Qxd1 $17.\text{Raxd1}$ Ne7 $18.\text{b4}$ This position was reached in the game 0-1 (49) Shevchenko, K (2592) - Howell, D (2663) chess24. com INT 2020. Now, Black could have played Ne4 $19.\text{Nxe4}$ dxe4 $20.\text{Rxe4}$ Rd8= with equality. In my opinion, playing with Black is easier in view of White's overextended position.]

11...exd5 Once again, we get this familiar structure. Most probably, we will transpose to a variation that has been

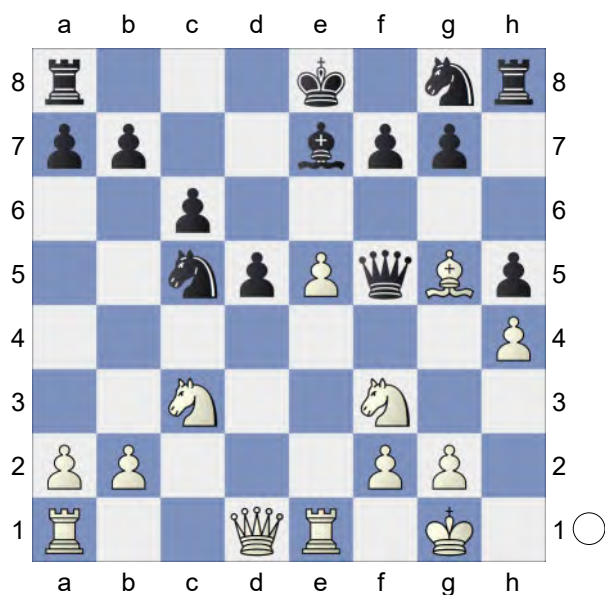
covered under the 11.Nc3 move order.

12.Re1 The most sensible continuation. Now, Black should reckon with the advance e5-e6.

[After 12.Nc3 Be7 we transpose to 11.Nc3.]

[Obviously, we need to check the aggressive 12.e6? Fortunately, this move does not work tactically. fxe6 13.Nd4 (After 13.Re1 Black should play Bc5+ taking the d4-square under control. White does not have any compensation for the sacrificed material.) 13...Qf7 Black is ready to proceed with the development. Even the advance ...e6-e5 comes into consideration. The tempting 14.Nxe6? does not work in view of the following sequence Qxe6 15.Re1 Ne5 16.f4 Bd6 17.fxe5 Bc5+ 18.Kh1 Ne7+ This position was reached in the game 0-1 (30) Djokic, M (2227) -Villegas, P (2367) Chess.com INT 2020. Black has a winning advantage.]

12...Nc5 13.Nc3 Be7



We are back in the game Shevchenko - Howell which was examined under the 11.Nc3 move order.

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■ Caro-Kann (3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 m

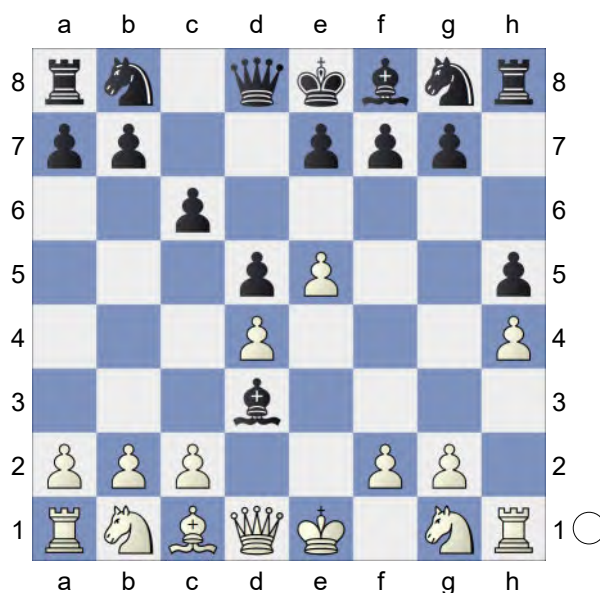
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4

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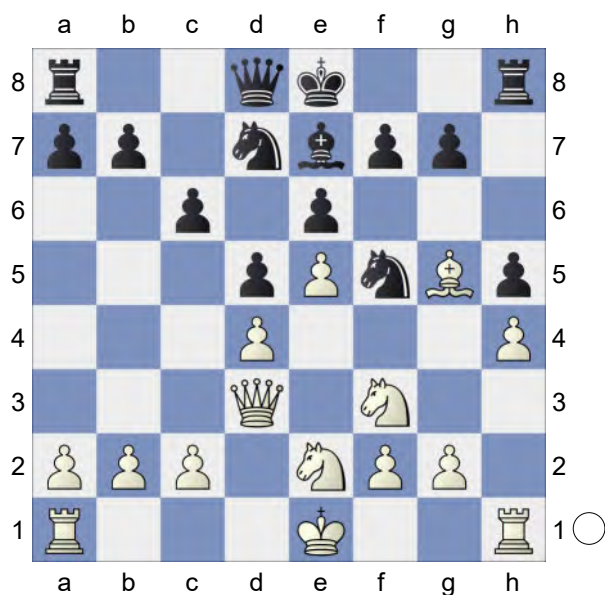


6.Qxd3 e6 Black prepares to develop his dark-squared bishop and possibly play ...c5. Black prepares to develop his dark-squared bishop and possibly play ...c5. 7.Bg5 White develops his dark-squared bishop with gain of tempo. White develops his dark-squared bishop with gain of tempo. 7...Be7 7...Qb6 is the main line. 7...Be7 isn't a bad move, but is rather passive and gives White the chance to take over the initiative without offering Black much counterplay. 7...Qb6 is the main line. 7...Be7 isn't a bad move, but is rather passive and gives White the chance to take over the initiative without offering Black much counterplay. 8.Nf3 Exchanging on e7 would only help Black develop, so White develops his knight and supports the g5-square. Exchanging on e7 would only help Black develop, so White develops

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[9...Nf5 10.0-0-0 (10.Ne2 c5 11.dxc5 Qa5+ 12.c3 Qxc5 13.Bxe7 Kxe7 14.Ned4 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Nc6 16.0-0 Nxe5 17.Qe3 Nd7 18.Rfe1 Kf8 19.Rad1 Rh6 20.Rd3 Kg8 21.Qd2 Rg6 22.Nf3 Rg4 23.Nh2 Rxh4 24.Qg5 Re4 Adams,M (2761)-Svidler,P (2741) Shenzhen Du Te Cup 2017 (10) 0-1) 10...Nd7 11.Kb1 Rc8 12.Ne2 c5 13.c3 c4 14.Qd2 b5 15.Ng3 g6 16.Nxf5 gxf5 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Ng5 Rb8 19.b4 a5 20.a3 Ra8 21.Kb2 Nb8 22.Ra1 Nc6 23.Rhb1 Ra6 24.Ra2 Vasquez Bonifacio,L (2743)-1. f4 e5 2. fe5/ 4.Nf3 g5 5.g (2628) Rilton Cup 2006-7 1/2-1/2]

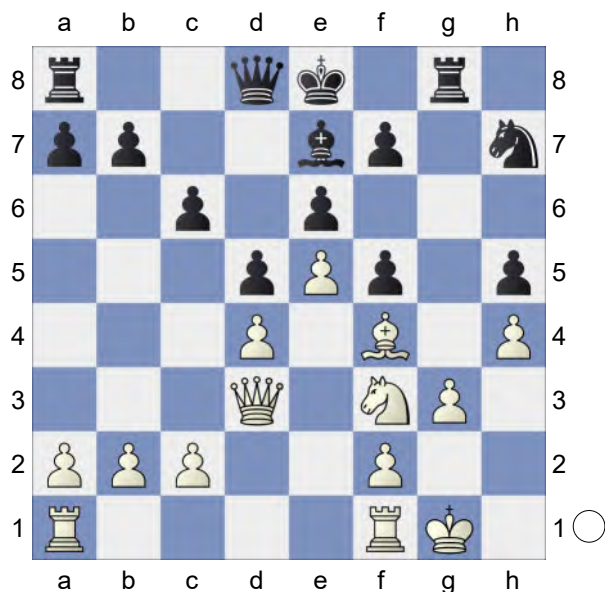
10.Ne2 Nf5



10...c5 11.c3 10...c5 11.c3 **11.Ng3**

White is okay with Black doubling White's g-pawns because White would obtain the open f-file in return. White is okay with Black doubling White's g-pawns because White would obtain the open f-file in return. **11...g6** 11...Nxg3 is stronger, but after 12.fxc3 White gains attacking chances on the kingside due to the open f-file. 11...Nxg3 is stronger, but after 12.fxc3 White gains attacking chances on the kingside due to the open f-file. **12.Nxf5** White doubles Black's pawns. Unlike if Black had played ...Nxg3, there is no compensation for the doubled pawns. White doubles Black's pawns. Unlike if Black had played ...Nxg3, there is no compensation for the doubled pawns. **12...gxf5** Black hopes to obtain compensation for his doubled-pawns by opening the g-file. 12...exf5 13.Qb3 Black hopes to obtain compensation for his doubled-pawns by opening the g-file. 12...exf5 13.Qb3 **13.0-0** White has a significant advantage due to his space advantage, lead in development, and superior pawn structure. To use his advantage, White needs to open the position. He can do this with the pawn lever c4, possibly after the preparatory b3. White has a significant advantage due to his space advantage, lead in development, and superior pawn structure. To use his advantage, White needs to open the position. He can do this with the pawn lever c4, possibly after the preparatory b3. **13...Nf8 14.g3** White adds support to his kingside structure, preparing to retreat his dark-squared bishop if needed without hanging the h4-pawn. White adds support to his kingside structure, preparing to retreat his dark-squared bishop if needed without

hanging the h4-pawn. **14...Nh7 15.Bf4** White avoids trades because he has more space. White avoids trades because he has more space. **15...Rg8**

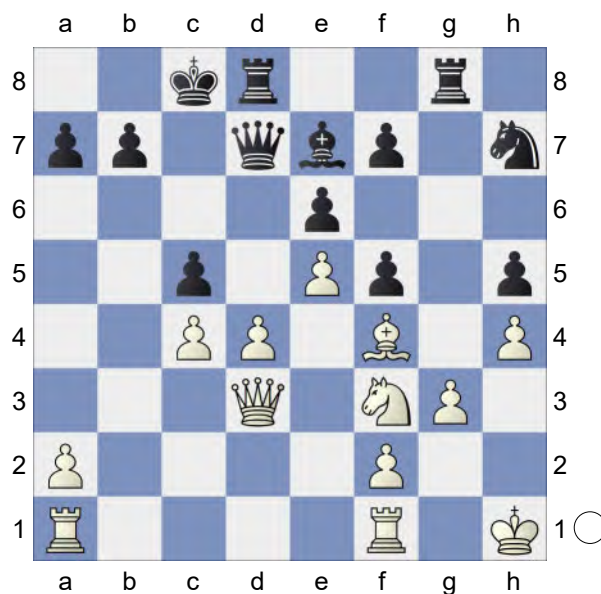


16.Kh1 White avoids any tricks down the g-file. He doesn't need to rush, Black has no counterplay. White can open the position after making the necessary precautionary moves. White avoids any tricks down the g-file. He doesn't need to rush, Black has no counterplay. White can open the position after making the necessary precautionary moves.

16...Qd7 17.b3 White prepares c4. **17...0-0-0 18.c4 dxc4** Black has to exchange on c4 or else White would get a decisive queenside attack by playing c5 followed by b4 and (after the preparatory Rfb1 and a4) b5. Black has to exchange on c4 or else White would get a decisive queenside attack by playing c5 followed by b4 and (after the preparatory Rfb1 and a4) b5. **19.bxc4** White now has even more center control than he previously did. White has also obtained the open b-file. White now has even more center control than he previously did. White has also obtained

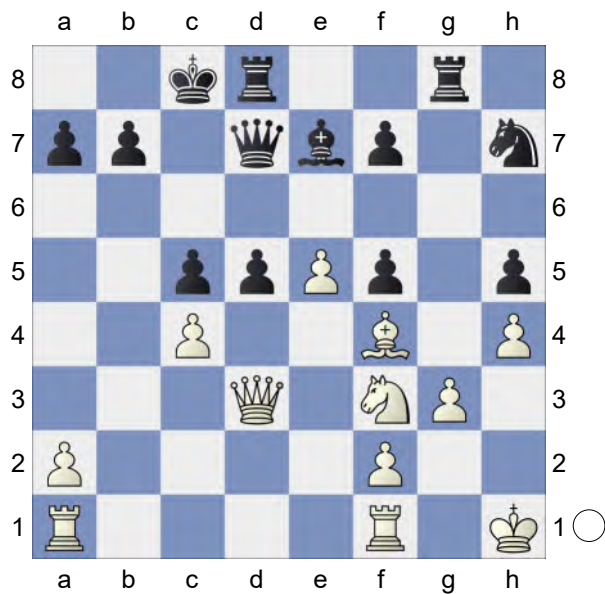
the open b-file. **19...c5** 1.12/10 Necessary, but insufficient. Black strikes at White's center in order to obtain some piece activity. If Black did not do this, then White could have slowly improved his position and eventually attacked on the queenside or struck in the center with d5. He could have prepared it slowly if needed, as Black has no chance for counterplay other than ...c5.

[19...Nf8± 0.63/19 was preferable.]



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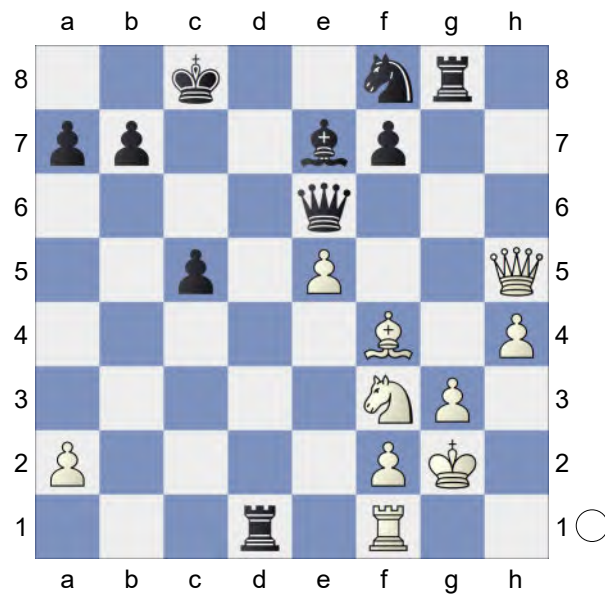
(Diagram)



White was threatening to play d6, so ... exd5 is necessary. White was threatening to play d6, so ...exd5 is necessary. **21.cxd5 Qxd5 22.Qxf5+** White has a significant advantage due to his superior pawn structure. White will win a pawn by taking on h5 soon. White has a significant advantage due to his superior pawn structure. White will win a pawn by taking on h5 soon. **22...Rd7 23.Kg2** White protects his f3-knight and can play Qxh5 later.

[23.Qxh7?! Qxf3+ 24.Kh2 Rf8±]
23...Nf8 24.Rad1↑ White can take on h5 at any time, he would like to prevent counterplay first. 24.Qxh5 would be inaccurate because of 24...Ng6. White can take on h5 at any time, he would like to prevent counterplay first. 24.Qxh5 would be inaccurate because of 24...Ng6. White has strong initiative. Chess con chili.

[24.Qxh5?! Ng6 25.Bg5 Qe6= (25...Nxe5 26.Bxe7 Rxe7 27.Rfe1±)]
24...Qe6 25.Qxh5 White is now ahead a pawn. White is now ahead a pawn. Ng5 would now be deadly. **25...Rxd1**
 (Diagram)



Black's best chance would have been to play 25...Ng6 26.Ng5 Nxf4+ in order to damage White's pawn structure. This would have given Black partial compensation for the sacrificed pawn. Black's best chance would have been to play 25...Ng6 26.Ng5 Nxf4+ in order to damage White's pawn structure. This would have given Black partial compensation for the sacrificed pawn. **26.Rxd1 Ng6 27.Ng5 Nxf4+ 28.gxf4** White gets a superior version 25...Ng6 because White has full control over the d-file. Black has partial compensation for the sacrificed pawn due to White's damaged pawn structure, but it isn't enough, especially since White has active pieces. White gets a superior version 25...Ng6 because White has full control over the d-file. Black has partial compensation for the sacrificed pawn due to White's damaged pawn structure, but it isn't enough, especially since White has active pieces. **28...Bxg5?** 2.51/9 The decisive mistake. This exchange fixes White's pawn structure and gives White a passed pawn. 28...f6 was Black's best chance, but after 29.

exf6 Bxf6 30.Qf3 White would have a significant advantage. The decisive mistake. This exchange fixes White's pawn structure and gives White a passed pawn. 28...f6 was Black's best chance, but after 29.exf6 Bxf6 30.Qf3 White would have a significant advantage.

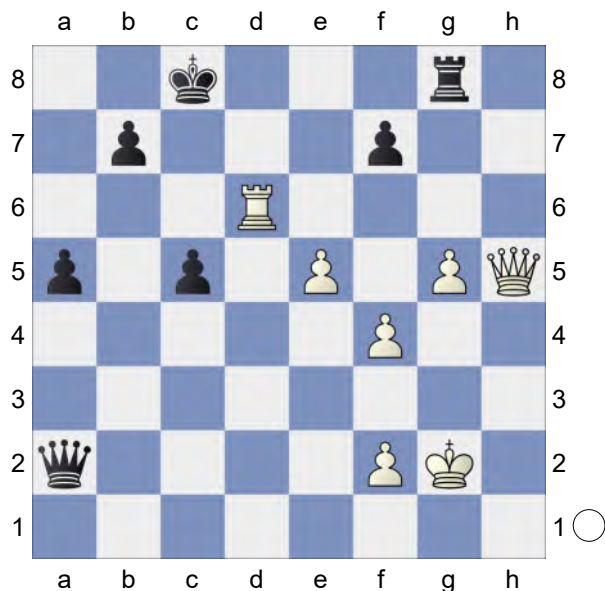
[28...f6± 0.78/9 was called for.]

29.hxg5+- aiming for Rd6.

[29.fxg5 Rd8+-]

29...Qxa2± Endgame. KQR-KQR

30.Rd6 White's passed pawns are faster than Black's passed pawns. White is objectively won. **30...a5**



31.Rf6? 0.39/19 A mistake. White should not allow Black to play ...Qd5+. White could have easily won with 31.Qh7, among other moves. A mistake. White should not allow Black to play ...Qd5+. White could have easily won with 31.Qh7, among other moves.

[White should play 31.Qh3+- 3.77/18 Kb8 32.Qd7]

31...Qd5+± 32.Kh2 Qd2+- 1.66/12 Black doesn't have time for this. He could have obtained enough counterplay for dynamic equality with 32...a4. Black

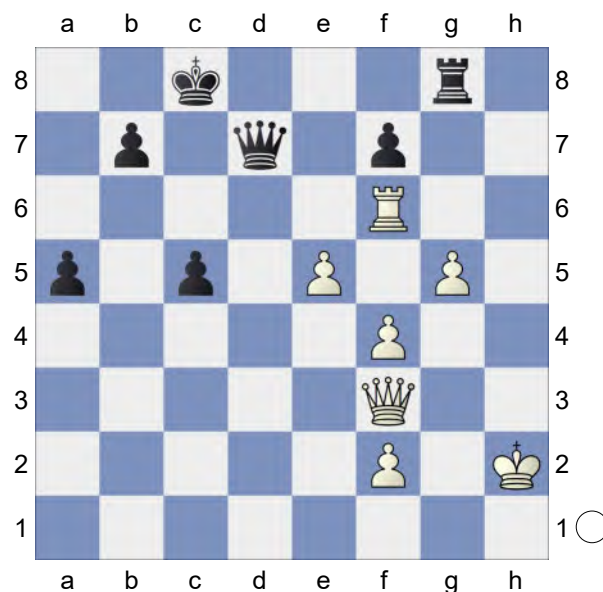
doesn't have time for this. He could have obtained enough counterplay for dynamic equality with 32...a4. White leaves nothing to chance now.

[32...a4!= 0.21/12]

33.Qf3!+-

[33.Rxf7 Qxf2+ 34.Kh3 Qf1+ 35.Kh2 Qf2+ 36.Kh3 Qf1+ 37.Kh2 Qf2+=]

33...Qd7



34.Qe3? 5.26/20 The position is extremely sharp and both sides made some inaccuracies, but what happens at this point of the game can be summarized as White's passed pawns are more dangerous than Black's. If Black hurries and pushes them as fast as he can, then he probably has enough counterplay to equalize. Black didn't do that, so White (again) obtained a winning position. The position is extremely sharp and both sides made some inaccuracies, but what happens at this point of the game can be summarized as White's passed pawns are more dangerous than Black's. If Black hurries and pushes them as fast as he can, then he probably has enough

counterplay to equalize. Black didn't do that, so White (again) obtained a winning position.

[34.Rd6! 2.59/23 Qf5 35.Rf6 Qh7+ 36.Kg2]

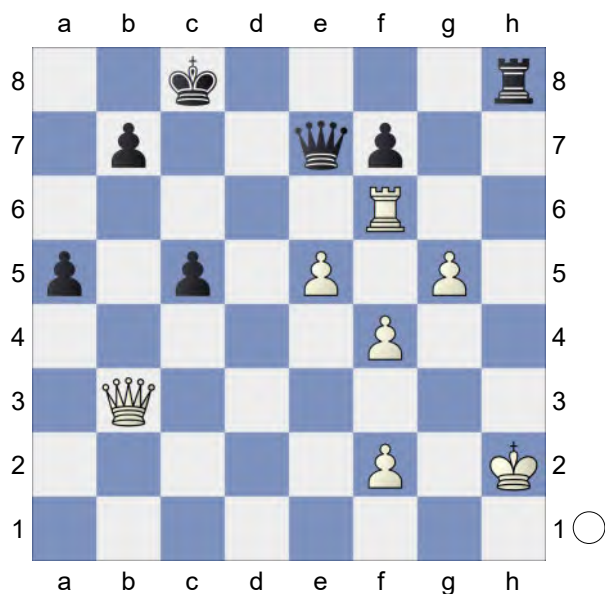
34...Qe7 5.26/20 34...c4 was the only move which had drawing chances. Black is now lost.

[34...Qg4± 1.26/1 is a better chance.]

35.Qb3 2.57/23

[Δ35.e6 5.26/20 fxe6 36.Rxe6 Qh7+ 37.Kg3]

35...Rh8+? 4.36/21



36.Kg2? 1.68/19 36.Kg3 is stronger because it controls the g4-square. 36.Kg3 is stronger because it controls the g4-square. Active counter play!

[36.Kg3 4.36/21 Qd7 37.Rh6 (37.Rxf7? Qh3#)]

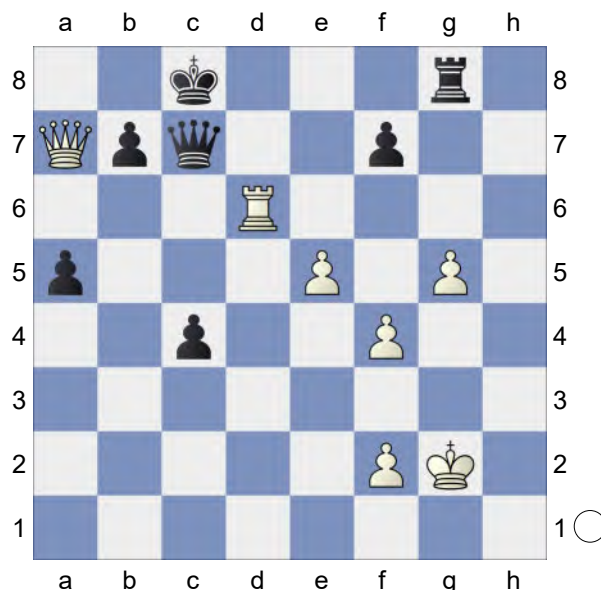
36...Rh7 6.18/21 36...Qd7 (threatening ...Qg4+) is more resilient. 36...Qd7 (threatening ... Qg4+) is more resilient.

[36...Qd7 1.68/19 37.e6 (37.Rxf7 Qg4+ 38.Qg3 Qh5+-) 37...fxe6]

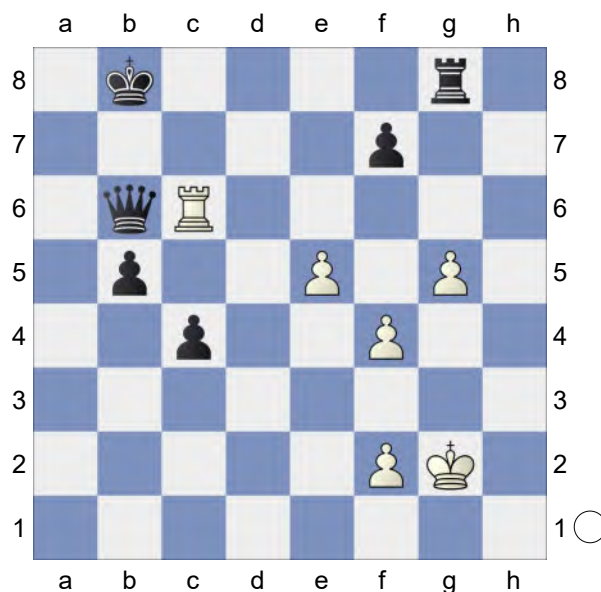
37.Rh6 Rg7 38.Qb6 Rg8 Against Rh8 **39.Rd6 Qc7 40.Qa7** Black must now prevent Qa8+. **40...c4?** 7.18/9

[40...Rh8 3.82/9 41.Qa8+ (41.f5

c4+-) 41...Qb8 42.Qxa5 Qc7 43.Qa8+ **Skewer** (43.Qa7 Re8+-) 43...Qb8]



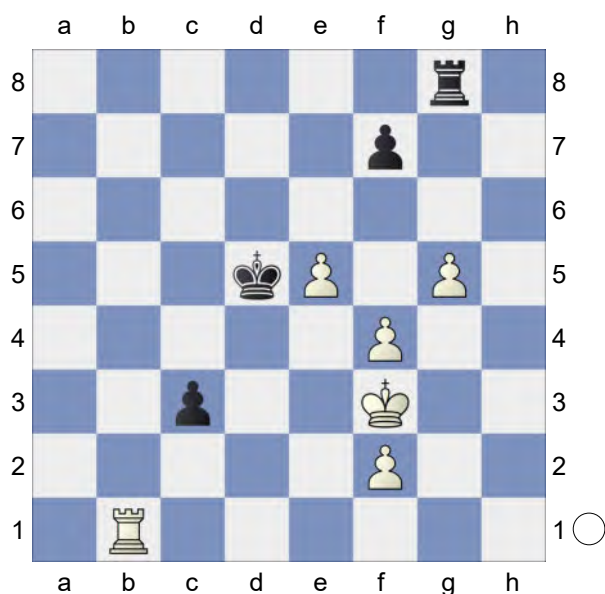
41.Qa8+ Skewer 41...Qb8 42.Qxa5 b5 43.Qa6+ 43. Rb6 is a simpler win. 43...Qb7+ 44.Rc6+ Kb8 45.Qb6 Qxb6



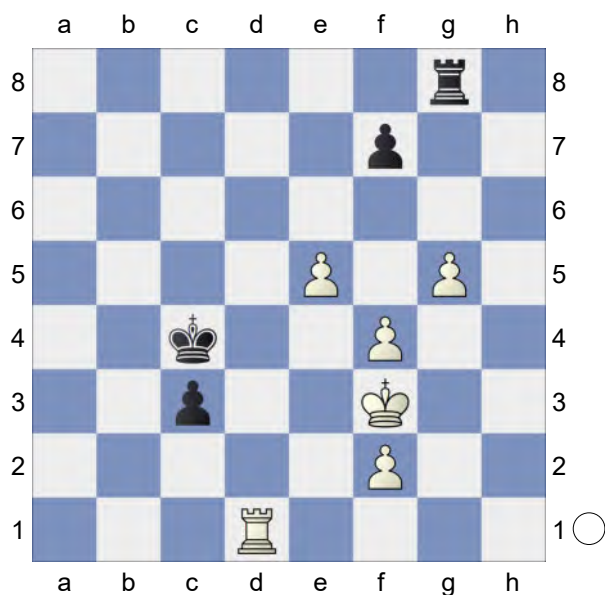
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the game. White has a winning rook endgame due to his material advantage and strong passed pawns. White can sacrifice his rook for Black's pawn if needed, his passed pawns can advance to decide the game. **47...Kc6 48.Rb1 Kd5?** 6.58/21

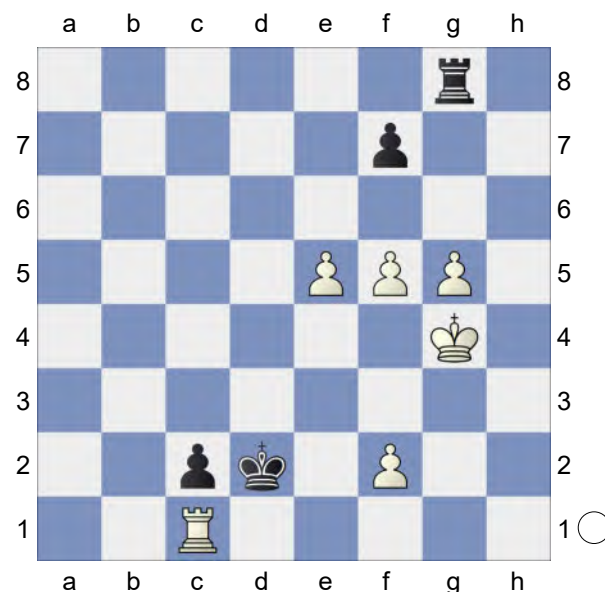
[48...Rc8 3.81/10 49.f5 c3]
49.Kf3 c3



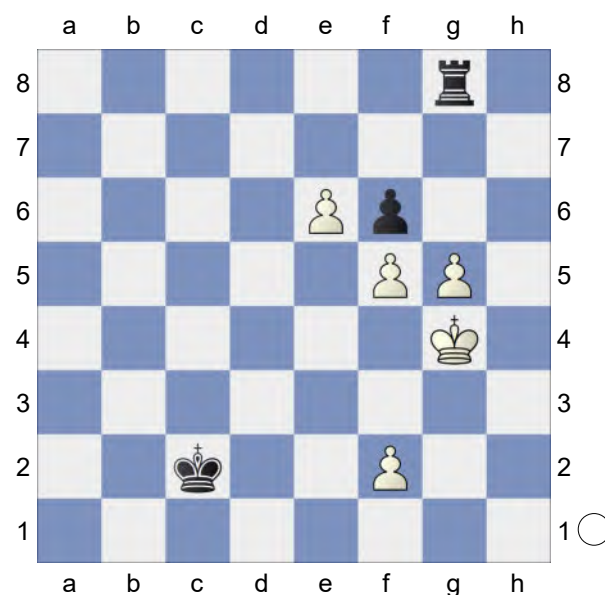
50.Rd1+! Kc4



51.Kg4 c2 52.Rc1 Kd3 53.f5
 White's passed pawns decide the game in his favor. **53...Kd2**

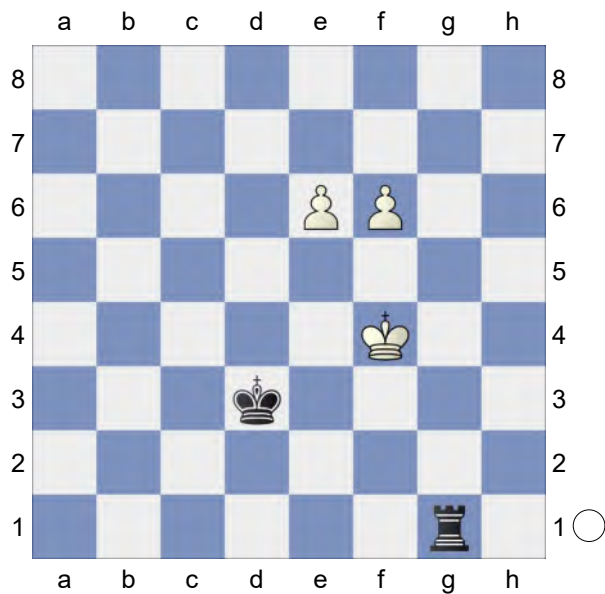


54.Rxc2+!! Kxc2 KR-KP 55.e6 f6



56.f4 Kd3 57.Kf3 fxe5 KR-K3P 58.f6
 And now fxe5 would win. **58...Rg6**
59.fxe5 Rxe5 KR-KPP 60.Kf4 Rg1

(Diagram)



61.e7 Re1 62.Kf5 11.69/9

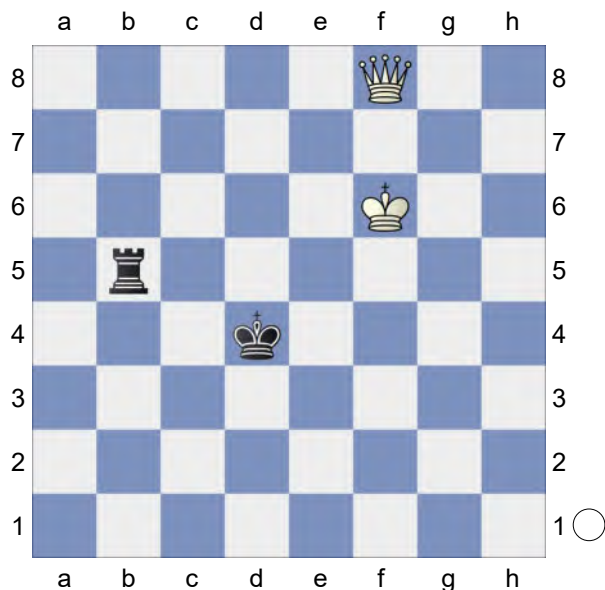
[Δ 62.f7 152.13/13 Rxe7 63.f8Q
(63.f8R Re1=) 63...Re4+ 64.Kf5]

62...Kd4 63.f7 Rxe7 64.f8Q

The rest is a matter of technique. The rest is a matter of technique. KQ-KR

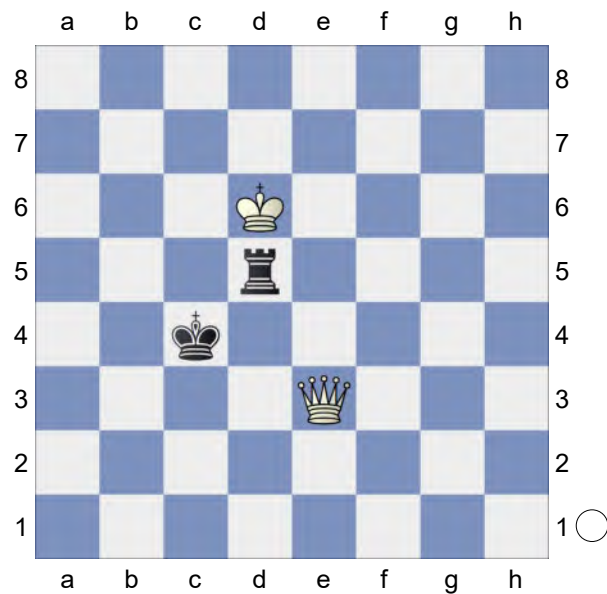
[Worse is 64.f8R Rg7=]

64...Re5+ 65.Kf6 Rb5

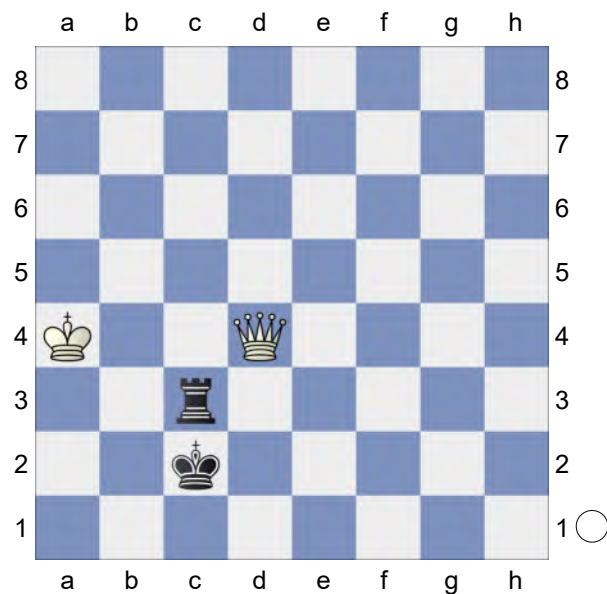


Prevents Qb4+. 66.Qd6+ Rd5 67.Qf4+ Kc3 68.Ke6 Rb5 69.Qe3+ Kc4 70.Kd6 Qe4+ is the strong threat. 70...Rd5+

(Diagram)



71.Kc6 Rd3 72.Qc5+ Kb3 73.Kb5 Kb2 74.Ka4 Rc3 75.Qd4 Kc2

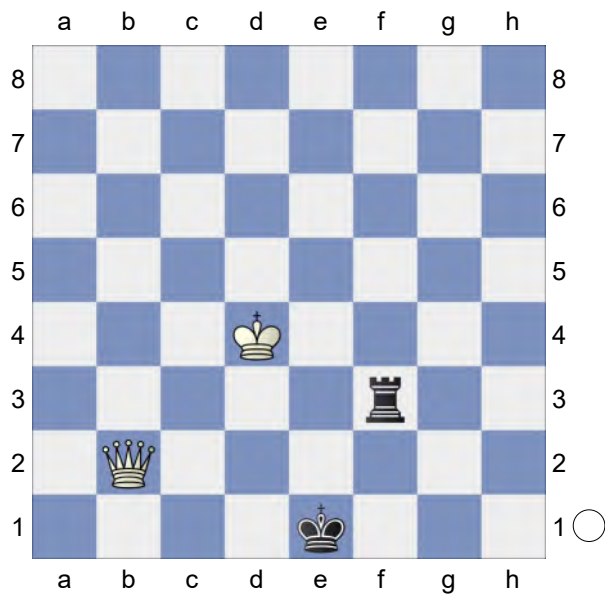


76.Kb4 Rb3+ 77.Kc4 Ra3 78.Qf2+ Kd1 79.Qb2 49.53/24

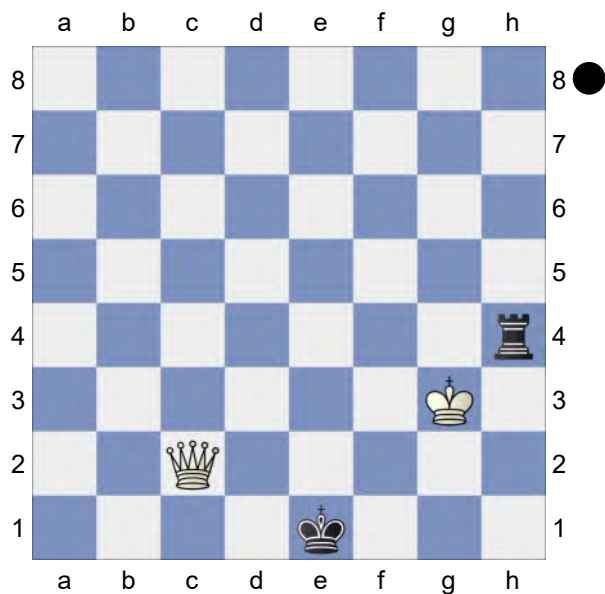
[Δ 79.Qf8 #55/23 Re3 80.Qf1+ Kd2 81.Qf2+ Re2 82.Qd4+ Ke1 83.Qg1+ Kd2 84.Qg5+ Kc2 85.Qf4]

79...Rf3 80.Kd4 White mates. 80...Ke1

(Diagram)



81.Qc1+ Ke2 82.Ke4 Rh3 83.Qc2+ Ke1 84.Kf4 Rh4+ 85.Kg3



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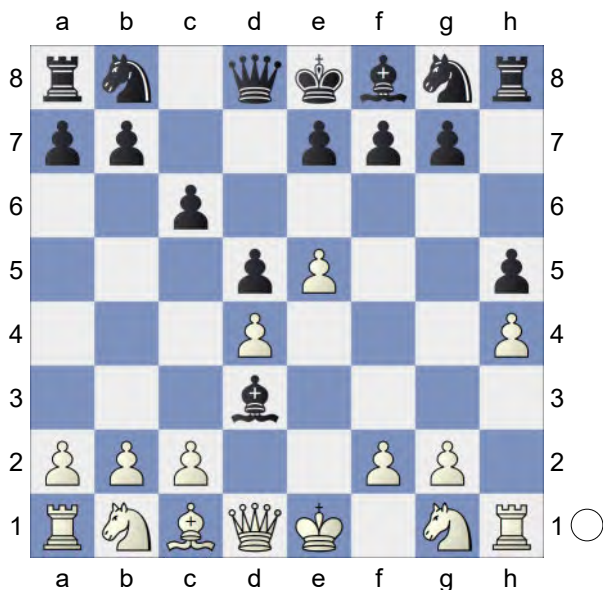
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□ 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3

■ 6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.Bd2

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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.Bd3 Bxd3



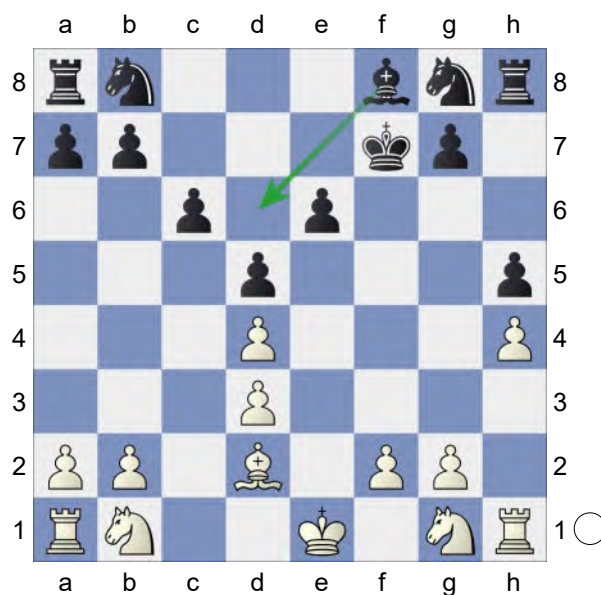
6.Qxd3 Qa5+ Starting with this move is quite essential. The idea is to spoil White's coordination, thus preventing him from arranging the minor pieces in the perfect way.

[The problem with 6...e6 is that White can answer it with 7.Bg5 followed by Nd2 and Ngf3. Once White manages to arrange the minor pieces in this way, it's extremely difficult for Black to obtain counterplay.]

7.Bd2 This move was popular several years ago. Nevertheless, practice has shown that Black has nothing to worry about in this line. White's idea is to win an important tempo in order to answer **7...Qa6** with **8.e6**. This thematic pawn sacrifice is designed to hinder the development of Black's kingside. Additionally, in the future, White wants

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to make use of the weak squares e5 and g5. The first critical position arises after **8...Qxd3 9.exf7+ Kxf7 10.cxd3**. The structure has been clarified. White's plan is to use the backward e7-pawn and the weak squares e5 and g5. At the same time, White's structure is compromised as well. What is even more important is that the inclusion of the moves h2-h4 and ...h7-h5 allows Black to achieve stability on the light squares. For instance, the important f5-square will be an excellent spot for the knight. Black has many good options in this position. The most popular choice is **10...Nh6** with the idea of ...Nf5. Later on, Black follows with ...g7-g6 and ...Bg7. There is nothing wrong with this approach which was excellently explained by GM Pavel Eljanov in his database My Caro-Kann - Part 2. In this lecture, however, I would like to suggest a relatively rare move that might catch your opponent by surprise. My suggestion is **10...e6**



This move indicates our priority to take the e5-square under control by means of ...Bd6. Later on, we will decide on the

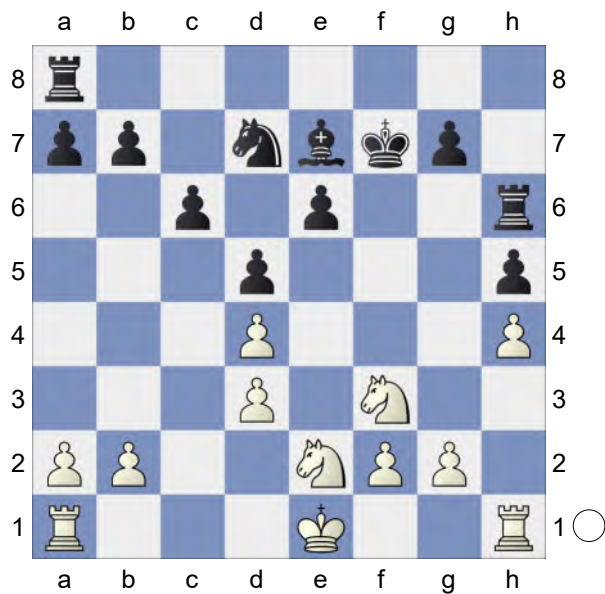
future of the knights. While the maneuver ...Nh6-f5 remains a valid option, in some cases, this knight can go to f7 as well. As for the other knight, both a6 and d7-squares are to be considered. **11.Nf3 Bd6 12.Nc3** This is the most natural move. White's idea is to exchange the dark-squared bishops by means of Ne2 followed by Bf4.

[Another interesting approach is 12.Bc3 The c3-bishop is not as useless as it might seem at first glance. Besides overprotecting the important e5-pawn, this bishop often supports the advance of the queenside pawns. After Nbd2 and 0-0, White wants to put pressure on e6 by doubling the rooks on the e-file. In the following practical example, Black managed to neutralize White's strategic concept. Nh6 13.Nbd2 Nd7 14.0-0 Rae8 It turns out that Black has no problems defending the e6-pawn. After ... Re7, we can proceed with ...b7-b6 followed by ...c6-c5. Note that the king is excellently placed on g6 in this position. 15.Rfe1 Kg6 16.Re2 (One of Black's ideas is to answer the immediate 16.Ng5 with e5 After 17.Ndf3 Ng4= Black enjoys a comfortable equality. Later on, he will double the rooks on the e-file.) 16...Re7 17.a3 White is planning to exchange the dark-squared bishops via b4. Black, however, is just in time to parry this idea with b6 18.Bb4 c5 Black is doing perfectly fine. After the moves 19.Bc3 Ng4 20.dxc5 bxc5 21.b4 e5 22.Nb3 Rc8 23.bxc5 Nxc5 draw was agreed in the game 1/2-1/2 (23) Chigaev, M (2643) -Kobalia, M (2594) Moscow 2021.]

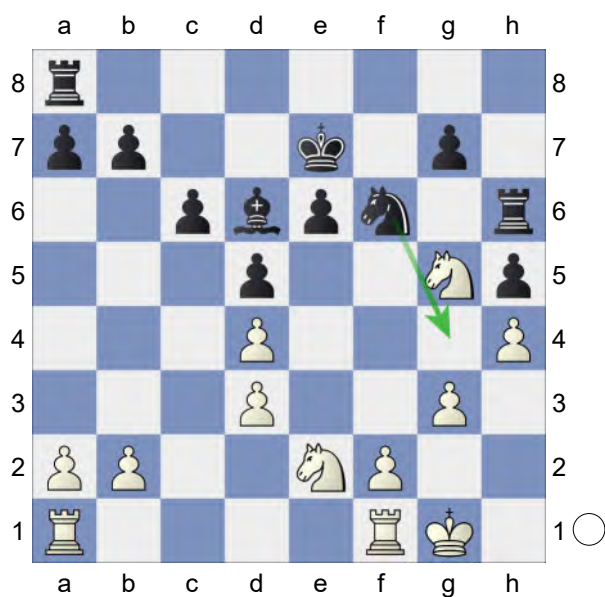
[White can also start with 12.Ng5+ In this case, we should answer by means of Ke7 In my opinion, the white knight has committed to g5 too early. Since the f7-square is available now, Black can challenge the knight by means of ...Nh6-f7. White's most logical continuation is 13.0-0 planning to put pressure on e6 by means of Re1. Nevertheless, Black can defend the e6-pawn by playing Na6 It transpires that we always have ...Nc7 in response to Re1. 14.Bc3 Nh6 15.Nd2 Nf7!? This idea is quite typical for positions in which the white knight has already been committed to g5. It goes without saying that White is not willing to exchange his g5-knight. 16.Nh3 Nc7 17.Rae1 Kd7∞ This position occurred in the game 1/2-1/2 (57) Tate,A (2342) -Najer,E (2648) Chess.com INT 2020. Black managed to take all the important squares under control. He is now ready to start gaining space on the queenside by advancing the a-pawn.]

12...Nh6 13.Ne2 Nd7 14.Bf4 Be7! This is a key move to remember. The exchange of the dark-squared bishops would have been highly favourable for White. We should always prevent White from establishing his knights on f4 and g5, especially with the dark-squared bishops being exchanged. A logical follow-up would be **15.Bxh6 Rxb6**

(Diagram)



16.0-0 Bd6 17.g3 Nf6 18.Ng5+ Ke7=



The inclusion of the moves h2-h4 and ... h7-h5 is clearly in Black's favour. He is now ready to install a knight on g4, thus getting an excellent counterplay.

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□ 24. Model Games

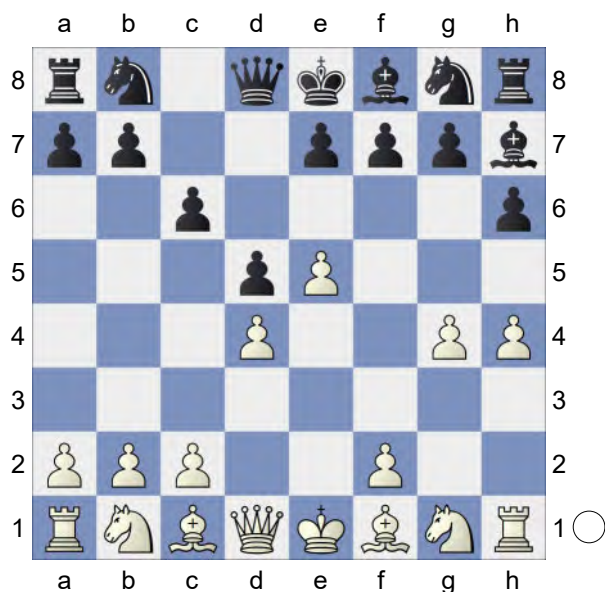
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7



6.e6 fxe6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6
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[Black should play 8...c5!± 0.67/21]

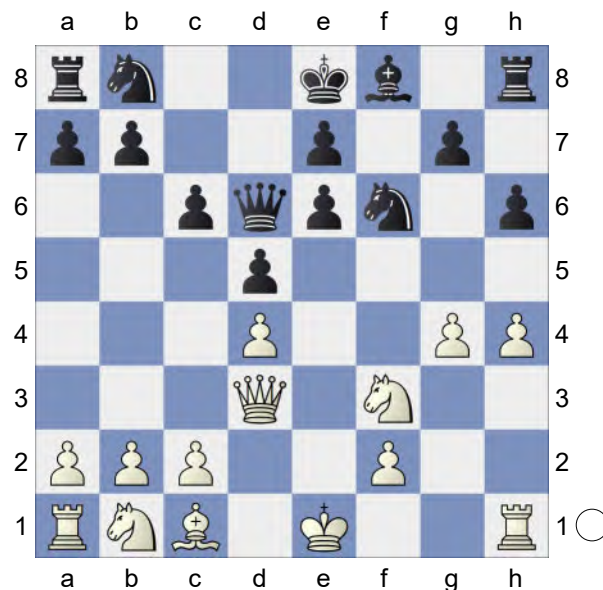
9.Nf3 Howell deviates from the recommendation in the course to play 9. Qg6+ covered here. What Howell played also gives White a significant advantage, but it is slightly less precise.

9...Qd6N 5.30/22

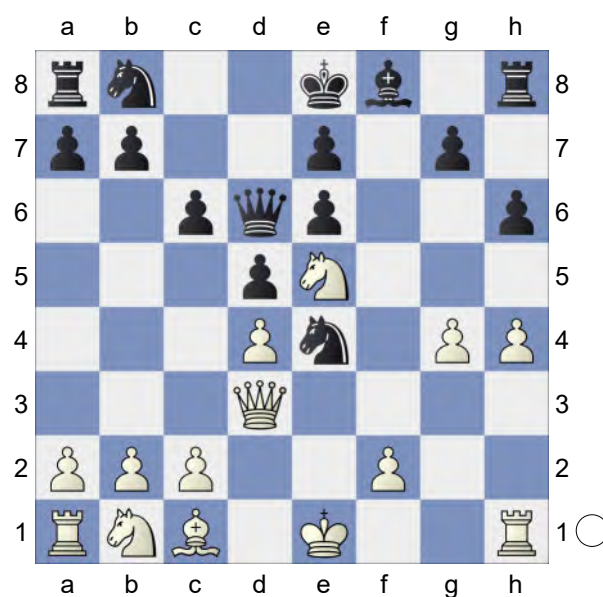
[9...Kf7± 1.53/20 is a better chance.]

[9...Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1 Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxg4 21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 b6 23.c4 Kb7 24.Rd7+ 1-0 Moen,A (2095)-Blatt,F Izhevsk Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3 b5

27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4 29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5 31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6 33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+ Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8 1-0 Mastrovasilis,D (2095)-Grischenko,S Wch U12 St Lorenzo 1995 (1)]

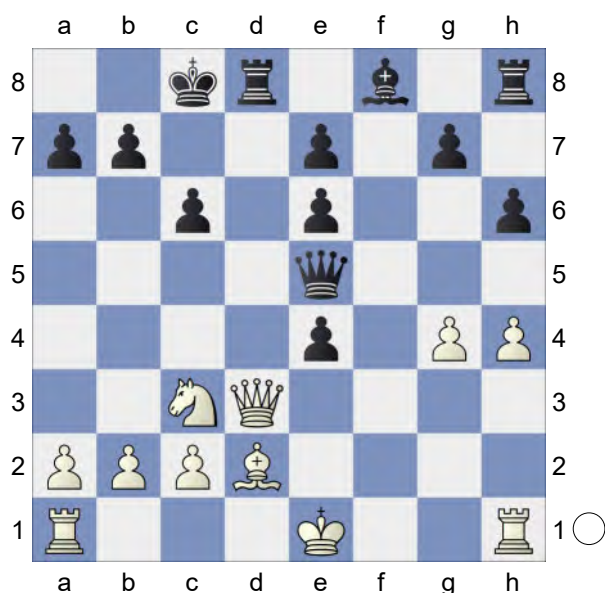


10.Ne5 Planning to go for a deadly check with Qg6 followed by a fork with Nf7 10...Ne4



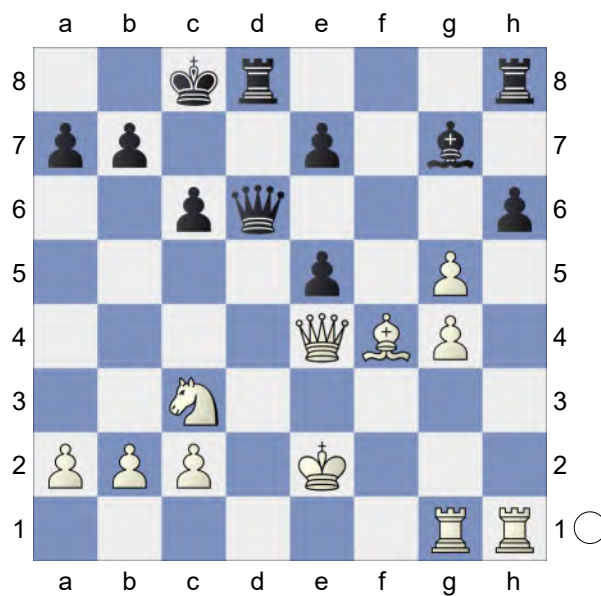
White has a decisive advantage. 11.f3 Chasing away the knight. Black cannot

move the knight is Qg6 is deadly. **11...Nd7 12.fxe4 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Qxe5** Howell is a piece up. It is instructive to see how we convert this position. The priority is to get the king to safety by castling queenside. **14.Nc3** Developing and defending the d4-pawn. **14...0-0-0 15.Bd2** Getting ready to castle and consolidate, but Black has other plans. **15...dxe4 4.84/23**
 [$\triangleleft$ 15...d4 3.42/20]



16.Qxe4+- Howell wasn't worried about allowing ...Qg3+ as Black has not enough attackers to create serious problems. **16.Qe3** This would have been my choice. We prevent ...Qg3+ and get ready to castle safely. Later we can pick up the e4-pawn. **16...Qg3+ 17.Ke2** This is better than **17.Kd1**, which wouldn't allow the a1-rook to join the game. The rest of the game is a matter of technique. It's interesting to see how Howell converts this winning position. **17...g5 18.hxg5 Bg7 19.Rag1 Qd6 20.Bf4 e5**

(Diagram)

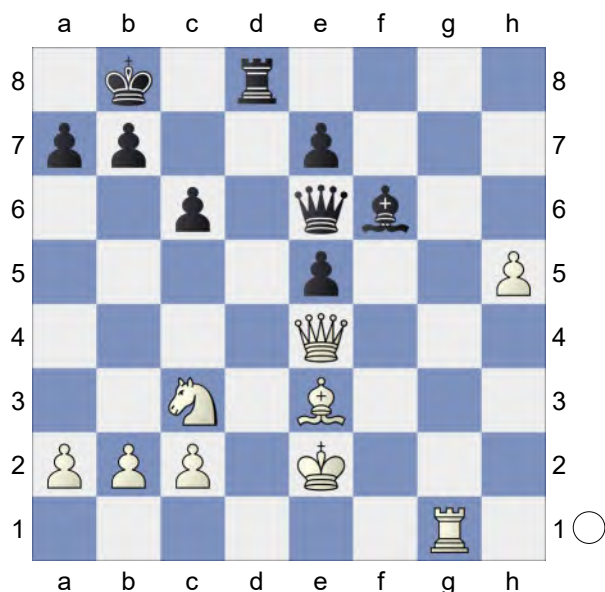


21.Be3 hxg5 22.Rh5 I like this choice from Howell. Surely you are familiar with the rule that you want to trade pieces once you are up. By trading pieces, you reduce your opponent's counter-chances. So why didn't Howell capture the rook on h8? **22.Rxh8** I think it is a good decision from Howell not to trade rooks. White would trade the strong rook on the h-file and give up control over the h-file. **22...Rxh8** White now has to worry about Black's rook entering the position on h2. Still, White would have a winning position here. However, trading the rooks made life slightly more difficult for us. It's beneficial to trade pieces once we are up in material. However, we shouldn't make trades that benefit our opponent more than us.

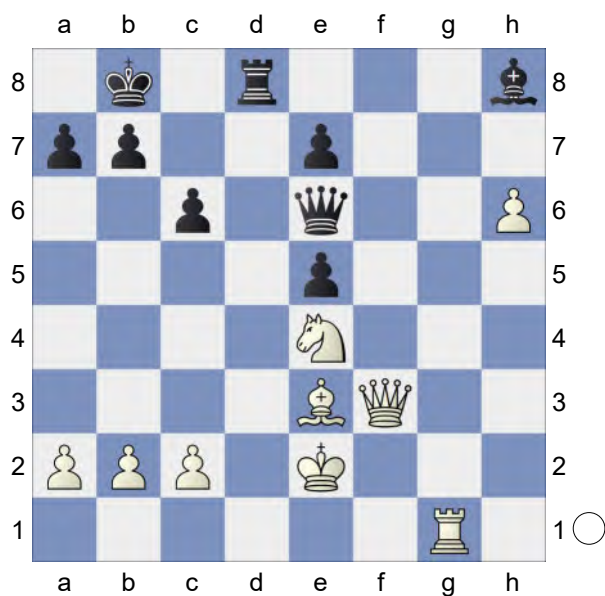
[**22.Bxa7 Qd2+ 23.Kf3 Rhf8+ 24.Kg3 Rf4+**]

22...Kb8 23.Bxg5 Bf6 24.Be3 Howell decides again not to trade the bishop and retreat. This is a decision I like. **24.Bxf6** Trading the bishop would improve Black's pawn structure. **24...exf6** Black got rid of the doubled pawns now and did benefit from the trade.

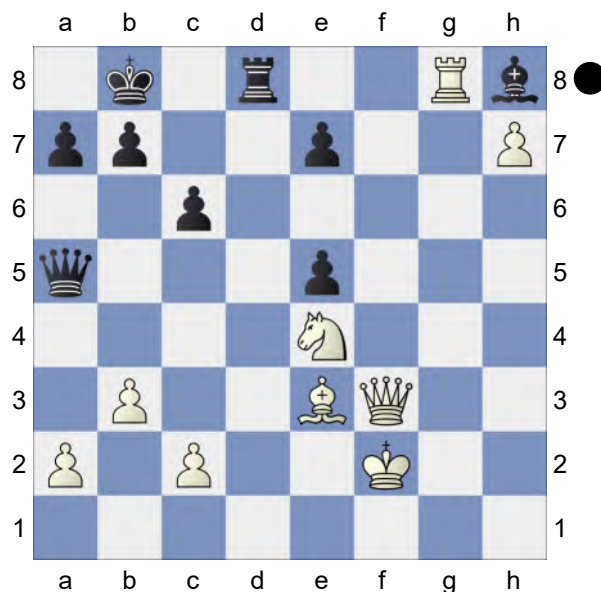
24...Rhx5 25.gxh5 Qe6



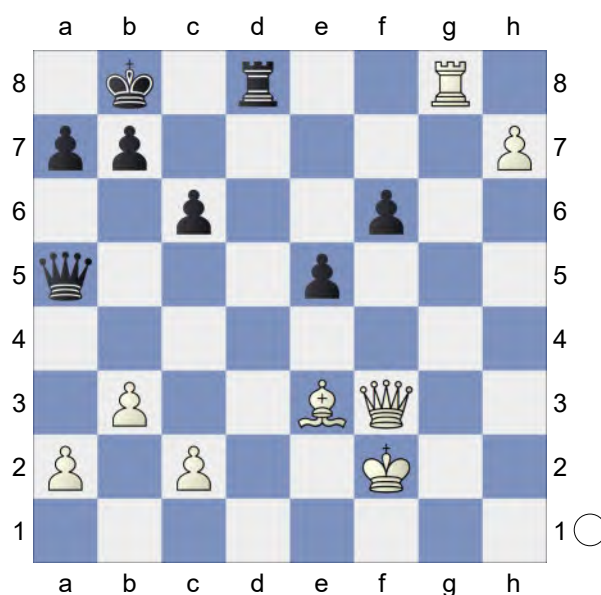
26.h6 Qh3 27.Rh1 The rook is supporting the past pawn. **27...Qg3 28.Qf3** At this point, Howell is willing to trade queens. The trade of queens would be a trade that comes without any downsides for White. That's why it would make it easier to convert the winning position into a victory as it takes away Black's counter-chances. **28...Qg6** Black understandably refuses the trade of queens. **29.Ne4** Defending against ...Qxc2+ **29...Bh8 30.Rg1 Qe6**



31.b3 Defending against ...Qc4+. Howell keeps the position under control and doesn't give Black any counter-chances. Prevents Qe6-c4+ **31...Qd5 32.h7 Qb5+ 33.Kf2 Qa5 34.Rg8**

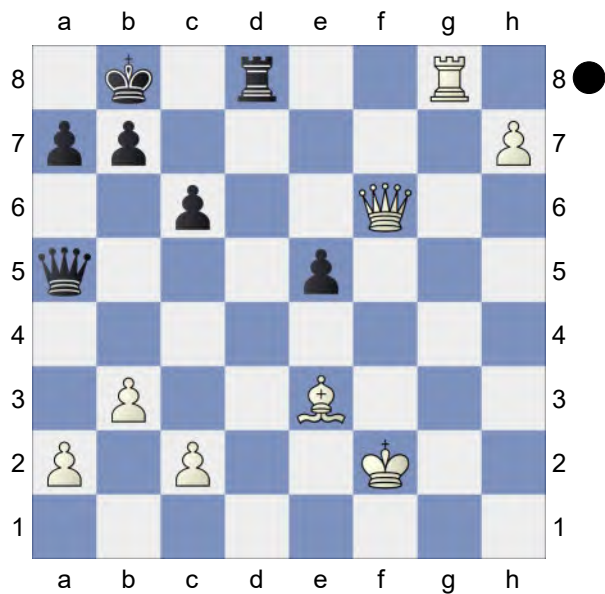


Threatening mate with Qf3-d1. **34...Bf6 35.Nxf6 exf6**



36.Qxf6

(Diagram)



Black resigned. Also, here Howell didn't trade rooks on the previous move with 36.Rxd8 Qxd8 . White's rook is stronger than Black's rook as it prevents Black from defending the last rank. Black cannot prevent us from promoting to a queen when our rook is on g8. Also Black wouldn't be able to capture the rook on g8 as we would recapture and promote to a queen. What is instructive about this game is that Howell showed that to convert a winning position to victory, we should avoid making trades that favor our opponent. When there is no downside in trading pieces, we benefit from this when we have a material advantage since it reduces our opponents' chances to fight back in the game. Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.

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Black=0.75

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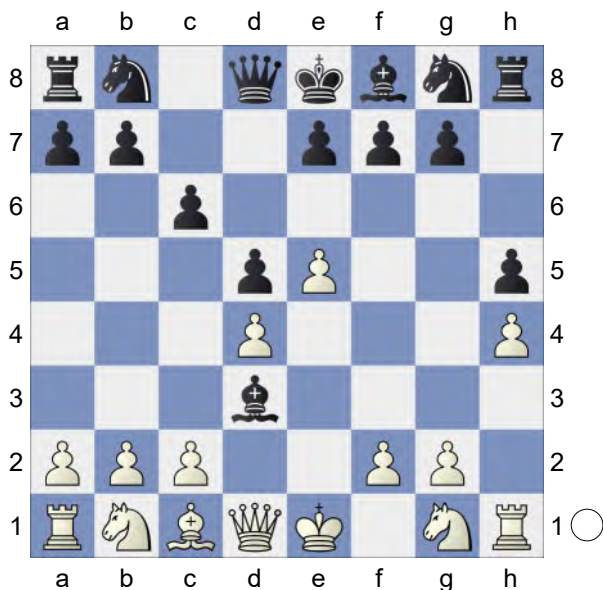
□ 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3

■ 6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.Nd2

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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3



6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.Nd2 This is by far White's most challenging continuation. The knight is only temporarily blocking the c1-bishop. Later on, White will play either Nf3 or Nb3 followed by the typical Bg5. For the time being, the knight is well placed on d2 since ...Qa6 can always be met with c2-c4. In this line, White should avoid exchanging queens at any price. After the natural **7...e6** **8.Ngf3** is the most popular option. Usually, White is planning to proceed with 0-0 followed by Nb3, and Bg5.

[The main alternative is 8.Ne2 This move is connected with the idea of playing 0-0 followed by Nf3 and Bg5. As we will see, however, the knight is often badly placed on e2. Ne7 The most natural continuation. In all these lines, f5 is the best square for

the knight.

A) It's very important that 9.0-0 can be met by Qa6! Remember that due to tactical reasons, the move ...Qa6 works only when White has a knight on e2! 10.c4 Nf5 11.b3 The most natural continuation. By overprotecting the c4-pawn, White is planning to proceed with Nf3 followed by Bg5. As we will see, Black shouldn't be tempted by the h4-pawn. (Slow is 11.g3 since it allows Bb4 12.b3 c5 Black is already fighting for an advantage since White's centre is falling apart. The next move is going to be ...Nc6. Practice has seen 13.Nf3 which occurred in the game 1-0 (41) Maurizzi,M (2489) - David,A (2517) Chartres 2021. At this point, Black should have played Nc6 when the following sequence looks pretty logical - 14.a3 Ncxd4 15.Nfxd4 cxd4 16.axb4 Qxa1 17.cxd5 Qa6 18.b5 Qb6 White still needs to prove compensation for the exchange.) 11...c5! This precise move is the main reason why ...Qa6 is justified in positions with the white knight being on e2. Now, White cannot release the central tension in a favourable way. 12.dxc5 (White's problem is that the thematic 12.Qb1? will be answered with cxd4 Had the white knight been on f3 (instead of e2) , in this position, White could have played cxd5. Now, however, the e2-knight will be hanging.) 12...Nc6

A1) White should have played 13.Qc3 with the idea of cxd5. Bxc5 In my opinion, this is the

simplest answer. (A decent alternative would be 13...0-0-0 14.b4 d4 15.Qb3 Nxe5∞ when Black has very good counterplay.) 14.cxd5 Bd4 15.Nxd4 Ncxd4 16.Qc4 exd5 17.Qxa6 bxa6∞ Black has an excellent counterplay in this complex endgame. Objectively speaking, the position is equal.;

A2) 13.a3? This slow move is already a serious mistake. 13...Bxc5± 0-1 (40) Lagarde,M (2648) -Bluebaum,M (2669) Chalons en Champagne 2021;

B) 9.b4 An interesting attempt to exploit Black's last move. Gaining space on the queenside is an important part of White's strategy. On the downside, the advance b2-b4 creates weaknesses on the light squares. 9...Qb5! You should remember this typical idea. Besides the obvious idea of exchanging the queens, Black is also planning to strike on the queenside with ...a7-a5.

B1) In case of 10.Qb3 Black can immediately strike with a5 11.bxa5 (Another direction is 11.c4 dxc4 12.Nxc4 Nf5 From this position, the knight not only attacks the d4-pawn but also takes the important d6-square under control. The game might continue 13.bxa5 Bb4+ 14.Kf1 Bxa5∞ Now, it becomes clear how important is that White does not have Nd6+. Practically speaking, Black's play is easier in view of his superior pawn structure.) 11...Rxa5 12.Qxb5 Rxb5 13.a4 Ra5 14.Rb1

This position occurred in the game 0-1 (46) Liang, J (2408) -Khamrakulov, D (2512) New York 2021. At this point, the simplest would have been b5 15.axb5 Rxb5 16.Ra1 Nf5∞ Black managed to solve all the problems. After completing the kingside development, he can consider the thematic ...c6-c5 advance.;

B2) 10.c4 The most principled choice. After the exchange on c4, White is going to activate his d2-knight. On the other hand, however, the d5-square becomes available for the black knight. 10...dxc4 11.Nxc4 Nd5 Even though the position is objectively balanced, Black's play is easier because White's position is a bit overextended. The lines provided below illustrate the nature of the position. 12.a4 This is the most challenging option. (In case of 12.0-0 Black would be happy to force a transition into an endgame by means of Nb6 13.Nb2 Qxd3 14.Nxd3 a5= Black has nothing to worry about. In order to compensate for his structural problems, White should play energetically.) 12...Nxb4 13.0-0 Qd5 14.Qc3 White has enough compensation for the pawn in view of his better development. The threat of Ba3 is particularly annoying in this position. In order to solve the problems, Black should play the precise Qe4! 15.Ba3 N8a6 16.Rab1 Qxe2 The simplest.

(Another possibility is 16...Nd5 17.Qd2 Bxa3 18.Nxa3 0-0[∞] with excellent counterplay.) 17.Bxb4 Nxb4 18.Rxb4 Bxb4 19.Qxb4 b6[∞] Obviously, White has sufficient compensation for the exchange but nothing more.]

8...Nh6 9.0-0 Nf5 We have reached a very important theoretical tabiya. This position has been tested in a bunch of high-profile games. The most challenging continuation is considered to be **10.Nb3** opening the way of the c1-bishop with a tempo. If allowed, White will proceed with Bg5. Note that the white knight is on b3 only temporarily. Provided that White has enough time, he will execute the maneuver Nb3-c1-e2-g3, thus challenging the f5-knight. As we will see a bit later, in such a scenario, Black does not have a good reaction.

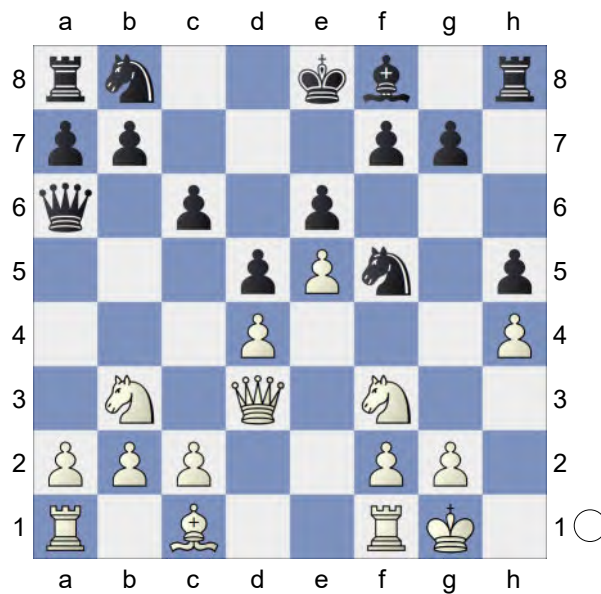
[The second most popular move is 10.c4 Nowadays, however, Black has more than one good way of dealing with this idea. An important position arises after Be7 11.g3 0-0 12.b3 Rd8 The most straightforward continuation. Black is ready to attack the centre with ...c6-c5 followed by ...Nc6. The idea of the last move is to recapture on d5 with a rook in response to cxd5. Keep in mind that in this line the queen is optimally placed on a5. The move ...Qa6 would be a huge positional mistake since the black queen would be misplaced in this position. (Another very promising continuation is 12...Nd7 13.Bb2 Rfd8 Due to the opposition along the d-file, Black is ready to proceed with ...dxc4. An instructive line would be 14.a3 dxc4! Played at the right moment. Now, 15. bxc4 is impossible in view of

1 5 . . . N x e 5 ! . 15.Nxc4 Qd5[∞] Now, it becomes clear why the black queen is excellently placed on a5. We are now ready to destroy White's centre by means of ...c6-c5. 0-1 (46) Stearman, J (2280) -Donchenko,A (2595) San Francisco 2019) 13.Bb2 c5! The most straightforward. It's even better to go for this advance with the knight being still on b8. The reason is that Black can increase the pressure on the centre by means of ...Nc6. A high-profile game saw 14.cxd5 Rxd5 15.Nc4 Qa6 16.Qe4 cxd4 17.Nxd4 Nxd4 18.Bxd4 Nc6[†] 0-1 (34) Moiseenko,V (2542) -Murzin,V (2513) Sochi 2021. Black has a huge advantage. His next move is going to be ...Rad8, winning the battle for the important d-file. White's position is way too overextended.]

[Another important idea is 10.a4 gaining space on the queenside. This is the only case when Black can go for Qa6 The reason is that the thematic reaction 11.c4 weakens the b4-square. Therefore, Black can seize the opportunity to play Bb4 12.b3 c5 planning to further increase the pressure with ...Nc6 on the next move. As we have pointed out earlier, with the white knight being on f3, we should reckon with 13.Qb1 threatening cxd5. This move marks the beginning of a sequence that allows Black to solve the problems. Remember that this counterplay works only after the inclusion of the moves a2-a4 and ...Bb4. Otherwise, we should refrain from ...Qa6. (The move 13.dxc5 played by Dominguez, deserves attention as well. His game against Caruana continued Nc6

14.Ba3 Bxd2 15.Nxd2 Nxe5 16.Qe2 Ng4[∞] 0-1 (38) Dominguez Perez, L (2758) -Caruana, F (2835) Lichess.org INT 2020. Black has an excellent chance to overtake the initiative in this complex position. Eventually, Caruana managed to win the game.; The continuation 13.Ba3 Nc6 14.dxc5 Bxd2 15.Nxd2 Nxe5 transposes to the game Dominguez - Caruana.) 13...Nxd4 14.Nxd4 cxd4 15.cxd5 exd5 16.Nf3 0-0 So far, everything was forced. Now, White has some choice. The most natural move seems to be 17.Bb2 completing the development and planning to regain the pawn under optimal circumstances. (In case of 17.Nxd4 Black manages to arrange his pieces by means of Nd7 18.Nf3 Rfe8 19.Bb2 Nf8[∞] Black enjoys an excellent counterplay. He is ready to follow with ... Ne6 and ...Rad8.) 17...Nc6 18.Ng5 The only attempt to create some practical problems. (An online game saw 18.e6?! which is basically a dubious pawn sacrifice. The game went fxe6 19.Ng5 d3 20.Qd1 g6 21.Nxe6 Rf7 22.Ng5 0-1 (40) Pranav, A (2494) - Mohammad, N (2461) chess24.com INT 2022. At this point, Black's most precise continuation would have been Rd7 23.Qf3 Rf8 24.Qg3 d4[±] when White does not have sufficient compensation for the pawn.) 18...d3 Black will give the pawn back in order to eliminate White's initiative. The position arising after 19.Rd1 Rae8 20.Qxd3 Qxd3 21.Rxd3 d4[∞] gives Black an adequate counterplay.]

10...Qa6



Now, as c2-c4 is impossible, playing ... Qa6 is perfectly natural. **11.Qd1** It goes without saying that White should refrain from exchanging queens. The next move is going to be Bg5 followed by bringing the knight all the way to g3. Black should play energetically in order to prevent this scenario from happening. My preference here is **11...c5** We start our counterplay before White manages to achieve his perfect regroupment.

[The following cooperative line shows what happens when Black plays passively. 11...Nd7 12.Bg5 b6 13.Nc1 c5 14.c3 Rc8 15.Ne2 g6 16.Ng3[±] Black does not have a favourable way of dealing with the eventual exchange of the knights. Taking on g3 will enable White to put an annoying pressure along the f-file. On the other hand, if White manages to spoil our structure with Nxf5, there will be no safe heaven for the black king.]

12.dxc5 This is the best move according to the computer. Now, Black should invest some time in order to regain the

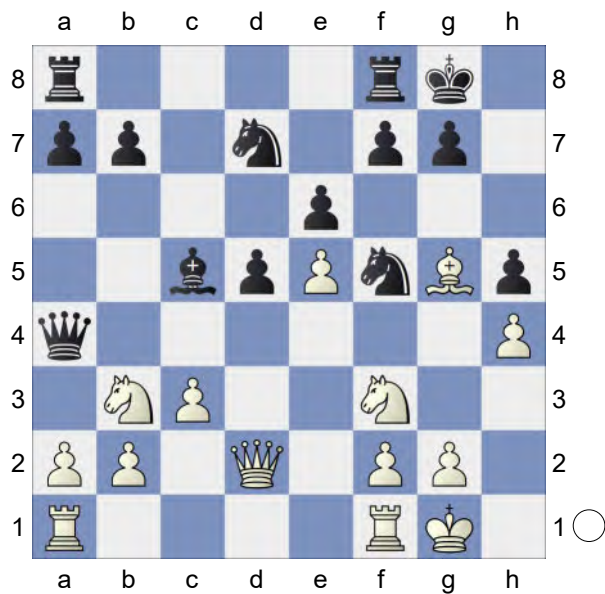
pawn.

[In case of 12.Nxc5 Bxc5 13.dxc5 Qc4 14.c3 Qxc5 we reach a typical Caro-Kann structure. Without the inclusion of the moves h2-h4 and ...h7-h5, Black would have been even slightly better. Now, the position is balanced because White has the g5-square for his bishop. 15.Nd4 The idea of removing the strong f5-knight is quite logical. (A decent alternative would be 15.Bg5 Nc6 16.Re1 Qb6∞ Black is doing fine. Later on, he can keep playing on the queenside by means of simple moves such as ...Rac8 followed by ...Na5-c4. For the time being, our king is perfectly safe in the centre.) 15...Nxd4 16.cxd4 Qb4 Once again, without the inclusion of the moves h2-h4 and ...h7-h5, Black would have been slightly better in this typical French structure. Now, the position is just balanced. A GM game continued 17.a3 Qb6 18.b4 Nc6 19.Be3 a5 20.bxa5 This position occurred in the game 1-0 (61) Vokhidov, S (2552) -Salem, A (2679) Chess.com INT 2022. At this point, Black should have opted for the following sequence: Qxa5 21.Rb1 Qxa3 22.Rxb7 Qa6 23.Rb1 Ne7∞ Black firm control of the light squares gives him decent counterplay.]

[A strategically interesting position arises after 12.Bg5 cxd4 13.Nbxd4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Nxc6 Qxc6 16.a4 Even though Black is doing statically fine, White's g5-bishop is quite annoying. Additionally, having committed to ...h7-h5, Black cannot find a safe place for the king. Remember that the easiest way of

solving the problems in this structure is going for an endgame with heavy pieces. This is what happened in the game Adams, M - Salem, A. This encounter continued Rc8 17.a5 Be7 18.Bxe7 Kxe7 Usually, in this structure, the endgames with heavy pieces are quite advantageous for Black due to the possibility of playing along the semi-open c-file. On the downside, White can try to exploit Black's slightly weakened kingside. All in all, the position is balanced. 19.c3 Qb5 20.Qd4 This position occurred in the game 1-0 (38) Adams, M (2698) - Salem, A (2690) Malmo 2022. Now, Black could have played Rc4 21.Qxa7 Rhc8∞ with an excellent counterplay.]

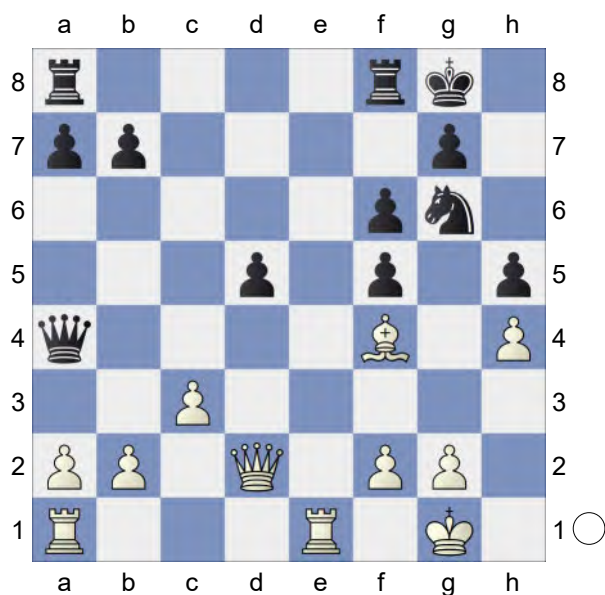
12...Nd7 This is Black's idea. White cannot keep his extra pawn for too long. Therefore, he should play **13.Bg5** In this position, my preference is **13...Bxc5** which was also played by Eljanov. In order to successfully accomplish our light-square strategy we are ready to part with the dark-squared bishop. Additionally, with this move, Black is fighting against the possible Nbd4. That being said, the computer likes 13...Nxc5 as well. **14.c3** This position occurred in the game 1/2-1/2 (57) Swiercz, D (2665) -Eljanov, P (2681) Chess.com INT 2022. With his last move, White is preparing Nbd4. After the eventual exchanges on d4, we will get a French structure in which the black knight will be quite problematic on d7. Therefore, Black should have played the prophylactic **14...Qa4!** White's most principled way of fighting for an advantage is **15.Qd2 0-0**
(Diagram)



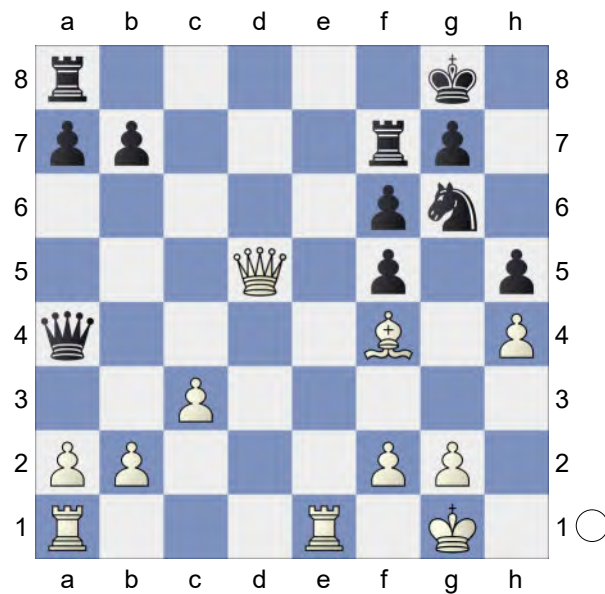
16.Nbd4 Bxd4 17.Nxd4 Getting rid of the powerful f5-knight is the cornerstone of White's strategy. Black should take the bull by the horns by playing **17...Nxe5** The position arising after

[The structure arising after 17...Nxd4?! 18.cxd4 is quite problematic for Black due to the misplaced knight. Black does not have enough counterplay on the queenside to compensate for the weakened kingside.]

18.Nxf5 exf5 19.Rfe1 f6 20.Bf4 Ng6



21.Qxd5+ Rf7



is obviously unclear. Black, however, enjoys an adequate counterplay.

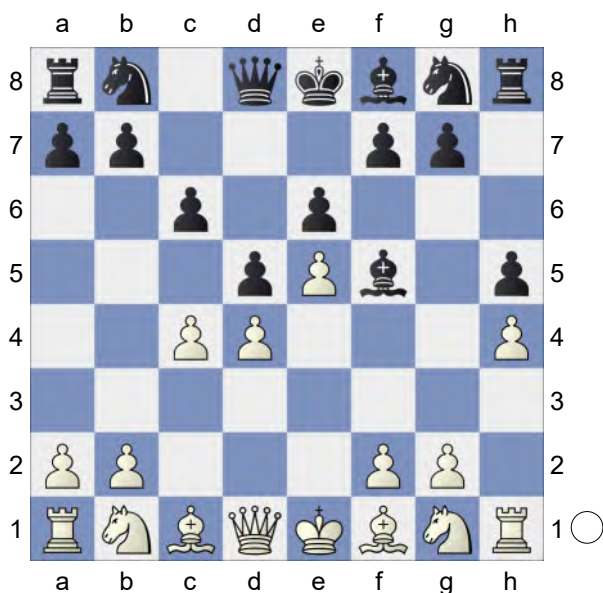
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B12

4.h4 and 5.c4*[GM Grigor Grigorov]*

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.c4

In the first lecture, we have already dealt with the advance c2-c4, without the inclusion of the moves h2-h4 and ... h7-h5. Obviously, this inclusion favours White since the g5-square is an excellent outpost for his dark-squared bishop. Nevertheless, I am quite satisfied by the fact that Black can again stick to the concept advocated against the immediate c2-c4 - **5...e6**



6.Nc3 Bb4 Our ideas quite similar to what I have shown in Lecture 1. For instance, after giving the dark-squared bishop for the knight, Black will try to adopt his usual light-square strategy. In case White opts for a slow play, we usually go for ... Ne7 followed by ... c6-c5. The most critical continuation is **7.cxd5**. Before starting his kingside play, White fixes the structure in the centre.

[As usual, we meet the move 7.Qb3 with a5. Remember that we wait for a2-

a3 before taking the c3-knight. As explained in the first lecture, the a3-pawn blocks the a3-square for the bishop and also further weakens the light squares on the queenside. The following game is a good illustration of Black's domination on the light squares. 8.a3 dxc4 9.Bxc4 Bxc3+

A) With the inclusion of the moves h2-h4 and ... h7-h5, the alternative **10.Qxc3** makes even more sense. Black should now always reckon with Qg3 and Bg5. Ne7 I prefer this continuation over 10...Nd7. The reason is that now the immediate 11.Qg3 does not work in view of 11...Qxd4. Hence, White should start with 11.Ne2 preparing Qg3 on the next move. (In such positions, you should always reckon with 11.Bg5. In my opinion, the best way of dealing with the pin is Nd7 12.Ne2 f6!? Eliminating White's space advantage and taking better control of the dark squares is more important than keeping the integrity of the pawn structure. The position arising after 13.exf6 gxf6 14.Bf4 Nb6[∞] offers Black an excellent counterplay based on the g-file and the d5-square. After simple moves such as ...Nbd5 and ...Qd7, the king can eventually go to f7.) 11...Nd7 12.Qg3 The critical test. Slow play would allow Black to arrange his desired setup - ...Nb6-d5, ...Qd7, and eventually ...f7-f6. Nb6 13.Ba2 a4! An important move. Black grabs space and fixes the queenside structure. I (The alternative 13...Bg6 14.Bg5 Nbd5 15.Rd1± leaves Black in a passive position without an

obvious counterplay.) 14.Qxg7 White has nothing better than taking the pawn. Black should now go for the following sequence: Rg8 15.Qh6 Rg6 16.Qxh5 Bg4 17.Qh8+ Rg8 18.Qh6 Bxe2 19.Kxe2 Qxd4 with a decent compensation for the pawn in view of the vulnerable white king and excellent spots for the knights.;

B) 10.bxc3 In my opinion, this recapture is dubious since it allows Black to establish firm control of the light squares. Now, Black follows with his typical operation - 10...b5 11.Be2 a4 fixing the structure and taking under control all the important light squares on the queenside. 12.Qb4 Ne7 13.Bg5 This position was reached in the game 0-1 (28) Koziorowicz, M (2315) -Pultinevicius, P (2546) Chess.com INT 2022 At this point, instead of the game move 13...Na6, Black could have played Nd7 preparing the advance ...f7-f6. In this position, White is the one who should care about equality.]

[A decent approach is 7.Nge2 Ne7 8.a3 In this way, White obtains the bishop pair without spoiling the pawn structure. (Worse is 8.Ng3 when Black can immediately strike with c5) Black is already better since White's centre is falling apart.) 8...Bxc3+ 9.Nxc3 Nd7 The most flexible continuation. Black is ready to answer Bg5 with ...f7-f6. At the same time, the possibility of obtaining a structure with a backward d4-pawn is always on the table. (The alternative 9...dxc4 10.Bxc4 c5 is playable as well.) 10.Bg5 This position occurred

in the game 0-1 (53) Kaasen, T (2383) -Kharitonov, A (2543) Paleochoira 2021 (Note that in case of 10.cxd5 the best recapture would be exd5 With the move h2-h4 and ... h7-h5 included, this structure is often playable for Black. The reason is that White's kingside majority is less mobile. Therefore, Black can establish a blockade on the light squares. A very instructive line is 11.Bd3 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 f6! Pay attention to this important strategic move. First of all, we would like to provoke the move 13.f4 Besides blocking the dark-squared bishop, the advance f2-f4 also weakens the light squares. Now, Black can start building his thematic blockade with g6 The idea is to proceed with ...Nf8 followed by ...f6-f5, and ...Ne6. Computer often gives a slight plus for White in such positions (due to the space granted by the e5-pawn. In practice, however, Black's play is easier.) 10...f6! Of course! This is the best way to get rid of the pin. We already know that the type of position arising after 11.exf6 gxf6 12.Bf4 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Nb6 14.Ba2 Nbd5 is quite favourable for Black.]

[The direct 7.a3 is best answered with Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 Ne7 In this structure, our main idea is to execute the advance ...c6-c5 in a favourable way. Very often the central tension can result in a backward pawn on d4. Let's take a brief look at one of the games of Alexander Riazantsev. White played the natural but slow 9.a4 White is planning Ba3 on the next move. Black, however, immediately strikes with c5 10.Nf3 Nbc6 White's centre is already quite shaky.

In the game, White played 11.dxc5. Having the bishop pair, White is aiming at an asymmetrical pawn structure. Nevertheless, Black's better structure and superior piece activity are more important than the bishop pair. The most straightforward. The alternative 11...0-0 was strong as well. (Another possibility is 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Qd2 0-0 $\bar{f}$ when Black is obviously better. White should now reckon with ...Na5.) 11...Qa5 12.Qb3 0-0 13.cxd5 Nxd5 $\bar{f}$. This position occurred in the game 0-1 (42) Carlsson,P (2457) -Riazantsev,A (2634) Warsaw 2021. Black's advantage is out of the question.]

7...cxd5 In this concrete position, we should stick to the symmetrical pawn structure.

[Worse is 7...exd5?! 8.Bd3. After the exchange of the bishops, it will be difficult for Black to establish his usual blockade on the light squares.]

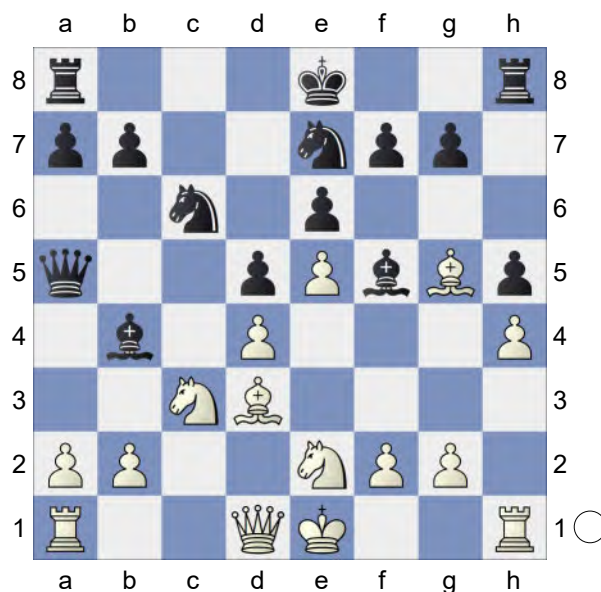
8.Bg5 The most natural move. The bishop always occupies this key square after the inclusion of the moves h2-h4 and ... h7-h5.

[In my opinion, the immediate 8.a3 does not make too much sense since Black will take on c3 anyway. We will continue with Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Nd7. Black is already planning to attack the centre with ...Qc7 followed by ...f7-f6. 10.Bd3. As we have already pointed out, in these structures, White tries to exchange the light-squared bishops. The reason is simple. After this exchange, Black's kingside becomes somewhat vulnerable. (In case of 10.Ne2 Qc7 11.Bd2 f6 ∞ Black enjoys an excellent

counterplay.) 10...Ne7 11.Ne2. This position occurred in the game 0-1 (40) Bazyrtsyrenov,K (2275) -Kostenko,P (2382) Cheliabinsk 2022. At this point, Black could have played Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Nf5. Our idea is to obtain stability thanks to the control of the light squares. The d7-knight will obviously occupy the c4-square. Remember that the move 13.Bg5 should always be met with f6. A possible line would be 14.exf6 gxf6 15.Bf4 Nb6 16.Bg3 Kf7 17.Rb1 Qd7 ∞ . Black enjoys decent counterplay in this complex position.]

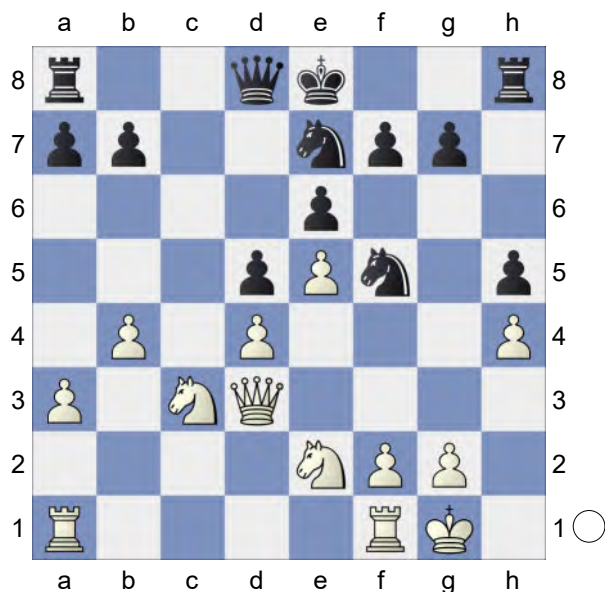
[8.Bd3 Ne7 9.Bg5 is just a transposition.]

8...Ne7 9.Bd3 The most precise move. Black uses the vulnerable c3-knight in order to get rid of the pin. The following couple of moves are quite logical: **9...Qa5 10.Nge2 Nbc6**

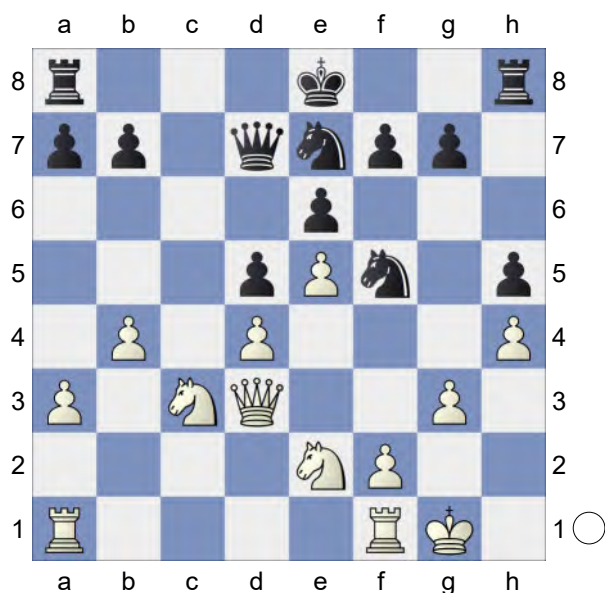


11.0-0 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Nf5 Black managed to find good squares for all his pieces. Due to the vulnerable d4-pawn, the f5-knight cannot be challenged with Ng3. As for the annoying g5-bishop, we will try to get rid of it by

means of ...Be7. The following practical example shows what might happen in such positions - **13.a3 Be7 14.b4 Qd8 15.Bxe7 Ncxe7**



16.g3 Qd7



This position occurred in the game 0-1 (48) Nasuta, G (2531) -Pultinevicius, P (2552) Legnica 2021. The position is complex, but Black has every chance to fight for an advantage in view of White's vulnerable queenside.

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□ The Caveman H6

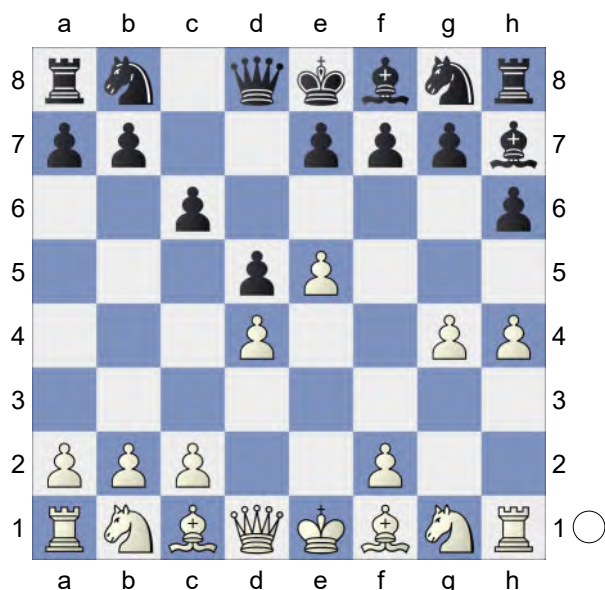
■ 80. The Caveman 4... h6 5. g4

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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7



6.e6! **Qd6** This is Black's main alternative to ...fxe6, intending Qxe6+. There is also 6...Nf6, but that move doesn't solve the issue of how to deal with the e6-pawn, which prevents Black from deploying the Bf8 and Rh8. See the model game Maxime Vachier-Lagrave vs. Ding Liren for an example of 6... Nf6.

[6...fxe6 7.Bd3]

7.exf7+ We misplace Black's king instead. **7...Kxf7** **8.f4** **0.10/20** Black's second idea with ...Qd6 is to prepare ..e5, which this move decisively prevents.

[Better is 8.Nf3± 0.71/17]

8...Qe6+N **0.75/21** This is a bit greedy.

[8...Nf6= 0.10/20

A) 9.Nf3 Nxc4 10.Bh3 h5

11.Ne5+ Ke8 12.Bxg4 hxg4
13.Qxg4 Nd7 (13...Be4 14.Qc8+ Qd8 15.Qe6 Qd6 16.Qf7+ Kd8 17.Rg1 Nd7 18.Nc3 Qb4 19.Bd2 Bxc2 20.Nxd5 Nxe5 21.Nxb4 Nxf7 22.Nxc2 Rxh4 23.0-0-0 e6 24.Bb4 Bxb4 25.Rxg7 Ke7 26.Nxb4 Rxf4 27.Nd3 Rf5 28.Re1 1-0 Koestinger,D (2388)-The Trompowski (2371) cm1 Wijk 1994 (2)) 14.Qh5+ g6 15.Qe2 Qe6 16.Nc3 Qf5 17.Be3 Bg8 18.0-0-0 Be6 19.Qd2 Nxe5 20.fxe5 Qf7 21.Bg5 Bf5 22.Ne2 e6 23.Ng3 Kd7 ½-½ Nevednichy,V (2457)-Livaic,L (2569) EU-ch 23rd Vrnjacka Banja 2023 (6);

B) 9.Bh3 c5 10.g5 Nc6 (10...hxc5 11.hxc5 Ne4 12.Bc8 Nc6 13.Bxb7 Qe6 14.Ne2 Rb8 15.Bxc6 Qxc6 16.f5 g6 17.Nf4 Bg7 18.Rxh7 Rxh7 19.fxg6+ Qxg6 20.Qf3 Rf8 21.Nd2 Qxg5 22.Nxe4 Qg1+ 23.Ke2 Rh2+ 24.Nf2 Kg8 25.Qxd5+ ½-½ Muzychuk,A (2606)-Sutovsky, E (2687) Amsterdam ACP Golden Classic 2012 (5)) 11.gxf6 Nxd4 12.Rh2 exf6 13.Nc3 Rd8 14.Nf3 Nf5 15.Re2 Be7 16.Kf2 Rhe8 17.Bg4 Kf8 18.Bh5 g6 19.Bg4 d4 20.Ne4 Ne3 21.Nxd6 Nxd1+ 22.Ke1 Rxd6 23.Kxd1 d3 0-1 Hock,A (2445)-Romanovsky,P (2496) 44: World Championship 2013]

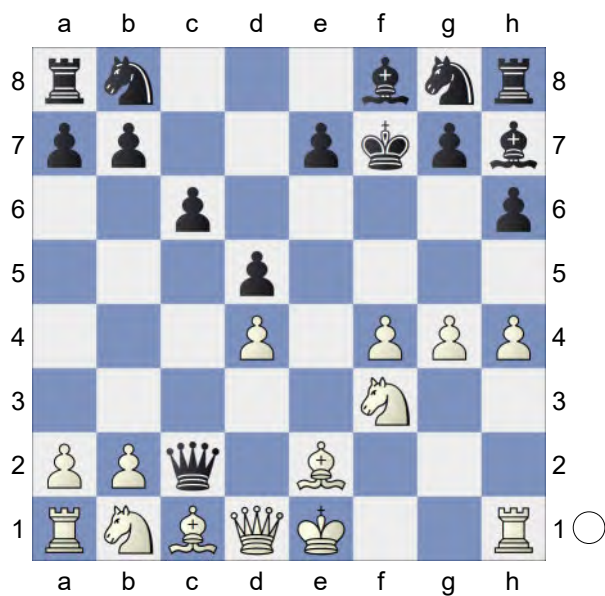
9.Be2± Qe4 **1.27/22**

[♞9...Nf6 **0.71/19**]

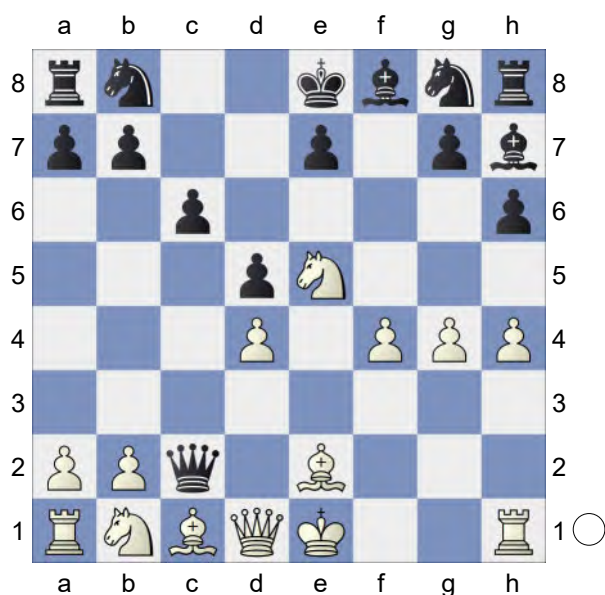
10.Nf3 f4-f5 would now be deadly.

10...Qxc2

(Diagram)



11.Ne5+ Ke8



12.g5! Threatening Bh5+. 12...Qxd1+

12...Qe4 13.Rh2! doesn't help Black.

13.Bxd1 And now g5-g6 would win.

13...Nd7 13...g6 14.h5!

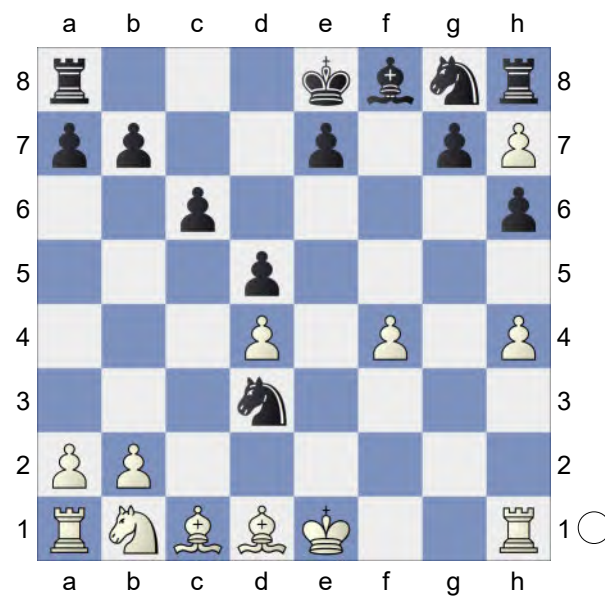
[Wrong is 13...hxg5? 14.hxg5 Nf6
15.g6+- (15.gxf6 exf6+-)]

14.g6 Trapped Piece

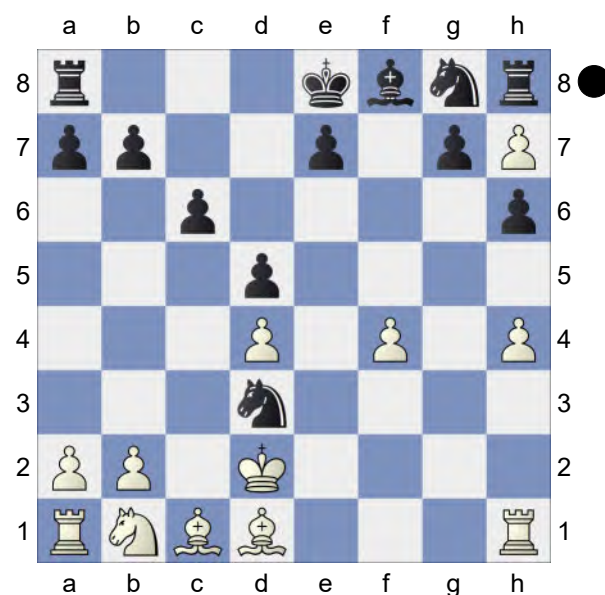
[Don't do 14.Bh5+ g6 15.Bxg6+
(15.Nxg6 Bxg6 16.Bxg6+ Kd8±)
15...Bxg6 16.Nxg6 Rh7±]

14...Nxe5 15.gxh7 Nd3+

(Diagram)



16.Kd2



White wins a piece.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.26 (precise)

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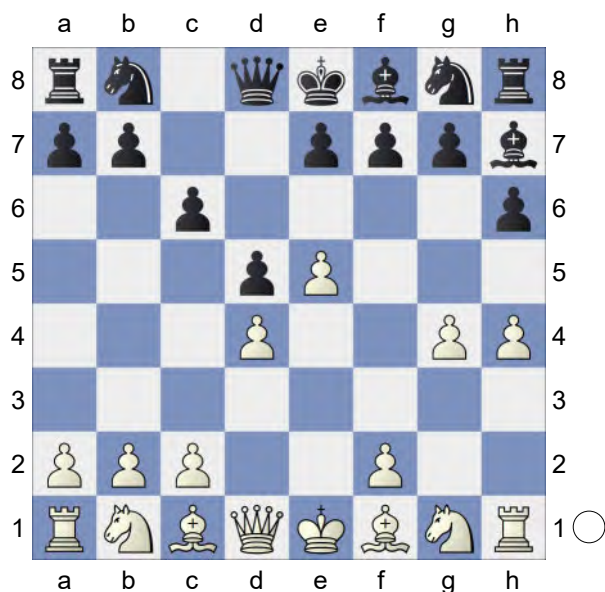
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7



6.e6! Qd6

[6...fxe6 7.Bd3]

7.exf7+ Kxf7 8.f4 0.21/19

[8.Nf3± 0.65/18 is more appropriate.]

8...Nf6= The standard move. The position is equal. 9.Nf3 White is more or less forced to sacrifice the g4-pawn. Other moves would allow Qe6+ followed by Nxg4 anyway. Strongly threatening g4-g5. 9...Nxg4 10.h5 0.04/21 This clamps down on the g6-square and prevents Black from playing ...h5 himself, which would help him significantly.

[10.Bh3± 0.50/22 deserves consideration. h5 11.Ne5+ Kg8 (11...Ke8 12.Bxg4 hxg4 13.Qxg4 Be4 14.Qc8+ Qd8 15.Qxb7 Nd7 16.Rh2 Rc8 17.Qxd7+ Qxd7 18.Nxd7 Kxd7 19.Nc3 Bf5 20.Be3

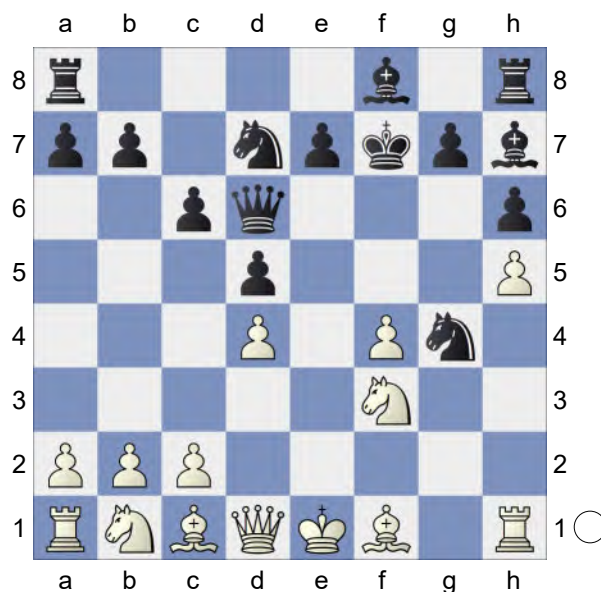
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e6 21.0-0-0 Be7 22.Rg1 g6 23.Bf2 Rh7 24.Na4 Rch8 25.Nc5+ Kc7 26.Re1 0-1 Nikolin,Z (2429)-15.bc3 ♔c3 16. ♕b1 a5 (2244) Magyarorszag 80/166 2001 (2)) 12.Nxg4 hxg4 13.Qxg4 Bxc2 14.Nc3]

10...Nd7N 0.50/22

[10...Qe6+= 0.04/21 11.Ne5+ Nxe5 12.dxe5 Na6]

[10...Bf5 11.Nc3 Qe6+ 12.Ne5+ Nxe5 13.fxe5 g5 14.hxg6+ Qxg6 15.Be3 Ke8 16.Rg1 Qf7 17.Bd3 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 Rg8 19.0-0-0 Rxg1 20.Rxg1 Na6 21.Rf1 Nb4 22.Qd1 Qg6 23.a3 Na6 24.Qf3 Kd7 25.Nxd5 1-0 Schaaik (2632)-C 11/10 (2543) 102/104 Holguin 2007 (4.2) Nc7 26.Nf4 Qf5 27.Qg2 1-0 Popov,I (2632)-Arutinin,D (2543) IsBank TCh-TUR 2013 (4.2)]



11.Nc3 Threatening Nf3-e5+.

[11.Bh3!? Ngf6□ 12.Ne5+ Kg8 13.Qe2±]

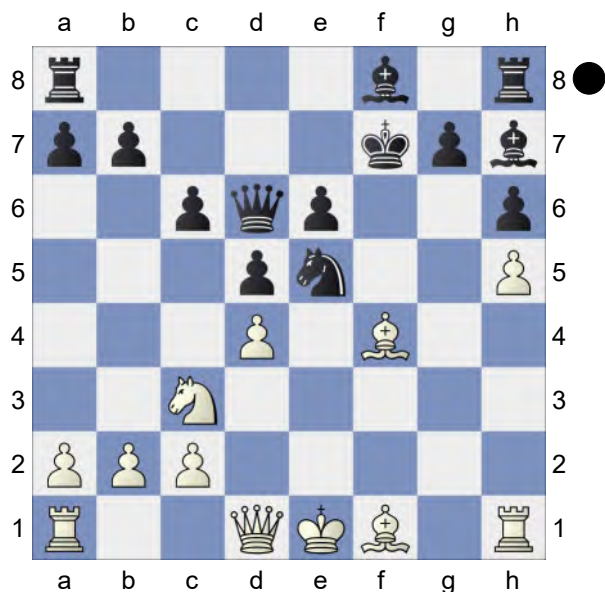
11...e6 0.61/22

[11...Ngf6= 0.24/22 feels stronger.]

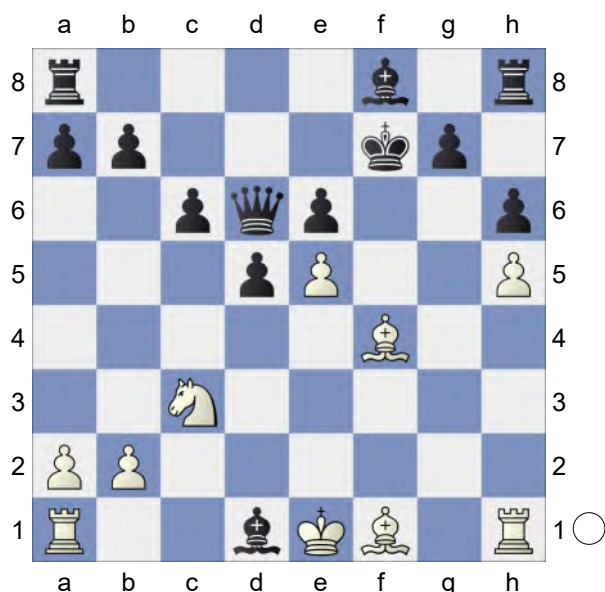
12.Ne5+!± Ngxe5! 13.fxe5 Nxe5 1.52/23 White has to be careful in how to

answer this piece sacrifice. **14.Bf4±**

[But not 14.dxe5?! Qxe5+ 15.Qe2 Qg3+ 16.Kd1 Be7=]

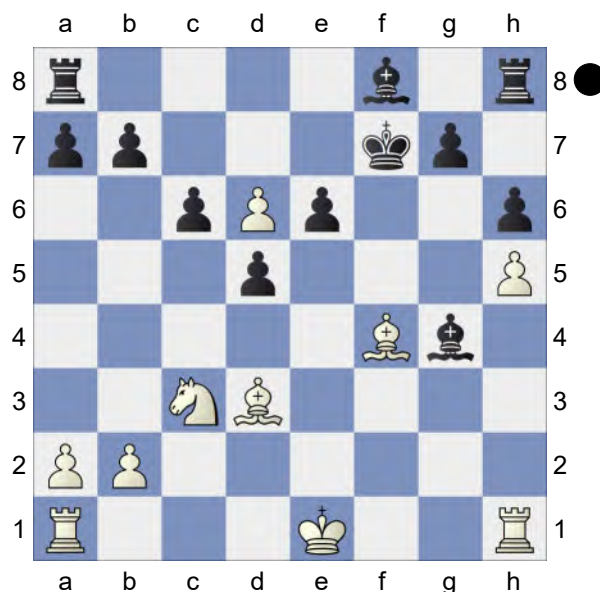


14.dxe5 Qxe5+ 15.Qe2 Qxe2+ 16.Bxe2 Bxc2 and Black has decent compensation for the piece. Pin **14...Bxc2** 14...Nd3+? 15.Bxd3 Qxf4 doesn't work because of 16.Rf1!. Deflection **15.dxe5** 15.Qxc2? Nf3+ followed by ...Qxf4 is Black's idea. **15...Bxd1**



16.exd6 Bg4 2.36/23

[16...Bf3± 1.26/22 17.Rh4 e5]
17.Bd3



Now White has a significantly stronger version of the same endgame. White is better.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.35

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□ The Critical Nc6

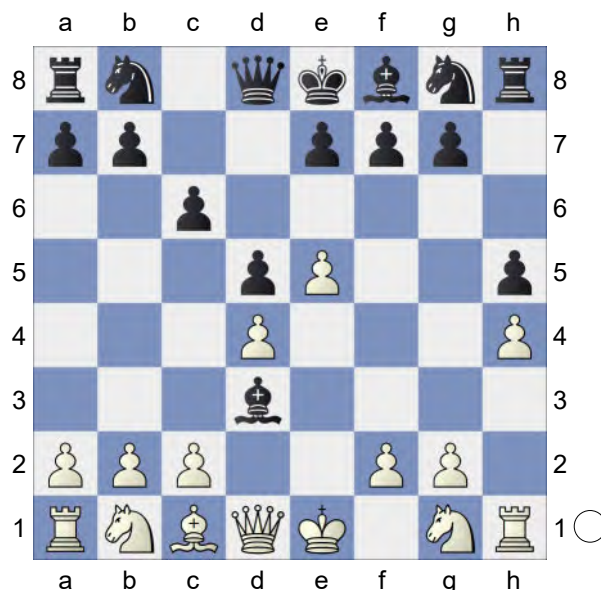
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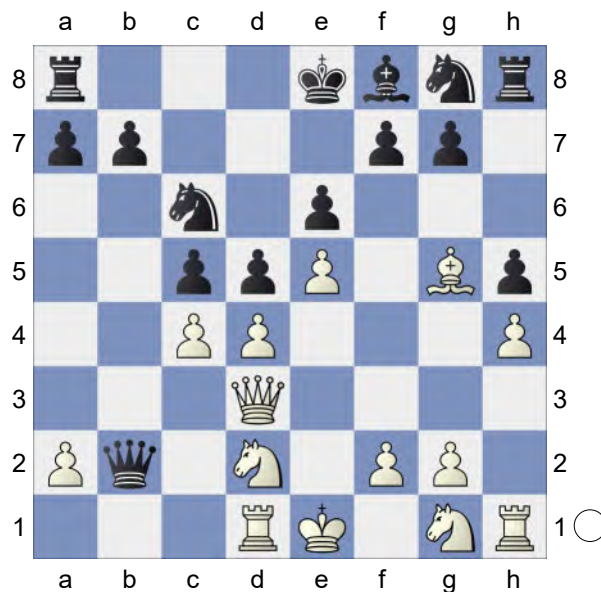
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makes sense to "go deep" when the position becomes as concrete as it does here. 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3! Bxd3

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation The following twenty pages of analysis might seem terrifying to some. "Will I have to remember everything?" could be the thought going through your mind. Luckily the answer is: "No." The lines are here to be studied both for memorization (up to a point) and for illustrative purposes. My goal is to help you win games and to feel confident playing 1.e4. We have spent many hours analysing this line so that I could present it to you in a detailed and hopefully well-structured way, making it possible for you to prepare as deeply as you want. I could have reduced it all to one page but, while simplicity and clarity are useful in the sidelines, I think it makes sense to "go deep" when the position becomes as concrete as it does here. The following twenty pages of analysis might seem terrifying to some. "Will I have to remember everything?" could be the thought going through your mind. Luckily the answer is: "No." The lines are here to be studied both for memorization (up to a point) and for illustrative purposes. My goal is to help you win games and to feel confident playing 1.e4. We have spent many hours analysing this line so that I could present it to you in a detailed and hopefully well-structured way, making it possible for you to prepare as deeply as you want. I could have reduced it all to one page but, while simplicity and clarity are useful in the sidelines, I think it



6.Qxd3 e6 7.Bg5 Qb6 8.Nd2
Active counter play! 8...c5! 9.c4
White has an edge. 9...Qxb2 10.Rd1!!
cxd5 is the strong threat. 10...Nc6!
[10...Qxa2 11.Ne2±]



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[11.Ne2± 0.35/23 should be considered.]

[11.Ngf3 Nb4 12.Qe2 Nxa2 13.cxd5 Nc3 14.Qd3 exd5 15.e6 f6 16.0-0 Nxd1 17.Rxd1 fxg5 18.Rb1 Qa2 19.Qb5+ Ke7 20.Qd7+ Kf6 21.Qf7# The Caveman Declined: 9... Qx-59. The Caveman Declined: 9..,1]

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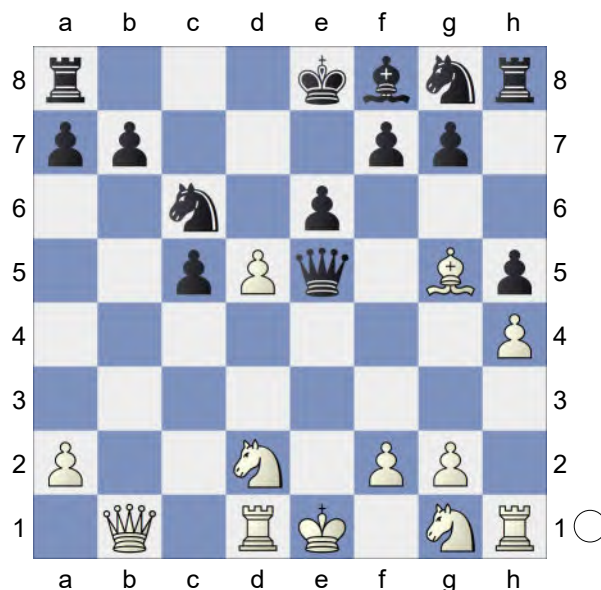
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12...Qxe5+? 1.68/20 Plausible but wrong.

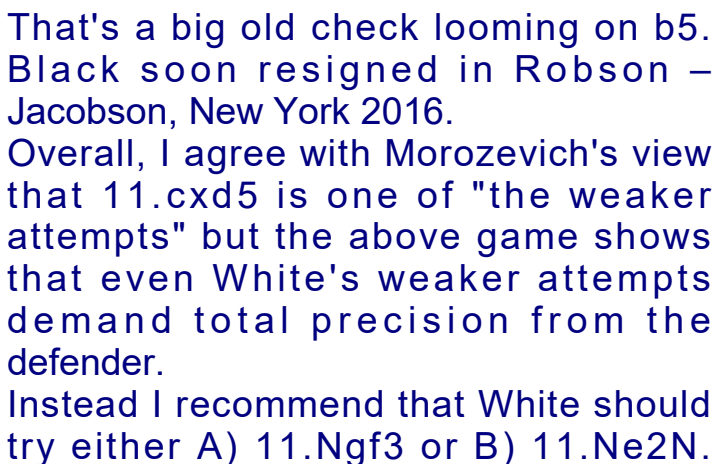
[12...Qxd5!N -0.29/21 was essential. After and Black is okay. 13.Ngf3 White remains two pawns down, but I believe his lead in development should allow him to equalize eventually. I could do yet more analysis, but this book must be printed now! White remains two pawns down, but I believe his lead in development should allow him to equalize eventually. I could do yet more analysis, but this book must be printed now!Nb4 (13...Nxe5 14.0-0±)]

[12...exd5? 13.Qxb7 Nge7 14.Qxa8+-]



Plausible but wrong. 13.Ne4!+- Nd4? 4.80/26 Now it's all over.

[The only way to limit the damage was The only way to limit the damage was Δ13...exd5 1.74/19 but after 14.Qxb7 Qxe4+ 15.Kf1 Nge7 (15...Qc4+? 16.Ne2+-) 16.Qxa8+ Nd8 17.Bxe7! Bxe7 18.Qxd5± a win for White is likely. a win for White is likely.]



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□ **Spotlight On The Night Attack**

■ **Game Salome Neuhauser Vs**

[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 The Caro-Kann. An opening that is less popular, with youngsters, than the Sicilian, the French and in particular 1... e5. **2.d4** Against the Caro-Kann you can also play the King's Indian Attack see Chapter 5 . However, as ...e7-e6 has not yet been played, the c8-bishop may be developed more easily, in particular on f5 or g4, and as a result, Black will have fewer problems to solve than in the French. **2...d5** **3.e5**

The Advance Variation, a good choice as a first step. It is useless, for now, to spend hours studying the main lines of an opening that we will ultimately not meet very often to begin with. **3...Bf5**

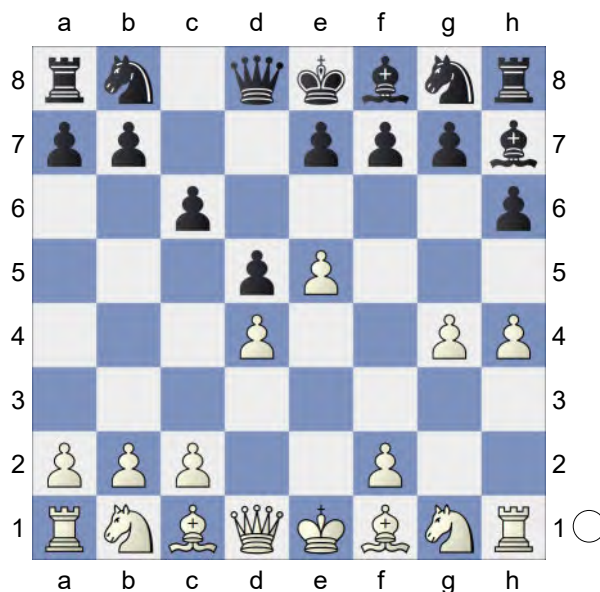
There are other moves in this position, such as 3...c5 but this one makes the most sense and is played almost instinctively by the vast majority of Caro-Kann players. Black develops his bishop outside the pawn chain before playing ...e7-e6. **4.h4** A cunning move that sets two traps, and many inexperienced players have fallen victim to one or the other. **4...h6** Also possible is the move 4... h5 which we will see in Game 63. The first trap is rather crude: 4...e6 ??

5.g4 ! Be4 6.f3 Bg6 7.h5 and the bishop is trapped Hoffer-Batigne, France tt-jr 2000/01; Neuhauser-Estarellas, France tt-jr 2003/04, and many others . The move ...h7-h6, which is very common in the Caro-Kann, is intended to provide a retreat square for the bishop on h7, so that it can stay on the

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beautiful b1-h7 diagonal. **5.g4**

The second trap is much more subtle. The player conducting the black pieces, even though he had an Elo of nearly 1900, falls right into it. **5...Bh7**

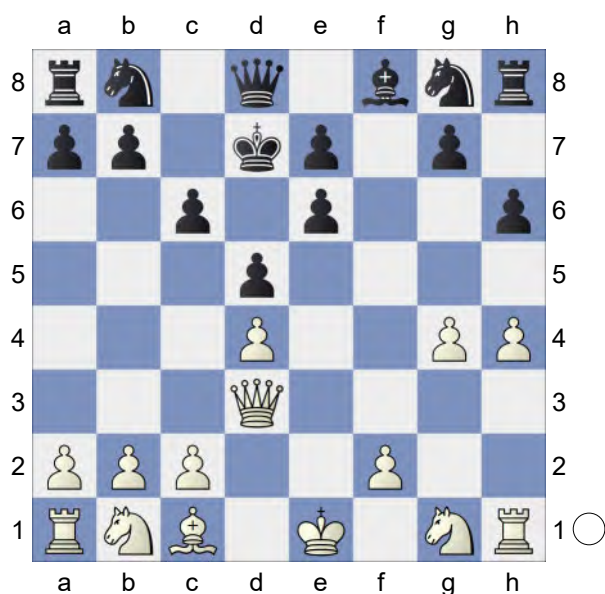


Paradoxically he had to repatriate the bishop to d7, as we will see in Game 62. We will also see the move 5...Be4 (played by a grandmaster with a 2707 Elo!) , in the next game. **6.e6** The Night Attack ! **6...fxe6** Among the many black problems that we detailed in the introduction, high on the list is the weakness of the g6-square. Only the h7-bishop defends it. White must therefore exchange this piece. **7.Bd3** **Bxd3** If Black does not capture, then White will take, and the black rook will end up awkwardly on h7. **8.Qxd3** **Kd7** **N 4.38/21**

[8...c5± 0.82/20 is tougher.]

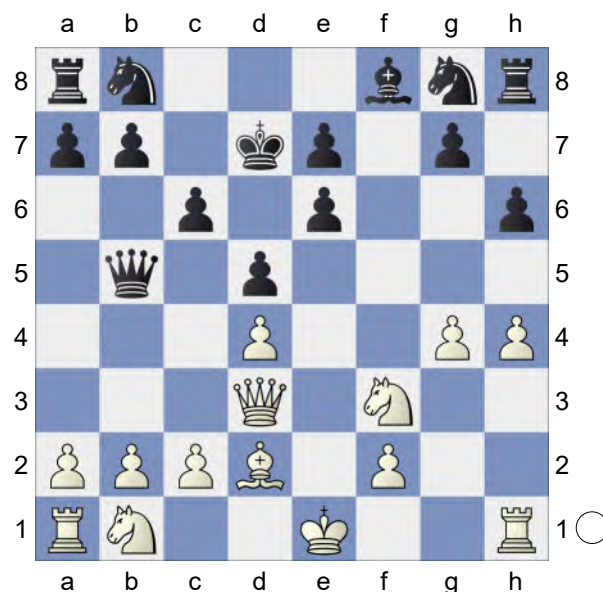
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24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3
b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4
29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5
31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6
33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+
Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8
1-0 Mastrovasilis,D (2095)-Grischenko,
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Faced with the threatened check on g6, the black king decides to flee immediately, but it will not be safer on the queenside. 8...Kf7 does not solve anything at all: 9.Nf3 Nd7 10.g5 ! and if 10...hxc5 ? 11.Nxc5+ with a quick mate. 8...Nf6 was not really better either: 9.Qg6+ Kd7 10.Nf3 Nathalie Wirig-Christine Ficet, France ch-FRA U20 girls 1999 The arrival of the knight on the strong e5-square will cause great damage. In fact, as can be seen, the black position is already compromised. White has a very strong initiative in exchange for the sacrificed pawn. 9.Nf3+- Heading for the e5-square ! 9...Qa5+ 10.Bd2 Qb5

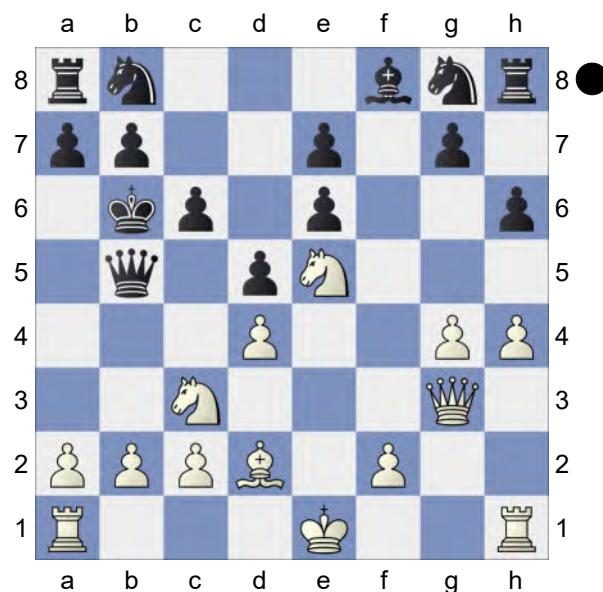
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White is winning. 11.Ne5+ White is clearly winning. 11...Kc7 12.Qg3 Kb6 7.89/21

[12...Kc8 4.46/21 13.Ng6 c5 14.dxc5 (14.Nxh8 Nc6+-) 14...Qxb2]

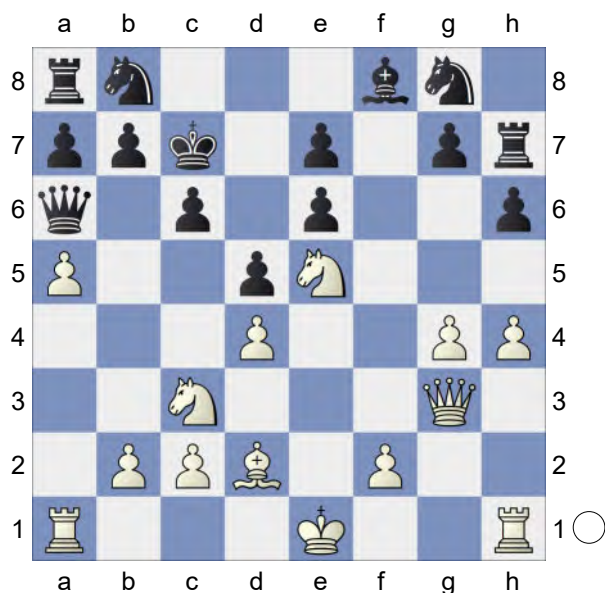
13.Nc3



Threatening mate with Qg3-f3. 13...Qa6 13...Qxb2 ? 14.Rb1 ± 14.a4 Rh7 A tragicomic move, but White had already been threatening 15. Ng6 winning a piece, for several moves. 15.a5+ 15.Ng6 ! - anyway to open the

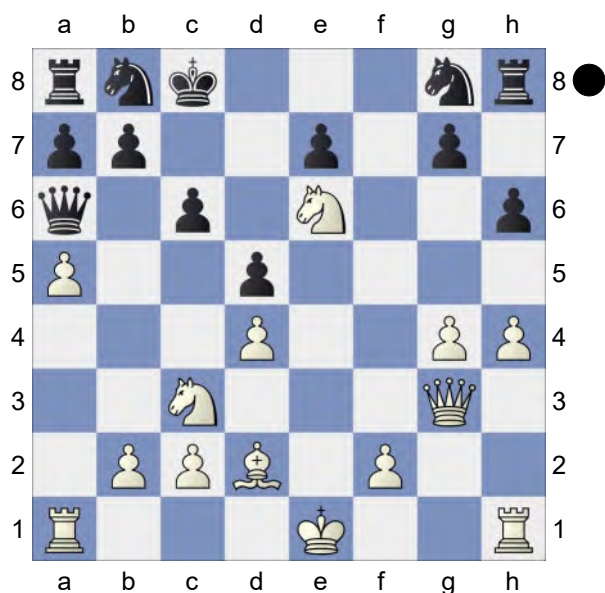
queen's diagonal ! The threat of a4-a5+ will bring an immediate end to the game.

15...Kc7



Black is weak on the dark squares

16.Ng6+ Kc8 17.Nxf8 Rh8 18.Nxe6



1-0 A fairly expeditious game. Facing the 1860 Elo player, the conductor of the white pieces was a girl of barely ten years old. Admittedly, she would become French Champion in her age group a few months later. After having seen the Night Attack in the hands of a 10-year-old girl, let us now go right to

the other end of the scale with Maxime Vachier-Lagrave, the French number 1, against one of the world's best players during the very strong Alekhine Memorial Tournament, played in Paris in 2013. Studying this game in depth would take us too far and well outside the scope of this book. That is why we will only stop to look at some key moments while enjoying the comments from Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (MVL) , and we refer interested readers to the analyses that have been published in several specialized magazines, including Europe Echecs number 633 in particular. White took control after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=1.39

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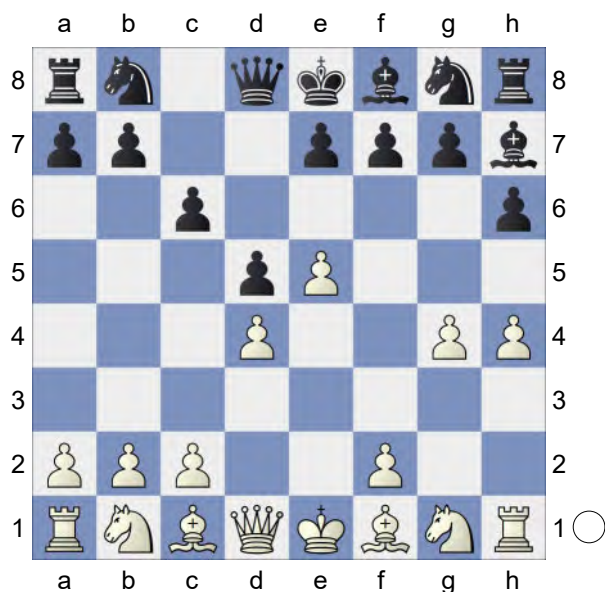
□ Caro Kann Annotated

■ Caro-Kann (3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6 5

[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6
5.g4 Bh7



5...Be4 is more accurate. 6.e6 fxe6
Black accepts the pawn sacrifice. 7.Bd3
White aims to trade light-squared
bishops to take advantage of Black's
weak g6-square. It is worth pointing out
that Black's bad bishop Bf8 is so
passive that it has zero available
squares, and if it wanted to develop
normally (a non-fianchetto) , Black
would have to advance both of his e-
pawns. 7...Bxd3 7...g6 8.g5! Black's
kingside is blockaded and passive.
8.Qxd3 Qd6N 1.53/22 Black does
nothing to activate his dark-squared
bishop. 8...e5 would allow Black to
survive if White's pawn was already on
f3. If White's f-pawn was on f3 then he
would only be slightly better after 9.dxe5
, but here White is able to play 9.Qg6+

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Kd7 10.Nf3! where White will play Ne5
with decisive effect. This would not have
been possible if Black had played 5...
Be4 instead of 5...Bh7.

[8...c5!± 0.44/20]

[8...Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5
11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4
Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5
16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1
Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxg4
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31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6
33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+
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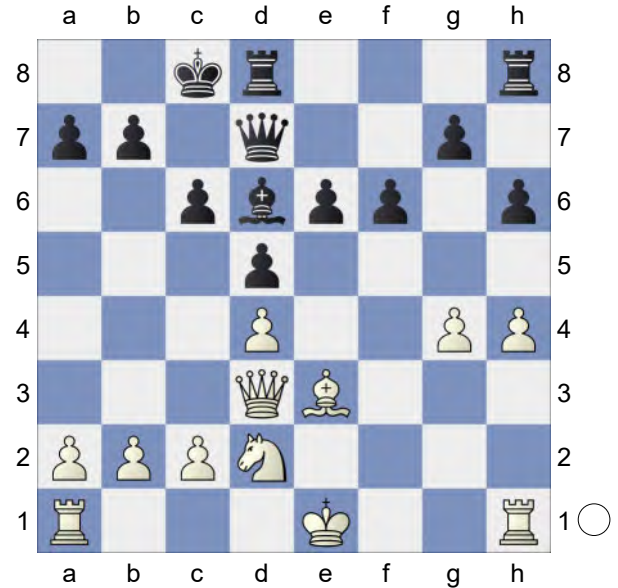
10.Nf3+- 0-0-0 1.96/22

[10...Qb4+± 1.48/19 keeps fighting.
11.c3 Qb6]

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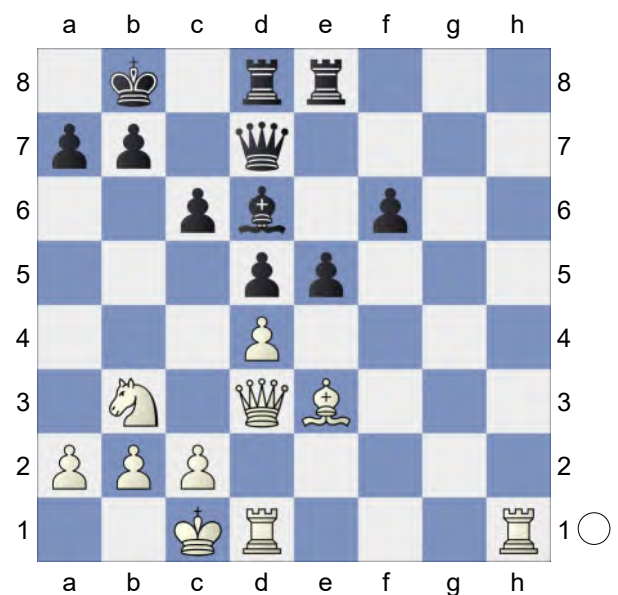
13.Be3 White intends on finishing his development and blockading the kingside with h5. **13...Nf6** A desperate sacrifice to activate Black's kingside. Black would not have been able to finish his development otherwise due to White's blockade. **14.exf6** Though Black is now able to finish his development, he has insufficient compensation for his sacrificed piece. **14...exf6 15.Nd2 Bd6**

(Diagram)



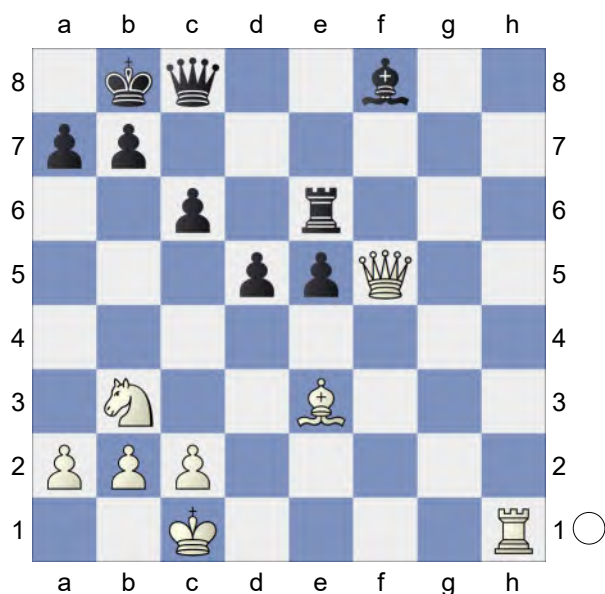
17...Rhe8 **18.g5** Trades help White get closer to a won endgame. Other than trading, g5 also helps White open the kingside. **18...hxxg5** **19.hxxg5** **e5**

20.gxf6 gxf6



21.Qg6	Re6	22.Rdf1	Rf8	23.dxe5
fxe5	24.Rxf8+	Bxf8		25.Qf5

Other than a material advantage, White also has the initiative. It is natural that White was able to obtain the initiative so quickly because he had an extra piece and a space advantage. **25...Qc8**



26.Rh8 Re8 27.Qf7

[27.Rxf8 Rxf8 28.Qxe5+ Ka8±]

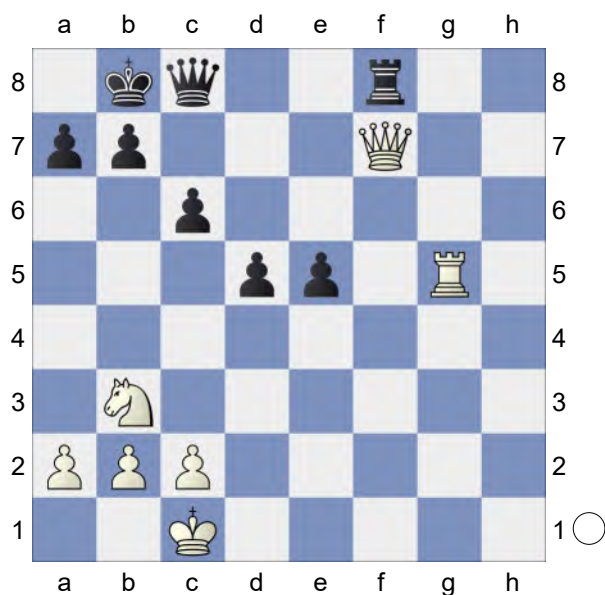
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[⚡28.Na5 4.16/24]

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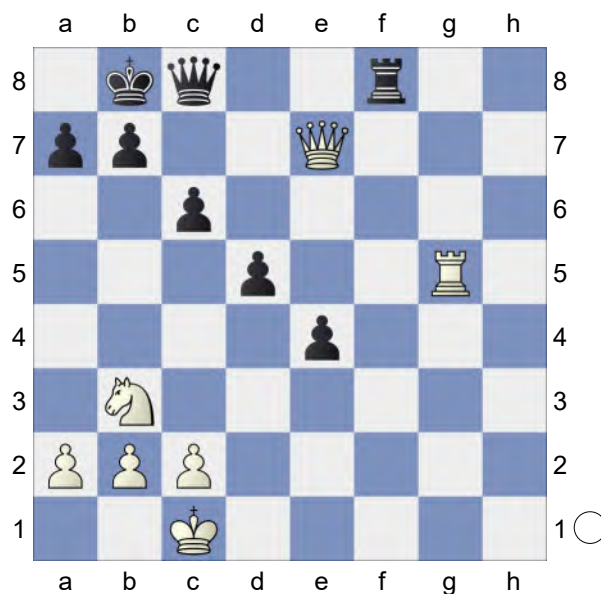
[Not 29.Bxe7 Rxh8 30.Bd6+ Ka8=]

29...Bxg5+ 30.Rxg5 Rf8



31.Qe7 Nb3-c5! would now be deadly.

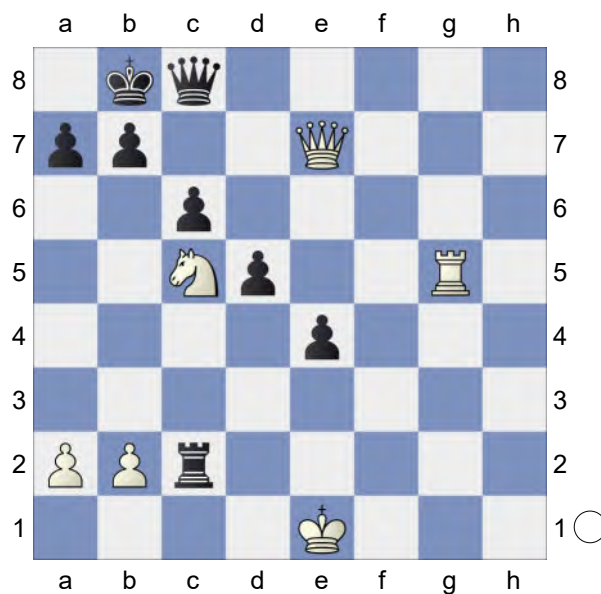
31...e4? 3.53/24



32.Nc5 Rf1+? 5.71/5

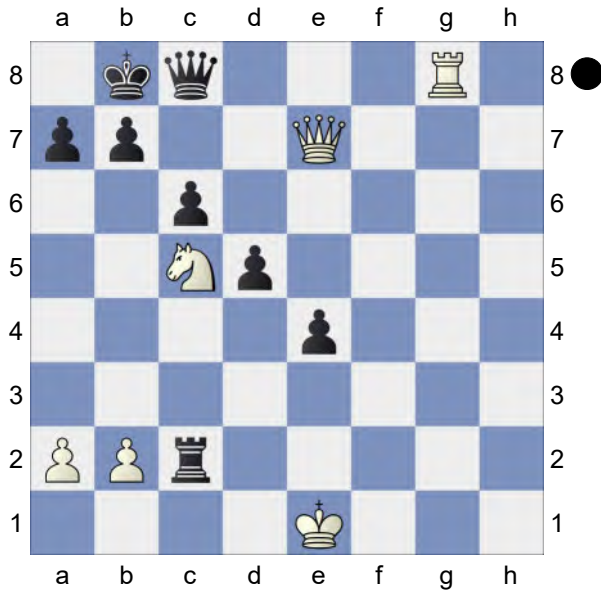
[32...Re8 3.21/23 33.Qf7 (33.Qd6+ Ka8+-) 33...Rh8]

33.Kd2 Rg5-g8! would kill now. 33...Rf2+ 34.Ke1 White wants to mate with Rg5-g8. **34...Rxc2**



35.Rg8!!

(Diagram)



Pin. Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.80

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Chapter 14: Caro Kann (Tal Va 3...Bf5,4...h6 #1

Lifetime Repertoires: Sethuraman's 1. e [Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 The Caro–Kann Defence!! This opening is named after the English player Horatio Caro and the Austrian player Marcus Kann, who analysed it in 1886. :) Black plans to challenge the centre with ...d5 next. Caro-Kann became extremely popular thanks to the efforts of World Champion Anatoly Karpov who played it regularly and successfully. Recently there are many books and courses on Caro-Kann (for instance the famous Chessable course of Erwin L'Ami contributes largely to the opening.) It is a solid opening with lots of flexible plans and layers to it. **2.d4** Towards the centre as always :) is the principled choice. **2...d5 3.e5**

[Apart from 3.Nc3 (]

[3.e5 Bf5 4.Nc3 e6 5.g4 a popular line in the 1980s and later favoured by Latvian grandmaster Alexei Shirov.]

3...Bf5 By far the most popular response to the Advance Variation, and a very logical one as Black gets to develop the Bishop before playing e7-e6. That is the difference between the French and Caro Kann. In the French, the c8 Bishop is locked from move one which is not the case with the Caro Kann. **4.h4** The Tal Variation. In the spirit of the Magician, Mikhail Tal. This move Grabs space on the Kingside and White is planning to roll with g4 next and Black can no longer maintain the Bishop on the

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f5-h7 diagonal as ...Bg6 will lead to h5 trapping the Bishop. That is the main point of advancing with h4 first so that White can harass the f5 bishop and as well expand more space which will be useful in the future to create an attack.

4...h6

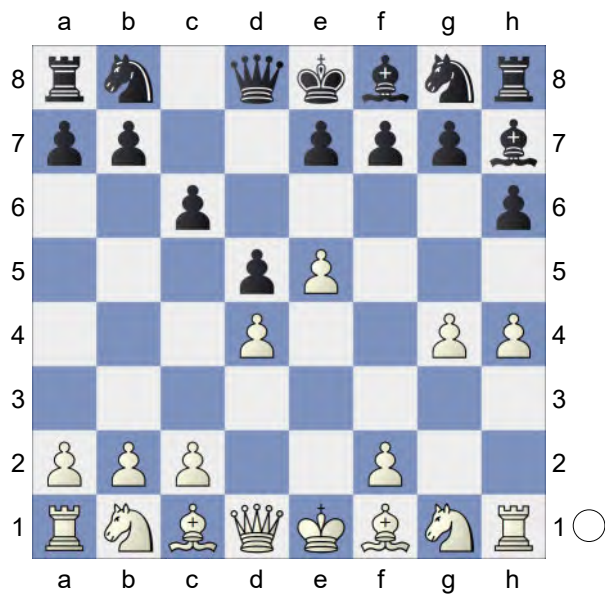
[And yeah it avoids Black's intended 4...e6 as it fails miserably to 5.g4 Be4 6.f3 Bg6 7.h5 trapping the Bishop.]

[One of the main options apart from 4...h5 securing some room for the f5 Bishop.]

5.g4 Time to pounce. 5...Bh7

[5...Bd7 6.h5 c5 (6...e6 7.f4 c5 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Kf2 0-0-0 11.Kg3 Kb8 12.a4 cxd4 13.a5 Nxa5 14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Nxc6+ Bxc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qd4 Qxd4 19.cxd4 Ne7 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Bd3 0-1 Grünfeld 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 (2470)-Theis,B (2613) (m/4-rapid) 101/(249) 2007 (5)) 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.Qxd5 Bxg4 9.Nc3 e6 10.Qg2 Bf5 11.Bb5 Qc7 12.Be3 0-0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nf3 Ne7 15.Nd4 Bh7 16.0-0-0 Nd5 17.Nxd5 Rxd5 18.f4 Rxc5 19.Rd2 Rg8 20.Rhd1 1-0 Vachier Lagrave,M (2710)-Grischuk,A (2752) Sportaccord WMG Blindfold rapid 2011 (1)]

(Diagram)



Looks logical to maintain the Bishop on the h7-c2 diagonal but this allows White to shatter Black's pawn structure and blow up the cover of the King with the standard breakthrough. **6.e6** Bam! Damaging the pawn structure of Black and ruining the life of the f8 Bishop. **6...fxe6** **7.Bd3**

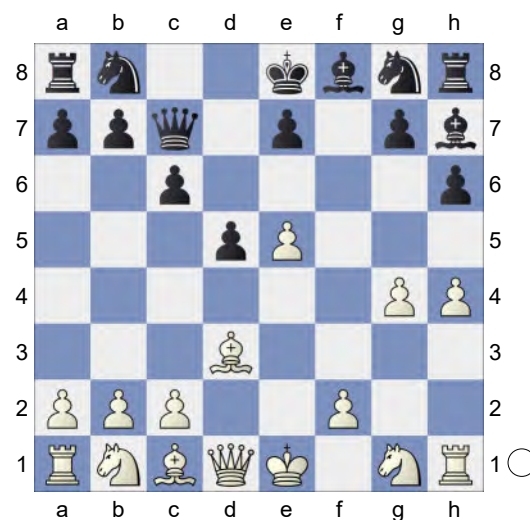
Once we exchange the light-squared Bishop, we can penetrate on the g6 square and harass Black's exposed King. **7...e5N**

[Giving up the pawn to free his position. If 7...Bxd3 then 8.Qxd3 followed by Qg6+ is devastating. Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1 Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxg4 21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 1-0 Moen,A (2095)-Blatt,F Izhevsk Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) b6 23.c4 Kb7 24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3 b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4 29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5 31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6 33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+ Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3

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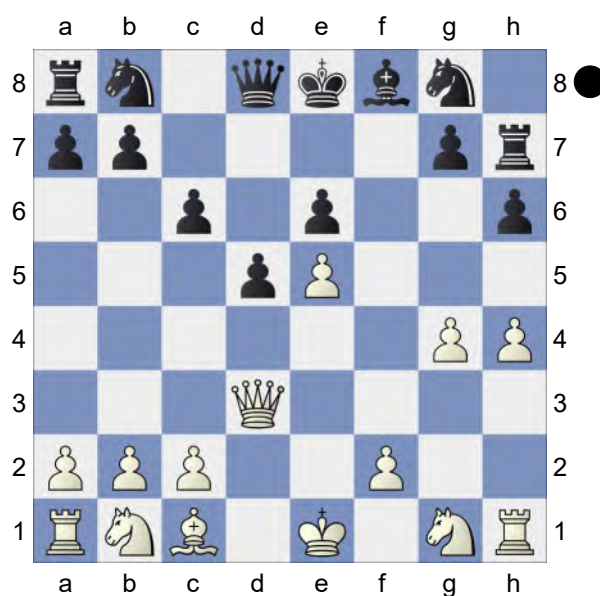
8.dxe5 We regain the pawn and say thank you! We regain the pawn and say thank you! Strongly threatening Bd3xh7. White is more active. **8...e6**

[On 8...Qc7 0.99/21 there is 8...e7-e6 0.63



there is 9.f4! .]

9.Bxh7 Rxh7 10.Qd3



Activating her highness eyeing the d3-h7 diagonal and Black has issues as Qg6+ is incoming. Activating her highness eyeing the d3-h7 diagonal and

Black has issues as Qg6+ is incoming.
Black got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06
(flawless) /Black=0.00 (flawless)

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Chapter 14: Caro Kann (Tal Va

3...Bf5,4...h6 #1

[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 The Caro–Kann Defence!! This opening is named after the English player Horatio Caro and the Austrian player Marcus Kann, who analysed it in 1886. :CCEndBracket CC Black plans to challenge the centre with ...d5 next. Caro-Kann became extremely popular thanks to the efforts of World Champion Anatoly Karpov who played it regularly and successfully. Recently there are many books and courses on Caro-Kann CC StartBracket CC for instance the famous Chessable course of Erwin L'Ami contributes largely to the opening. CCEndBracket CC It is a solid opening with lots of flexible plans and layers to it.

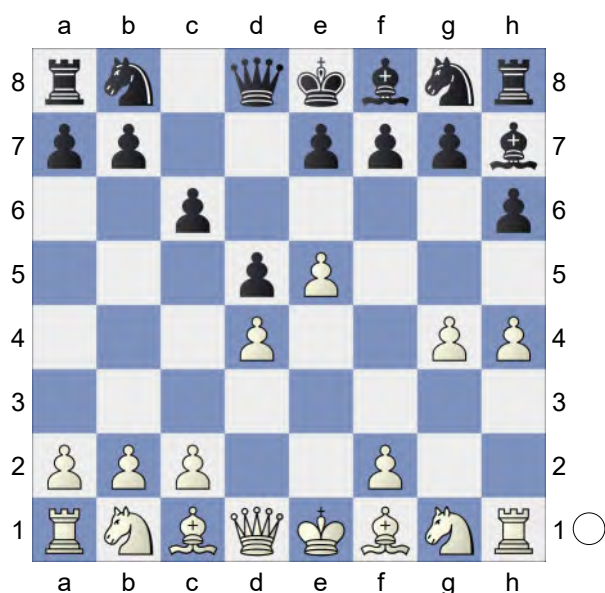
2.d4 Towards the centre as always :CC EndBracket CC is the principled choice. **2...d5 3.e5** Apart from 3.Nc3 , the Advance Variation with 3. e5 tends to be the acid test for Black players in modern days. White simply gains space by this advance. The Advance Variation with 3. e5 has gained popularity after having previously been widely regarded as inferior for many years, owing chiefly to the strategic demolition that Aron Nimzowitsch CCStartBracket CCplaying as White CCEndBracket CC suffered at the hands of José Capablanca in one of their games at the New York 1927 tournament. The Advance Variation has since been revitalized by aggressive lines such as the Bayonet Attack CC StartBracket CC 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nc3 e6 5.g4 CCEndBracket CC a popular

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line in the 1980s and later favoured by Latvian grandmaster Alexei Shirov. There is also the recent trendy ambitious variation with 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 c5 6.Be3 popularised by English grandmaster Nigel Short which was often seen in the 1990s. Another less popular but aggressive line is the Tal variation CC StartBracket CC 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 CC EndBracket CC popularised by grandmaster Mikhail Tal. This is what we are going to deal with in this Chapter. **3...Bf5** By far the most popular response to the Advance Variation, and a very logical one as Black gets to develop the Bishop before playing e7-e6. That is the difference between the French and Caro Kann. In the French, the c8 Bishop is locked from move one which is not the case with the Caro Kann. **4.h4** The Tal Variation. In the spirit of the Magician, Mikhail Tal. This move Grabs space on the Kingside and White is planning to roll with g4 next and Black can no longer maintain the Bishop on the f5-h7 diagonal as ...Bg6 will lead to h5 trapping the Bishop. That is the main point of advancing with h4 first so that White can harass the f5 bishop and as well expand more space which will be useful in the future to create an attack. And yeah it avoids Black's intended 4...e6 as it fails miserably to 5.g4 Be4 6.f3 Bg6 7.h5 trapping the Bishop. **4...h6** One of the main options apart from 4...h5 , securing some room for the f5 Bishop. **5.g4** Time to pounce. **5...Bh7**

[5...Bd7 6.h5 c5 (6...e6 7.f4 c5 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Kf2 0-0-0 11.Kg3 Kb8 12.a4 cxd4 13.a5 Nxa5 14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Nxc6+ Bxc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qd4 Qxd4

19.cxd4 Ne7 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Bd3
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 9.Nc3 e6 10.Qg2 Bf5 11.Bb5 Qc7
 12.Be3 0-0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nf3
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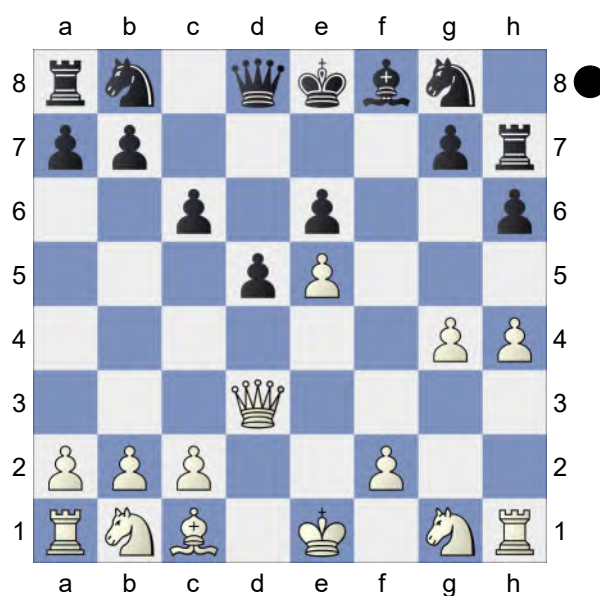
Looks logical to maintain the Bishop on the h7-c2 diagonal but this allows White to shatter Black's pawn structure and blow up the cover of the King with the standard breakthrough. **6.e6** Bam! Damaging the pawn structure of Black and ruining the life of the f8 Bishop. **6...fxe6 7.Bd3** 0.23/19 Once we exchange the light-squared Bishop, we can penetrate on the g6 square and harass Black's exposed King.

[7.Nf3± 0.64/20]
7...e5N 0.78/21 Giving up the pawn to free his position. If 7...Bxd3 then 8.Qxd3 followed by Qg6+ is devastating.

And if 7...Be4 White has 8.Nf3 followed by Nc3 and at some point Black will be forced to exchange on d3 which will dampen his g6 square.

[7...Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6 9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Qa5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Kc7 17.Be3 h5 18.Rfd1 Qf3 19.Qxe6 Qxg4+ 20.Qxg4 hxg4 21.e6 c5 22.Rd5 1-0 Moen,A (2095)-Blatt,F Izhevsk Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) b6 23.c4 Kb7 24.Rd7+ Ka6 25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rc3 b5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.b4 bxc4 29.Bxc5+ Rxc5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5 31.Rc7+ Kb4 32.Raxa7 g6 33.Rab7+ Kc3 34.Rc8 Kd4 35.Rd7+ Ke5 36.Rdd8 c3 37.Rxf8 1-0 Mastrovasilis,D (2095)-Grischenko, S Wch U12 St Lorenzo 1995 (1)]

8.dxe5± We regain the pawn and say thank you! Threatens to win with Bd3xh7. White is more active. **8...e6** On 8...Qc7 there is 9.f4 . **9.Bxh7 Rxh7 10.Qd3**



Activating her highness eyeing the d3-h7 diagonal and Black has issues as Qg6+ is incoming. Black got outplayed after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very
precise) /Black=0.38